

- 1993 EDWARD ALBEE
- 1994 LANFORD WILSON
- 1995 TERENCE MCNALLY
- 1996 ARTHUR MILLER
- 1997 ROBERT ANDERSON
- 1998 AUGUST WILSON
- 1999 JACK GELBER
- 2000 HORTON FOOTE
- 2001 JOHN GUARE
- 2002 10TH ANNIVERSARY
- 2003 ROMULUS LINNEY
- 2004 TONY KUSHNER
- 2006 ARTHUR KOPIT



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### **Theatre Conference Mourns the Loss of Two Legendary New York Directors**

(Omaha, Neb.) - The Great Plains Theatre Conference received sad news that two New York directors have passed away this summer.

Lawrence Sacharow, director of Edward Albee's Pulitzer prize-winning *Three Tall Women* and noted Off Broadway director, died on Monday, August 14.

Sacharow was scheduled to be an honored guest at the 2006 Theatre Conference. He had collaborated with Dr. Jo Ann C. McDowell, Metropolitan Community College President, on the Last Frontier Theatre Conference held in Valdez, Alaska.

Tony Award-Winning Director Lloyd Richards, know for his collaboration with August Wilson, was also scheduled to be an honored guest at the first inaugural Great Plains Theatre Conference but his poor health prevented him from attending the event. Richards passed away on Thursday, June 29.

Dr. Jo Ann C. McDowell said, "I am greatly saddened by the loss of these great artists and friends who have been essential contributors to the Theatre Conference in the past."

The 2007 Great Plains Theatre Conference will be May 28th through June 2nd and will include a tribute to both Lawrence Sacharow and Lloyd Richards.

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