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Exceptional professionals and organizations are receiving USITT's appreciation of their special contributions to the performing arts community and to USITT during the 37th Annual Conference & Stage Expo in Pittsburgh.

The USITT Award recognizes a lifetime contribution to the performing arts community. The two 1997 USITT Award recipients continue USITT's tradition of recognizing distinguished designers who have made exemplary contributions during very full lifetimes to the performing arts community.

Desmond Heeley, a costumer and scenic designer, has designed costumes for National Ballet of Canada, Houston Ballet, Metropolitan Opera and the San Francisco Opera. He is an educator as well, having taught design for many years at the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University. Desmond is presented the 1997 USITT Award for his lifetime of distinguished contributions to design for theatre, opera and dance throughout North America and for his dedication to the education of numerous young designers. Desmond reports that he returned from the Nashville Conference, where he presented a session, with new energy; and he is looking forward to both presenting a session in Pittsburgh and

William and Jean Eckart are

receiving his award at the Banquet.

DESMOND HEELEY, RECIPIENT OF THE 1997 USITT AWARD, AND ANNETTE GARCEAU, RECIPIENT OF A 1997 USITT SPECIAL CITATION.

presented the 1997 USITT Award to honor two lifetimes of outstanding and continuing contributions to the American theatre through extraordinary scenic and costume design and for their dedication to the development of a new generation of talented young designers. Bill and Jean worked together designing scenery, costumes and lighting for many Broadway, Off-Broadway, and regional productions including: The Golden Apple in 1954, Damn Yankees and Ruebin, Ruebin in 1955, Once Upon a Mattress in 1959 and The Mother of Us All in 1986. After leaving New York in the 1970s to take up residence on the design faculty of Southern Methodist University, Bill and Jean continued to work as mentors to countless young designers until Jean's death in 1994 and Bill's retirement soon after. An exhibition of the work of Bill and Jean Eckart was mounted at Stage Expo in Fort Worth giving many USITT members the privilege of seeing, appreciating and being inspired by their designs. Bill Eckart will be presented with this award during the Pittsburgh conference banquet.

The Howard Heinz Endowment and the Vira I. Heinz Endowment are the recipients of the Thomas DeGaetani 1997 Award. This award, named after the first USITT president, honors a contribution to the performing arts community in the conference region and will be presented to Mr. Frank Tugwell, Executive Director of the Heinz

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Endowments during the conference kickoff Annual Meeting and Keynote Address. The Howard Heinz Endowment, established in 1941, and the Vira I. Heinz Endowment, established in 1986, were chosen for the DeGaetani Award in honor of their dedication to maximizing the Pittsburgh community's access to the arts by enabling the broadest possible audience to enjoy the arts in a multitude of settings. To that end, the Endowments have five major goals: 1) To continue the development of a vibrant downtown cultural district; 2) To continue support for major cultural institutions: 3) To create a healthy environment for small and mid-sized arts organizations; 4) To promote increased access to the arts; and 5) To promote the development of quality arts education programs within arts organizations and schools. Both the Howard Heinz and the Vira I. Heinz Endowments annually support the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, arts presenters, theatre and dance companies, theatres, museums, and educational institutions in Southwest Pennsylvania. The Conference Keynote address is being delivered by Carol Brown, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust President, and the Byham Theatre graciously hosting this event, is operated by the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust. Our conference attendees will have a special opportunity to see theatres and enjoy the cultural highlights of the downtown Pittsburgh area that are evidence of the achievements of the Heinz Endowments goals.

USITT Special Citations are given to recognize outstanding achievement in any area of performing arts by an individual or organization. Two Special Citations are being presented during the Pittsburgh Conference Awards Banquet.

Annette Garceau, a draper for the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis, Minnesota, is being honored with our admiration and appreciation for her lifetime of dedication and valued service to the advancement of artistry and craft in theatrical costume technology. Annette was brought to the United States by Tyrone Guthrie from her position as draper for the Stratford Memorial Theatre and was instrumental in founding the Guthrie Theatre Costume Department where she continues to drape today. Annette is especially honored to be receiving her award together with her friend and colleague, USITT Award winner Desmond Heeley.

Fred Foster is honored with a 1997 USITT Special Citation for his significant contributions to the advancement of equipment design and manufacturing in the field of lighting technology in the performing arts. Fred is co-founder and President of ETC - Electronics Theatre Controls in Middleton, Wisconsin. Fred began his theatrical lighting endeavors while an undergraduate, as a console designer for Colortran and came to prominence on his own by designing and manufacturing lighting control consoles for Disney World.

Two USITT authors, Rocky Paulsen and Steve Nelson, are the recipients of the Herb Greggs Award given to recognize the most outstanding article in TD&T-Theatre Design and Technology. Rocky and Steve are receiving this award for their writing excellence in the performing arts in recognition of their article "Fall Protection for Arena Shows" that appeared in the winter 1996 issue of TD&T.

The **1997 Golden Pen Award**, given periodically to honor an outstanding publication in the field of design and production in the performing arts is presented to **Joan Severa** in recognition of *Dressed for the Photographer*. This book is a significant addition to research publications which are very important to members of the theatrical design profession.

Three design teams are the recipients of the "Honor Awards", the highest citation given in the **USITT Architecture Awards Program**. The program recognizes the resolution of the complex aesthetic, regulatory, technical, and operational challenges presented in the design of new and renovated theatres. The Honor Awards are being presented to: **Smith-Miller + Hawkinson Architects** for the

North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC; Hardy Holzman **Pfeiffer Associates** for the New Vi tory Theater. New York. NY: and Cesar Pelli & Associates in association with GBBN Architects for the Aronoff Center for the Arts, Cincinnati, OH. Merit Award are being presented to: Antoine Predock Architect in association with **Dworsky Associates** for the Thousand Oaks Performing Arts Center, Thousand Oaks, CA; Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates for Dillingham Hall at the Punahou School, Honolulu, HI; Gensler in association with Cibilich Design and Esherick, Homsey, Dodge and Davis for the Geary Theater Renovation, San Francisco, CA; Polshek and Partners for The Ed Sullivan Theater Adaptation, New York, NY; and Pei Cobb Freed & Partners in association with NBBJ/Roth for the Corbett Auditorium, Cincinnati, OH.

Also presented during the Pittsburgh conference banquet will be the **1997 USITT Founders Awar**. This award, recognizing the outstanding and continued service to the Institute by a USITT member remains secret until its announcement.

USITT Awards are unique and recognize very special persons and organizations. Presentation of these honors is in fulfillment of the Institute's mission to promote the advancement of knowledge and skills of its members and to facilitate communication among individuals and organizations engaged in all aspects of design and production in the performing arts. The Board of Directors of United States Institute for Theatre Technology, Inc. take great pride in presenting the 1997 awards for excellence and for contributions to the performing arts.

Christine L. Kaiser USITT President

SECTION NEWS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN **GROWTH IS STRAIGHT** UP

The Rocky Mountain Section has experienced strong membership growth in the past several years, expanding from 40 members in 1992 to 225 members today. Although the geographical area served by the Section includes all of Colorado and Wyoming, the majority of our members live along what is termed the "Front Range" of Colorado, that area of population on the eastern slopes of the Rockies extending from Fort Collins through Denver to Colorado Springs. We continue to look for ways to serve potential members in Wyoming and in the mountain areas and Western slope of Colorado. The backgrounds and interests of our members are as diverse as our geography. More than half are students, primarily from the many exellent high school drama departents along the Front Range. There are also professionals in all aspects of theatre, opera, film, video and telecommunications, not to mention architects, visual and performance artists, and arts administrators.

Two of our members have been spending a lot of time recently bringing RMUSITT onto the information superhighway. In January, Brian Garrett, our Newsletter Editor and Webmaster Extraordinaire, unveiled the RMUSITT home page, which can be reached directly at http:// members.aol.com/RMUSITT/ index.html or from the link on the USITT home page or the ETEC home page. Our homepage has links to the current Section newsletter, as well as information on the Section's officers and on upcoming Section events. Of course, our true on-line pioneer is Richard Finkelstein, who has singlehandedly developed a local theatre bulletin board into a nationally nown arts advocacy Website called "ArtsLynx" (http://spot.colorado.edu/ ~finkelst/artslynx.htm) and the "Arts-Alert-Colorado" mailing list. Both of these sites provide a unique and

highly valuable connection with hundreds of other arts organizations and an up-to-date listing of important meetings, seminars, grant deadlines and pending legislation that can affect theatre and the arts. All of these online efforts have been gaining increasing interest and recognition. Pay us a visit in cyberspace!

> Laura K. Love Section Chair

NATIONAL OFFICE

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL

USITT is pleased to announce that Carol E. Holihan has joined the staff at the National Office as Membership Service Manager. Most recently Carol held a position as a network coordinator at a Syracuse counseling center. Her other previous work experiences include: office management, customer service, employee benefit development and human resource development. At USITT Carol will be primarily responsible for membership benefits, services, and requests. Carol will be staffing the USITT booth at Stage Expo during the Conference. Stop by the booth to say "hello" to Carol and while you are there look for information on the 38th Annual Conference & Stage Expo to be held in Long Beach, California where you are guaranteed to have "the time of you life."

For an in-depth look into the 37th Annual Conference & Stage Expo, session highlights equipped with a search engine, professional development workshops, registration forms, a comprehensive list of exhibitors, exhibitions, the OISTAT World Congress, Pittsburgh highlights, employment service, general information, award winners, and special events visit the USITT Web page at http://www. culturenet.ca/usitt. On to news from our members.

■ CONTRIBUTING MEMBER NEWS

USITT welcomes its newest Contributing Member: Gothic Coatings, Inc. of Glen Cove, NY. The new Gothic Coatings, Inc., a manufacturer of scenic paint products, is planning to introduce its new products, colors, catalogues, and management team at Stage Expo. In addition, Gothic will unveil its new logo and offer special show discounts. To learn more about Gothic Coating, Inc., stop by booth #813 at Stage Expo in Pittsburgh.

■ SUSTAINING MEMBER NEWS

USITT welcomes its newest Sustaining Member: Novatec Group Inc., of Mississauga, Ontario. Novatec is the exclusive North American distributor for Celco lighting control consoles, Cloud Electronics, and Citronic Mixers. To learn more about Novatec Group Inc, visit booth number #104 at Stage Expo.

Le Maitre Special Effects Inc. of London, Ontario, Canada announces the hiring of David Petican. David will be responsible for managing the network for Canadian Dealers and West Coast US Dealers comprising the following states: California, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, and Washington. David is a four year veteran of Le Maitre. Previously he served Le Maitre dealers in the Province of Ontario as an independent sales representative.

The dates for the 6th Annual TOM-CAT Hoist School are February 4-7. 1998. The annual seminar attracts both seasoned veterans as well as persons new to the entertainment industry from all over North America as well as from Europe and South America. In addition to the instruction, students are also treated to a healthy dose of West Texas hospitality and an inside look at TOMCAT USA, Inc.'s manufacturing facility. The 5th Annual TOMCAT Hoist School was a sell-out.

Loudspeaker rigging hardware manufacturer, ATM Fly-Ware, announces the release of the MEGS-PBC. The MEGS-PBC is the latest addition to the MEGS Series of loudspeaker flying hardware components. The MEGS-PBC is intended for installation into professional loudspeaker enclosures which need a rear pull strap attachment. Unlike other pull strap

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points, the ATM Fly-Ware product has been designed so pull straps no longer need to be threaded through the strap locations.

■ ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBER NEWS

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation has awarded **Seattle Opera** \$100,000 to establish the "William Randolph Hearst Fund for Educational Outreach Programs at Seattle Opera." The endowment, a type of fund from which the Opera will use only the earned interest, will proved a permanent source of funding (approximately \$5000 per year) to help support Seattle Opera's education/outreach program, *Experience Opera*. This endowment is the largest educational grant in the Opera's thirty-seven year history.

■ INDUSTRY NEWS

Opera America is currently accepting applications for the 1997/98 OP-ERA America Program, a program designed to identify and encourage those individuals who are committed to a career in opera administration or production in North America. For the 97/ 98 season, OPERA will select up to four fellows in the areas of general management, technical direction, production/stage management, and other administrative specialties areas. For application materials, or further information about the program, contact Eve Smith at 202-293-4466 or e-mail at eve@operaam.org. The deadline for applying is May 6, 1997.

TheatreWeek is pleased to announce a new weekly column named "Behind the Scene" which will feature two or three companies that make valuable contributions to the technical side of theatre. For more informa-

tion on the requirements for submission, contact Melissa Bernardo at 212-627-2120.

■ LOST MEMBERS

The USITT National Office is requesting your assistance in finding the correct address for the following current USITT members: Kristan Clark, William Crowther, Jennifer Ring, Malina Palomo, Andrew Hagan, Nancy Ann Alder, Brett A. Carlson, Russ M. Scramm, Olivia Whitmer, and Nicole Pierce. If anyone knows the whereabouts of these members, please contact Tricia Neuburger at the National Office 800-93USITT or 315-463-6463 or email: usittno@pppmail.nyser.net. We would like to ensure that these members continue to receive news from USITT.

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The "News from the National" column is specifically written for-and about-USITT Members. Noteworthy items, or information that would be beneficial to our members, can be submitted to the National Office.

> Mary P. Buffum USITT Marketing and Public Relations Manager

ENGINEERING

CODE CORNER

Proposals for changes to the 1999 edition of the National Electrical Code were due on November 8, 1996. The 20 panels of the National Electrical Code Committee met during the period of time from January 13 through 25, 1997, to consider these proposals. Taking a break from looking at the 1996 NEC, this edition of Code Corner summarized some of the possible changes that may appear in the 1999 NEC.

For the most part, the Code Making Panels do not write proposals. They review and comment on proposals made by the general public. This code cycle was an exception. Each CMP was charged by the NEC Technical Correlating Committee to attempt to make the Code more "user-friendly." Specifically, they were charged to attempt to rewrite the exceptions into positive language and insert them in the body of the Code. Each CPM took on this charge with different degrees of fervo When they were done, they weren't at all sure they had actually made the Code more "user-friendly." You, the general public, get to decide during the comment phase.

I will not know of all the proposed changes until the Report on Proposals is issued. However, I have some idea of what is in store for the entertainment industry. I know that Article 250 on Grounding was completely reorganized. I also know that Article 640, Sound-Recording and Similar Equipment, was completely reorganized and rewritten and, I believe, retitled Audio Signal Processing, Amplification and Reproduction Equipment. I have heard that all the articles covering wiring methods, Articles 318 through 365 or so, were combined into three or four articles of like methods with tables listing the differences within. In the jurisdiction of CMP15, an attempt was made to combine Article 700, Emergency Systems, with Article 701, Le gally Required Standby Systems. Part way through this process CMP15 decided that a combined article was less "user-friendly" and abandoned the

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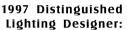
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ion, or does fashion create history?" This spirited slide presentation of the fascinating subject of shoes leads one to a better understanding of fashion.

Body Building Computer Style: Are the new rendering and figure drawing programs worth the effort to learn? This session offers a careful look at the application of Fractal Poser to the costume rendering process.



Award winning lighting designer Imero Lighting Fiorentino discusses his illustri-

ous career, with a focus on productions that have earned him awards such as the Art Director's Award and Illuminating Engineering Society's Award of Merit.

Contemporary Directions in Lighting Design: Three noted American lighting designers; Beverly Emmons, Chris Parry and Tim Hunter discuss their vital careers in regional theatre, dance and opera lighting.



Under Props Pressure: The secrets behind those inanimate objects

which must spin, pop-up, walk or even be eaten - now make one in less than three hours! Barbara Taylor, Master Scenic Artist for the David Letterman show will tell all.

Scene Design Heritage: Desmond Heeley, Ben Edwards and Don Jensen - Three World Class scene designers discuss their design experiences on Broadway, in London and other significant venues.



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Three model teaching projects provide a creative approach to

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Practicum - Education or Slave **Labor:** Where is the fine line between practical production experience and theatrical conscription? Educational Theatre and the use of practicum courses who benefits?



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Technical Director Certification: To Certify or Not Certify, that

is the question! The health and safety of many theatre workers is put in the hands of the Technical Director - to what extent should their training and experience be mandated through certification?

Construction Estimation: One **Show-Three Shops:** Chair A.D. Carson of the Alley Theatre will submit the same scenic design for bids to three different shops, and these bids will compare academic, non-profit/regional theatre, and commercial shops. How do they differ, how are they the same and each of them?



How to be a student in the arts - - and still have a life!: How do

students learn to stay safe, say no, maintain decent grades and still get to their 8:00AM classes? A student panel who has "been there, done that" discusses the difficult task of balancing art, work and personal

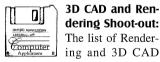
What's Hot and What's Not: Your facility and its fire equipment are often an overlooked concern. What do you need to know to help make your theatre safe,?



To Be or Not to Be - Multi-Form Theatre: Is such a

Architecture space operationally and acoustically manageable? Does the investment make financial and aesthetic sense? Richard Pilbrow and a panel of experts explores these important issues.

A Case Study - Renovation of the New Amsterdam Theatre for Disney: What are the challenges of this commercial Broadway renovation? The panel, chaired by Stewart Jones, analyzes this unique project from planning through construction and finishing.



3D CAD and Rendering Shoot-out: The list of Render-

programs seems to get longer by the month. Which one is for you? The leading 3D CAD and rendering applications are put through their paces for your comparison.

Getting Your World Wide Web Site Up and Running: You too can exploit the full potential of the WEB. Discover the tricks of producing a successful site, setting up and finally running a server. Find your place on the WEB.



Cool Aid - Volunteering Your Management Service: Learn

how you can utilize your job skills in service to your community. Those who have experienced the joy (and the occasional trauma) of volunteering their management skills, share their experiences.

If the Shoe Fits body mic? This hands-on session what can be learned (stolen?) from Home Grown - Working with the Amateur Presenter: Come prepared to solve, not to complain! What can we do to make ourselves better presenters? This timely discussion presents new ideas, tools and insights that will help make the presentation process easier.

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idea. CMP15 did take a look at all the exceptions, rewrote them as complete intences, and in many places moved them into the body of the Code as positive statements.

In Article 520, Theaters, Audience Areas of Motion Picture and Television Studios, and Similar Locations, and other entertainment industry articles, I led an attempt to make some additional changes towards a more "user-friendly" Code, based on questions I am often asked to answer. The titles for Sub-Articles C and E were changed to make it clear they did not cover switchboards. Section 520-53(o) was reorganized into two sub-sections. Several other sections---such as 518-2, 518-4, 520-5, 520-44, 520-53(f), 520-53(h), and 520-68 with multiple paragraphs or exceptions-were also separated into sub-sections. The entire Sub-Article F of Article 530 was re-organized. The idea behind all of these changes was not to change the intent of the Code. but to make it more "user-friendly".

CMP15 also reviewed 158 proposals submitted by the general public. There Pere several proposals to remove any sections on grounding, deferring that subject to Article 250. Several other proposals attempted to interface with the newly revised Article 640. In this time of "political correctness", one proposal changed "church chapels" to "places of religious worship"; and another submission proposed a new title—International Electrical Code. One person admonished the CMPs to either define "neutral" or delete its reference everywhere. The tri-annual discussion of plastic vs. metal conduit which usually takes place in Article 518, also found its way into Article 520 this cycle. The sections added in the last code cycle to protect the entertainment industry from the proposed GFCI requirements in Section 305-6 were, for the most part, removed. The proposed changes during the last cycle did not materialize; and the sections that were added for this purpose were being construed as to prohibit the use of GFCI.

The discussions involving Article 520 were quite calm this year. The USITT-sponsored proposal, once again protecting the use of single-pole separable connectors, was accepted. The

USITT-sponsored proposal to use junior grade cord (Types SJ, SJO, SJT, etc.) to make two-fers was also accepted. Proposals made by USITT to relax requirements in dressing rooms met with some opposition.

Since Article 525, Carnivals, Circuses, Fairs, and Similar Events, first appeared in the 1996 NEC, it received a lot of fine tuning. There seemed to be a good deal of concern about application of the article to small (10 ft. x 10 ft.) tents. There were also proposals dealing with connectors laid on the ground, support of wiring and location of disconnects. The biggest area of concern for this industry has to do with GFCI. While proposals in other entertainment industry articles requiring GFCI were rejected, they were accepted in this article.

In Article 530, Motion Picture and Television Studios and Similar Locations, the main issue involved Sub-Article G, Separately Derived Systems with 60 Volts to Ground. This sub-article was added in the 1996 Code as a method to reduce electrical noise. At that time it was thought that this concept might be useful in other venues, but it was left here for a trial run. A great deal of energy was expended to make sure this concept would be used safely and in a professional environment. The proposers of the revision of Article 640 appropriately cross-referenced this sub-article. Another proposal moves this material to a separate article for use anywhere including residences. The proposal for a new article was rejected.

The entertainment industry was pleasantly surprised to received additional support on CMP15 this cycle. Mr. Edwin Kramer, a member of the IATSE from Radio City Music Hall, applied and was granted full membership as a representative of labor. His input was and will be extremely valuable, and is greatly appreciated..

The proposals to revise the 1999 NEC are currently working their way through the voting and correlating process. They will then be compiled along with all Panel actions and published in the 1999 NEC Report on Proposals available around June 20, 1997. You may obtain a free copy of this docu-

ment by contacting the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269.

The next phase of the 1999 NEC revision process is the comment phase. If you plan to participate you will need to obtain a copy of the above-mentioned Report. As in the proposal phase, anyone can comment on the actions of the 20 code panels. Comments are due at the Quincy office of the NFPA by 5:00 p.m. EST on October 24, 1997. Soon after June 20th, the USITT Engineering Commission's 1999 NEC Committee will re-convene to participate in the comment phase. If you wish to become a part of this process and haven't yet joined the 1999 NEC Committee, please contact me as follows:

Kenneth Vannice 1999 NEC Committee Chair NSI / Colortran 9126 SW Ridder Rd. Wilsonville, OR 97070 fax: 503-682-8991

> Ken Vannice Vice-Commissioner for NEC, Panel 15

LIGHTING

THANKS TO ALL

The 1997 USITT Conference & Stage Expo is almost upon us. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the vice-commissioners and all the members of the Lighting Design Commission who have worked hard to develop a wondrous variety of exciting and informative sessions for the Pittsburgh conference. The Commission also wants to especially thank Marc Riske, current Co-Commissioner for his service to the group. Marc will be taking a sabbatical from commission leadership to pursue some other projects and we will miss him.

Conference programming requires a tremondous volunteer effort. Please take a moment at the Pittsburgh conference to thank the people who generously donate their time to organize and staff our many sessions and workshops. And give a special thanks the

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A Lighting Laboratory Committee has been established for future conferences. If you are interested in helping with the lab or have ideas for programming session in the Long Beach Lighting Lab, please attend the committee's meeting during the conference. The Lighting Lab always needs volunteers for activities ranging from designing the plot to securing equipment from generous manufactures and returning it intact. While students provide the real manual labor in the lab, experienced supervisors are always needed to assist in the loadin and load-out.

Another working group meeting in Pittsburgh is the Mentoring Project. An exchange program for students and faculty is in the early planning stages. Look for that meeting on Wednesday afternoon. Here is a chance to get in on the ground floor of a really exciting project.

Many lighting superstars will be participating in this year's conference. Emmy award winner Dennis Size will lead the Professional Development Workshop, "Art & Technique of Television Lighting." Beverly Emmons, Tim Hunter, and Rick Fisher will be joining us for "Contemporary Directions in Lighting Design." Mr. Fisher was kind enough to step in when Chris Parry needed to cancel because of a professional obligation. Mr. Imero Fiorentino will be at the conference to accept the 1997 USITT Distinguished Lighting Designer Award. Nancy Schertler and Steve Shelley will also be on hand to discuss their work.

Have you ever wondered how the design process in architectural lighting differs from theatre? Or what sort of training you need to work as the designer for an architectural firm? Come listen to Karl Haas, Patricia Glasgow, and Robert Shook discuss their transition from theatrical lighting design to careers in architectural lighting.

An exciting two-part session, "Lighting the Industrial," will feature working Pittsburgh area professionals who make their living putting together these productions. Topics discussed will range from the integration of video and computer effects to the difference in the production staff.

Student commissions members should be excited by two special sessions. One is a skill-building workshop on paperwork and the second is a roundtable discussion titled "The MFA: What is It Worth?"

We are cosponsoring some programming and other groups are offering programming for lighting designers. For example, the Engineering Commission is presenting an informative panel about power distribution and electrical service safety. Be sure to check your conference program guide carefully.

Remember to come with fresh ideas for the future and have a safe trip to Pittsburgh!

> Ellen E. Jones Vice-Commissioner for Programming

STAGE EXPO

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The number of booths sold for Stage Expo '97 in Pittsburgh has forged ahead of the pace set by the 1996 show in Fort Worth, Texas. Another 18 exhibitors have joined us since the list was published in the February issue of Sightlines. We hope you will join us in Pittsburgh and visit Stage Expo March 20-22 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

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LOOKING TOWARD LONG BEACH

As we look forward to coming together in Pittsburgh in a few weeks. I am writing to urge you to look even further into the future—to Long Beach in 1998. As some of you are aware, we must decide on our programming for Long Beach before we leave Pittsburgh. On behalf of the Lighting Design Commission, I urge you to give much thought to subjects you would like to see appear at the Long Beach conference. We will be discussing ideas and making the decisions at our commission meetings in Pittsburgh. If you are attending the conference, we invite you to participate. If professional or other obligations prevent you from attending the conference or the commission meetings, please fax, e-mail or postal mail any thoughts or suggestions to me at the following address before March 15, 1997: Ann M. Archbold 8750 Melimanor Dr. Ste. 95 La Mesa, CA 91942

(Please update your 1996-97 membership directories with the above information.)

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This is your commission—we cannot serve your interests if we don't know what they are. Please contribute. See you in Pittsburgh.

Ann M. Archbold Vice-Commissioner for Programming, Long Beach

SECTION NEWS

OFFICERS ELECTED

The USITT Southeast Section just completed elections for officers for 1997—1999. The results of the election are as follows: *Chairman*: Tom Tutino, Western Kentucky University

Vice-Chairman for Membership: Martha Marking, Appalachian State University

Vice-Chairman of Relations: Stuart Beaman, Gainesville Theatre Alliance

Secretary: John Saari, Greensboro Treasurer: Bob Thurston, Stage Decorations, Inc.

Congratulations to these new officers!

Kathryn Rohe Vice-Chairman of Public Relations USITT-SE

INSTITUTE BUSINESS CALENDAR

MARCH 1997

- 4 Board Packets mailed
- 16-18 International Congress of OISTAT meets in Pittsburgh
- 17-18 (Mon/Tue) Professional Development Workshops
- 18 (Tuesday) Board of Directors Meeting I (cancelled)
- 19 (Wednesday) Pittsburgh Conference begins; Keynote and Annual Membership meeting at NOON
- 21 (Friday) Board of Directors Meeting II, 4:45p.m.

APRIL 1997

- 17 Proposal Forms for Professional Development Workshops for *Long Beach* submitted and finalized.
- 17 Changes, additions and revisions in Long Beach programming proposals to VP-Programming. Note any changes in priority.

MAY 1997

- 1 Confirmed contact information for all Vice-Commissioner appointments for the upcoming FY is due to the VP-Commissions.
- Lists of prioritized Commission programming for *Long Beach* is sent to all of the commissioners for final review before scheduling.
- 15 Commissioners obtain status reports on project progress and financial expenditures.
- 20 Conflicts in the Program and Meeting Schedule for Long Beach resolved through the VP-Programming and VP-Commissions. Revisions sent to Commissioners.
- TBA Long Beach Program Scheduling Meeting:
 Commissioners Steering Committee, VP-Programming,
 and the VP-Commissions meet to do preliminary
 scheduling of Long Beach Program Sessions.

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