



## Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts

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### **RANDOLPH ACADEMY PATRON SERGIO TRUJILLO WINS OLIVIER AWARD**

*Toronto-raised Choreographer Began Jazz Dance Studies with George Randolph*

**Sergio Trujillo's** landmark win of an **Olivier Award** today is a cause for celebration for Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts Founder and President **George Randolph**, who was Trujillo's first jazz dance teacher. Trujillo is an honorary patron of the Academy, which was the first post-secondary school in Canada to offer Triple Threat training to aspiring performing arts professionals.

Trujillo, an internationally acclaimed choreographer whose credits include the award-winning and critically acclaimed shows *Jersey Boys*, *The Addams Family*, and *Next to Normal*, was born in Colombia and raised in Toronto. While studying to be a chiropractor, he decided to explore the world of dance and took his first-ever jazz dance classes with George Randolph. He also participated in a pilot Triple Threat training program that set the foundation of the Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts. Taking dance altered Trujillo's career path. Soon after, he was selected by Michael Peters (choreographer of Michael Jackson's *Beat It* and *Thriller* videos, Broadway's *Dreamgirls*) to appear in the Randolph-produced dance extravaganza *The T.O Hot Shoe Show*.

"I can't think of anyone more deserving of an Olivier Award than Sergio," says George Randolph. "While his life story is inspiring and his natural talent was apparent for the start, it's his passion for dance and the risks that he takes in presenting it in so many forms and variations that truly sets him apart."

Olivier Award winners are a veritable Who's Who of British and international performing arts. Trujillo was nominated in the Best Theatre Choreographer for ***Memphis***, which was also the production with the most Olivier Award nominations this year. Other nominees in the Best Theatre Choreographer category were Jerry Mitchell, Josh Prince, and Annie-B Parson. The Olivier Awards 2015 took place on Sunday, April 12, at London's iconic Royal Opera House.

Sergio Trujillo is an internationally recognized choreographer whose work has been seen all across North America, Europe and Asia. In early 2011 he had four shows running simultaneously on Broadway: *Memphis*, *Jersey Boys*, *The Addams Family*, and *Next to Normal*. Sergio's versatility expands many other mediums including Opera and Ballet. In December 2012, Mr. Trujillo was distinguished as one of the Top 100 Colombians in the world by President Juan Manuel Santos. He is the recipient of a 2003 Ovation Award for outstanding choreography in *Empire: A New American Musical*, and four Dora Mavor Moore Award nominations for outstanding choreography (*Jersey Boys*, *Swingstep*, *Syncopations* and *Outrageous*). Upcoming projects include the new musicals *A Bronx Tale* and *On Your Feet*.