



# Princess Grace Awards

FOR EMERGING THEATER, DANCE AND FILM ARTISTS IN AMERICA

Grace Kelly played many roles throughout her short, illustrious Hollywood career. As Princess of Monaco, She continued to take on important roles as humanitarian and patron of the arts. It was a desire of Hers to establish an organization in the United States to support the performing arts. And while She was not able to realize this Herself, Prince Rainier III of Monaco, Her friends, and family members in the US and donors from around the world mobilized to establish the Princess Grace Foundation-USA in 1982.



The Princess Grace Awards began in 1984 to recognize outstanding emerging artists in theater, dance, and film. Grant assistance in the forms of scholarships, apprenticeships, and fellowships are offered to recognize individuals affiliated with performing arts organizations in the United States. Throughout the years, the Awards have been expanded to include playwriting and choreography. Additional support is now given to Princess Grace Awards winners during their careers demonstrating the Foundation's commitment to fostering their talent.

The Foundation's highest honor for Awards winners, the Princess Grace Statue Award, recognize past grant winners for their outstanding achievements. Since 1985, fifty four artists have received this Award including Robert Battle, Tony Kushner, Stephen Hillenburg, Gillian Murphy, Tina Landau, Gregory Mottola, Anna D. Shapiro, and Ethan Stiefel.



In 2005, following the death of Prince Rainier III of Monaco, the Foundation established the Prince Rainier III Award to recognize a celebrity in the arts who shares the passion of Princess Grace in supporting emerging talent. Recipients since 2005 have included Mikhail Baryshnikov, Twyla Tharp, George Lucas, Glenn Close, Mandy Patinkin, Pauletta and Denzel Washington, and Julie Andrews.

As the Foundation embarked on its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, at the beginning of 2012, it received a grant from the Ford Foundation to further expand its film awards.

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