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## **FREDDY© Awards Update – October 9, 2009**

### **Dieruff joins the FREDDY© program for first time, Salisbury to participate with their Fall Musical**

#### **Louis E. Dieruff High School**

Dieruff High School will produce its first high school musical in over 25 years and participate in the State Theatre's FREDDY© Awards program. The performance of *Back to the 80's* will run April 2 – 4, 2009. The production will be directed by Sara Hinkle.

“We are delighted that Dieruff will be joining in the FREDDY celebration this year,” comments Shelley Brown, creator and executive producer of the FREDDY© Awards. “We applaud the school’s decision to put on a musical, which we know will be very satisfying and fun for the students. Getting to know the casts of other high schools in the area, as we prepare for the television broadcast, should add to the experience. FREDDY-season is the highlight of our year here at the State Theatre, and we welcome any high school in the three counties to join with us.”

#### **Salisbury Senior High School**

Salisbury Senior High School will return to the FREDDY© program with their Fall musical, *Grand Hotel* on October 24 & 25 at 7:30 PM and October 26 at 2 PM. Seating is General Admission and tickets will be made available at the door. The production will be directed by Rick Marsico. Salisbury has participated in the program twice before.

The majority of high schools that participate present Spring musicals, generally February – May. Since 2003, the FREDDY© Awards program has recognized and rewarded exceptional accomplishments in the production and performance of musical theatre in high schools of Lehigh & Northampton counties and Warren County, NJ.

The FREDDY© Awards program is produced by the non-profit State Theatre Center for the Arts. The 3-hour ceremony will be broadcast live on WFMZ Channel 69 and wfmz.com on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at 7 PM.

Complete information for all 2009 participating high schools will be released in January. For information on the FREDDY© Awards program, please visit [www.freddyawards.org](http://www.freddyawards.org)

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