



USITT Recognizes Rick Thomas as Distinguished Achievement Winner

Every year USITT recognizes a select few members whose careers have advanced the performing arts and live entertainment industry. This year, Rick Thomas will receive USITT's 2017 Distinguished Achievement Award in Sound Design & Technology. Thomas is a full professor of visual and performing arts at Purdue University. Thomas has had a long, successful career as a composer, sound designer, author, playwright, and educator. Thomas has been active in presenting at the USITT Annual Conference & Stage Expo for close to 40 years. Thomas was recognized with the Purdue University Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award in Memory of Charles B. Murphy in 2007 and was included in the Book of Great Teachers at Purdue in 2008. Thomas is a Fellow of USITT, where he was awarded the Joel E. Rubin Founder's Award. He is a former Sound Commissioner, associate editor for sound for Theatre Design & Technology, and a member of the USITT Board of Directors. He is an elected member of the National Theatre Conference and founder of the OISTAT Sound Design Group. Thomas, along with the other winners will be honored with events leading up to and at USITT's 2017 Annual Conference & Stage Expo in St. Louis March 8-11.

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