

2010 League Apple Award Recipients

Mr. Gregg Coats, *Visual Art and Theatre Coordinator for Memphis City Schools, Memphis, Tennessee*

For the last six years Gregg Coats has collaborated with the Orpheum Theatre. He has enthusiastically encouraged the teachers in Memphis to integrate arts curriculum strategies such as math, critical thinking skills, literacy and experiential learning for visual art and theatre teachers. Participating teachers and students have seen multiple shows at the Orpheum, including the Broadway touring productions of *Chicago*, *The Lion King*, *Les Miserables* and *A Chorus Line*. Through the commitment Mr. Coats exhibits, each year his teachers bring back valuable arts tools to the classroom, introducing hundreds of students to new ideas and concepts, as well as other year-round initiatives offered by the Orpheum Theatre.

Ms. Anna-Marie Davis, *Social Studies Teacher at Orangewood Elementary School, Phoenix, Arizona*

Ms. Davis has engaged in an ongoing collaboration with ASU Gammage for the past six years. Anna-Marie Davis has enthusiastically encouraged her seventh and eighth grade students to immerse themselves in lessons relating to the historical and sociological aspects of the participating productions. Her students have seen multiple shows at ASU Gammage, including the Broadway touring productions of *The Lion King*, *Hairspray* and *Swing*. Ms. Davis brings history and culture to life through special guest speakers, innovative hands-on projects and creative collaboration with fellow teachers to help students create connections across the curriculum.

Ms. Ruth Ann Gaines, *Drama Teacher at East High School, Des Moines, Iowa*

Over the last twelve years, Ms. Gaines has collaborated with the Civic Center of Greater Des Moines. She has enthusiastically encouraged her high school students to participate in multi-cultural, in-depth learning and performance experiences. Her students have seen multiple shows at the Civic Center, including the Broadway touring productions of *The Color Purple*, *Twelve Angry Men*, *The Phantom of the Opera* and *The Lion King*. Ms. Gaines has helped shape and implement curriculum, recruit speakers, and engage participating students in all six Des Moines Public High Schools.

Mr. Matthew Rund, *Performing Arts Department Chair of Fishers High School, Fishers, Indiana*

Mr. Rund has collaborated with Clowes Memorial Hall of Butler University and Broadway Across America for the past two years. This collaboration has built a strong foundation for introducing high school students to the professional work of the theatre. The participating students have observed tour load-ins, participated in backstage tours, and worked with arts administrators and professional technical crew on the specifications for their own production. Mr. Rund's students have seen multiple shows at Clowes Memorial Hall, including the Broadway touring productions of *My Fair Lady*, *Happy Days* and *Stomp*.