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CLEVELAND CLINIC THEATRE COMPANY GARNERS ACCLAIM **Group Receives Four 2005 Communicator Awards in Print Media**

The Cleveland Clinic Theatre Company, a volunteer outreach program within the Clinic's Department of Community Relations, has earned four awards in *The Communicator Awards 2005* Print Media competition.

The Communicator Awards is an international competition that recognizes outstanding work in the communications field. Entries are judged by a panel of industry experts with extensive experience and creativity in communications. Winners have included entries from all 50 states and a few foreign countries.

The Clinic's theatre productions were among more than 5,000 entries in the United States and abroad considered by judges in this year's *Communicator Awards* print media competition. Awards earned by The Cleveland Clinic Theatre Company are:

- An Award of Excellence, the competition's highest honor, for the children's play, *Tall Tale*. The play was co-written by Peter Balint of computing services at The Cleveland Clinic Lerner Research Institute, and Bryan Pflaum, artistic director for The Cleveland Clinic Theatre Company.
- An Award of Distinction for the interactive theatre-education piece, *Retain That Patient!*, also written by Mr. Pflaum.
- Honorable Mention Awards for *When Sleeping Beauty Really Woke Up*, a children's play written by Lynn Glickson, a social worker at Fairview Hospital, and *The Learning Tree*, a multicultural education CD created by Mr. Pflaum and Ms. Glickson in collaboration with Nedra Starling of community relations and the Clinic's Department of Media Production.

In addition to its Theatre Company awards, the Clinic's Department of Community Relations also received an Award of Distinction for its excellence in online communication. The department's Web site home page was designed by Debra Shirley, in the Clinic's Department of Medical Illustration.

The Cleveland Clinic Department of Community Relations oversees the Clinic's participation in programs such as the AGAPE (Action, Growth, Awareness, Prevention, Education) HIV/AIDS outreach program, the Congregational Nursing program, The Cleveland Clinic/John Hay High School Educational Partnership and the OASIS program for older adults. More information about these and other Community Relations' initiatives is available online at www.clevelandclinic.org/community.

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, located in Cleveland, Ohio, is a not-for-profit multispecialty academic medical center that integrates clinical and hospital care with research and education. The Cleveland Clinic was founded in 1921 by four renowned physicians with a vision of providing outstanding patient care based upon the principles of cooperation, compassion and innovation. *U.S. News & World Report* consistently names The Cleveland Clinic as one of the nation's best hospitals in its annual "America's Best Hospitals" survey. Approximately 1,200 full-time salaried physicians at The Cleveland Clinic and Cleveland Clinic Florida represent more than 100 medical specialties and subspecialties. In 2003, patients came for treatment from every state and nearly 90 countries. The Cleveland Clinic website address is www.clevelandclinic.org.

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