



## PRESS RELEASE for immediate release

### **HTM's Double Date Wins at ESTA Fest 2004**

(Eastern States Theater Association) April 16-18, 2004 Wye Mills, MD

- 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up production
- Stage manager's award
- Outstanding Ensemble Timing award
- Outstanding performance award to Mary O'Connor
- Outstanding performance award to Gary Simon

*Double Date* written by Albi Gorn (Hastings on Hudson), directed by Robin Joseph (Hastings on Hudson) featuring Mary O'Connor (Bronx), Betty Slack (Montrose), Gary Simon (Cortlandt Manor) & Kevin Cannon (Yonkers)

**What is ESTA?** The Eastern States Theatre Association is a Member Regional Organization, Region II, of the American Association of Community Theatres. It is comprised of the six member organizations representing the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia. Its primary function is to hold the annual ESTA Festival to select one Community Theatre Production from among its member states to go on to the AACT National Festival. For more information see [www.estafest.org](http://www.estafest.org)

*Below are some of the awards leading up to the Esta Fest.*

### **HTM receives Merit Awards**

(September 2003)

HTM Players received the following Merit Awards from the Theater Association of New York State (TANYS) for their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Playwright/Director's Workshop: "Double Date" – was awarded the Meritorious Achievement Award for Acting Ensemble Work to Mary O'Connor, Betty Slack, Gary Simon & Kevin Cannon, and Excellence in Writing to Albi Gorn. "Lookout Point"- Excellence in Acting to Jay Krass. "Double Date" was also selected to participate in the TANYS Festival which took place in Nov. 2003 in Rensselaer, NY. [www.tanys.homestead.com](http://www.tanys.homestead.com)

### **HTM Wins at TANYS Festival 2003**

(November 2003)

Best Short Production

Double Date

Outstanding Performance Award

Gary Simon as Paul

Festival Adjudicator's Discretionary Award in Acting

Mary O'Connor as Joan

People's Choice/Favorites

Favorite Production - Double Date

Favorite Actors (4) include Gary Simon