ECU students to light up Broadway

East Carolina University is announcing a unique opportunity that’s almost too good to be true – an internship with a Tony Award winning Broadway lighting designer.

Imagine yourself graduating with a BFA degree and a resume that already includes work on Broadway or in some of the finest professional regional theatres in the country.

The ECU School of Theatre and Dance will select one lighting design student each semester to intern with Howell Binkley, the 2006 Tony Award winning lighting designer for Jersey Boys. The intern will be intimately involved in the day-to-day operations of Binkley’s company and in the developmental processes of the designer himself. In addition, the recipient will receive a stipend that will help to support his/her living and working while away from ECU during the course of the internship.

Binkley’s other Tony Award nominations include West Side Story (2009), In the Heights (2008), and Kiss of the Spider Woman (1993). Additional accolades include receiving both the Sir Laurence Olivier Award and the Canadian Dora Award in 1993, receiving both the Henry Hewes Design Award and the Outer Critics Circle Award in 2006, and being a five-time Helen Hayes Award recipient. His recent Broadway credits include Memphis, Steel Magnolias, Dracula: The Musical, Avenue Q, The Full Monty, Batboy: The Musical, and the revival Guys and Dolls for which he has been nominated for the 2009 Henry Hewes Design Award. He has created works for The La Jolla Playhouse, The Shakespeare Theatre D.C., The Alley Theatre, The Old Globe, The Guthrie, The Goodman, The Hartford Stage, The Seattle Repertory Company and The Kennedy Center where he designed six musicals in repertory for The Sondheim Woman (1993 Tony Nomination).

In addition to theatre, has also designed for various dance and opera companies including Alvin Ailey, MoMix, American Ballet Theatre, Hubbard Street Dance, The Joffrey Ballet plus the Dallas and Metropolitan Opera Houses. Binkley is also a proud co-founder of Parsons Dance for which he has designed over 60 pieces.

Binkley is originally from Winston-Salem (NC) and a proud graduate of East Carolina University.

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