



## **THE DEAN OTT AND DEBBIE BOULT TECHNICAL THEATRE AWARD**

Established in 2000, the Dean Ott and Debbie Boulton Technical Theatre Award is given to an individual with a serious interest in becoming a Technical Director in a professional theatre.

Dean Ott, a former General Manager at Young People's Theatre (known today as the Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People), could always see everyone's potential and he mentored the careers of scores of theatre technicians. Debbie Boulton was Company Manager and Executive Assistant to the Managing Director at Canadian Stage. Her kindness, generosity, loyalty and constant good humour were a touchstone for the hundreds of actors, directors, stage managers, board members and staff with whom she worked over the years. Dean Ott and Debbie Boulton met during their high school production of *Godspell*, married and worked together at Sunshine Theatre in Kelowna, BC, JV Theatre Productions and Theatre Calgary in Calgary, and The Canadian Stage Company in Toronto.

Dean Ott and Debbie Boulton died in 1998, and in their memory, a special fund to encourage the development of aspiring theatre technicians was created. Annual contributions from the trust fund and additional support from the Professional Theatre Training Program of Theatre Ontario (funded by the Ontario Arts Council) make this award possible. Donations to the Dean Ott and Debbie Boulton Technical Theatre Award are always welcome. To make a donation, contact John Goddard at Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People at 416-363-5131.

Thanks to Simon Marsden and Paul Shaw at Canadian Stage Company, Julian Sleath at Canadian Opera Company, and Kevin Ryan and Matt Farrell at Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People for mentoring technical directors through this award program.

The candidate should have professional theatre experience, or extensive experience in community or educational theatres. Applicants must be residents of Ontario. Previous winners of the award are Ben Chaisson, Ashlee Cowan, Jason Hand, Alex Harmer, Craig Putt and Patrick Wood.

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