

The Silent Willies

Last night, I attended WCCT's annual Willie Award Ceremony. I had a good time with many of my wonderful friends I have made over the past nearly four years and two I made just over a year ago! Before I attended the event, I bought a small bouquet for my favorite nominee. When Megan and I arrived at the Little Theatre, I was shocked to see that Carol had already taken care of our \$15.00 admission. Thanks, Carol but it wasn't really necessary. I got a table toward the front of the house: one of only two tables that would sit Travis, Mary, Carol, Megan, and I. And later, the Dukeage crashed our small party. But it was all good... love ya, Cathy Dukes!

The evening's entertainment featured our hostesses in prerecorded bits as mimes. Between each of the awards presented, a filmed scene in which they interviewed several Willie nominees was shown. The bit looked oddly familiar to me.

I really enjoyed the recognition of some of the foundation members of the theatre and the challenge to the younger members to take up the torch. I did not like the laundry list of nominees for many of the categories. It made it appear that if you were in a show, you were nominated. I realize that recognition is important, but really about half of the nominees were present.

OK... here is a list of the winners... congratulations to you all!

Best Male Cameo

Denver (Bullfrog...Honk)

Best Female Cameo

Marylyn (Mrs. Harper, *Miracle on 34th Street*)

Best Supporting Actor

Denver (the role and show fail me... sorry, but I will guess
Phillip, *The Lion in Winter*)

Best Supporting Actress

Sharon (Sister Clarissa, *Over the Tavern...* YEAH, MOM)

Best Actor

Gene (Kris Kringle, *Miracle on 34th Street*)

Best Set

Little Shop of Horrors

President's Awards

Crystal and Shelley (The Weekenders)

Bob ("for wearing a teddy" in a previous season)

Best Show

The Lion in Winter

*Congratulations on a great season and may 2010 bring another
year of great shows.*

