

NEWS RELEASE

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GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE HONORED WITH EIGHT OVATION NOMINATIONS

*Geffen-Commissioned World Premiere The Quality of Life
Garners Six Nominations Including Best Play*

LOS ANGELES, September 23, 2008 — The Geffen Playhouse and its productions were honored with eight Ovation nominations at yesterday's LA Stage Alliance announcement ceremony. Six nominations were presented to **Jane Anderson's** *The Quality of Life*, which was the first produced commission as part of the Geffen Playhouse's ongoing initiative to develop and produce world premiere plays. *The Quality of Life* was performed in November of last year in the playhouse's intimate Audrey Skirball Kenis Theater. Two nominations were presented to **Daniel Beaty's** *Emergency*, which had its west coast premiere at the Geffen Playhouse last spring.

Nearly 400 productions and more than 2,000 individual artists were eligible to compete for these honors on productions performed between September 1, 2007 and August 31, 2008. The Geffen Playhouse's complete list of nominations follows:

GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE – BEST PLAY/INTIMATE THEATRE – THE QUALITY OF LIFE
JANE ANDERSON – DIRECTION OF A PLAY – THE QUALITY OF LIFE
JANE ANDERSON – PLAYWRITING FOR AN ORIGINAL PLAY – THE QUALITY OF LIFE
DENNIS BOUTSIKARIS – LEAD ACTOR IN A PLAY – THE QUALITY OF LIFE
JOBETH WILLIAMS – LEAD ACTRESS IN A PLAY – THE QUALITY OF LIFE
LAURIE METCALF – LEAD ACTRESS IN A PLAY – THE QUALITY OF LIFE
DANIEL BEATY – SOLO PERFORMANCE - EMERGENCY
CRICKET S. MYERS – SOUND DESIGN/LARGE THEATRE – EMERGENCY

The Ovation Award ceremony isn't until November 17, but the Geffen nominees are keeping themselves busy. Daniel Beaty's newest production *Resurrection* is currently being performed at Arena Stage in Washington DC, immediately followed by a run at the Hartford Stage in Connecticut. The Geffen Playhouse's production of *The Quality of Life* will kick-off the American Conservatory Theater's (ACT) 08/09 season helmed by Best Director nominee Jane Anderson and featuring Ovation Lead Actor/Actress nominees Dennis Boutsikaris, Laurie Metcalf and JoBeth Williams.

For more information about the Geffen's current season, please visit geffenplayhouse.com.

ABOUT THE GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE

The Geffen Playhouse has been a hub of the Los Angeles theater scene since opening its doors in 1995. Noted for its intimacy and celebrated for its world-renowned mix of classic and contemporary plays, provocative new works and musicals, the Geffen Playhouse continues to present a body of work that has garnered national recognition. Named in honor of entertainment mogul and philanthropist David Geffen, who made the initial donation to the theater, the company is helmed by Producing Director and President of the Board Gilbert (Gil) Cates, Artistic Director Randall Arney, Managing Director Susan Barton and Chairman of the Board Frank Mancuso. Proudly associated with UCLA, the Geffen Playhouse welcomes an audience of more than 130,000 each year, and maintains an extensive education and outreach program, designed to engage young people and the community at large in the arts. For more information, please visit **GeffenPlayhouse.com**.

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