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2007 Pauline McGibbon Award Winner: Lindsay Anne Black, Scenic artist

Toronto, June 25, 2007 – Scenic artist Lindsay Anne Black is the recipient of the 2007 Pauline McGibbon Award. David Lindsay, Acting Deputy Minister of Culture and Deputy Minister of Tourism, presented the Production Craftsperson award, on behalf of Caroline Di Cocco, Minister of Culture, at tonight's Dora Mavor Moore Awards.

Lindsay Anne Black has worked with numerous theatre companies. She was head scenic artist for the play *The Sheep and the Whale*, produced by Cahoots Theatre Projects and Modern Times Theatre, with Theatre Passe Muraille. She was also the props builder for Theatre Direct's production of *The Babysitter*. Since 2005, Lindsay has been the head scenic artist at the Tarragon Theatre.

Jeff Cummings, production manager at Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People, Toronto, Camellia Koo, set and costume designer, Toronto, and Fina MacDonell, owner of Rabbit's Choice, a prop-making company based in Toronto, formed this year's jury.

Lindsay's work experience and her ability to "put the perfect touches on a set" impressed the nominators and jurors. She is described as someone with "a positive outlook, a laser-sharp focus, unquestionable dedication, and a sense of joy in the work that lets it be something fresh?"

The nominators and jurors saw Lindsay as an asset to the theatre community. She "understands the needs of the project, the limits on the production's resources, and how she can best manage her part of it."

The Pauline McGibbon Award recognizes the work of an emerging theatre artist who has demonstrated a unique talent and a potential for excellence. Established in 1981, the award is presented annually by a jury of theatre professionals on behalf of the Ministry of Culture and the Ontario Arts Council. The award is given to a director, a production craftsperson or a designer in rotation each year.

The Pauline McGibbon Award was created in honour of Ontario's first female Lieutenant Governor, Pauline McGibbon, who was an arts advocate and a strong supporter of theatre in Ontario. The award is administered by the Ontario Arts Council and consists of \$7,000 from the Ministry of Culture and a medal designed by Dora de Pédery Hunt.