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In Memory: Herb Dennis ***by Mame Dennis***

Herb Dennis (Herb Grafer) died in Ft. Lauderdale, FL of a heart attack on December 19th, 2008. He was 59.

Herb began his association with the Academy in Henry Street as Tony Orlando. He was a Knight of the Court of Prince Charming in 1975 and on the Mr. Academy Awards Court in 1976.

He was the co-owner of the "Fantasies" located at 1239 9th Street NW for a year and a half in the mid-80s. Their extravagant shows featured Kim Novak, Brandy Dover, and LaLa Maharis. The bar received the Washington Achievement Golden Boy in 1983.

Tony Orlando won Miss Turnabout in 1981 as Kelly St. Claire.

He was the first Alcoholic of 1986, Bitch of 1996, and Tramp of 1998 - an din 1998, he was the first person to receive the Hall of Fame for these three awards.

After having moved to Florida for a while, Herb returned to DC in 1994 and joined Beekman Place first as Stewart Dennis and later as Herb Dennis, Mame's son.

His Beekman Place Awards included:

1994 - Mame's Monarchy Special

1995 - Bravo Award

1996 - Elia Kazan Award for Community Service

1997 - Nephew of the Year

1998 - Donn Vinton - ACE Award

1999 - King of Rainbow Pride

2000 - Bravo Award

2001 - No. III Actor's Award

He was Mr. Derby in 1996, He received the Elizabeth Taylor Founder's Award at the 1998 Miss Gaye Universe (DC) Ball, and he received the Black Bow Tie at the 2001 Black and White Ball.

Herb's Gaye Golden Boy Awards have included:

1994 - Chief Justice

1995 - Mr. Academy Awards with Blair Michaels

1996 - President with LaLa Maharis

1997 - Best Actor in a Single Performance

1998 - Supporting Actor

1999 - New York Drama Critic's Best Actor

2000 - Best Actor with Jamie Sarrazin (his understudy was Xeno)

2001 - Man of the Year

Herb retired from the Marine Corps. He was cremated and a military service was held in the Washington, DC area.

Herb Dennis Galleries

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Best Actor



Turnabout



Miscellaneous

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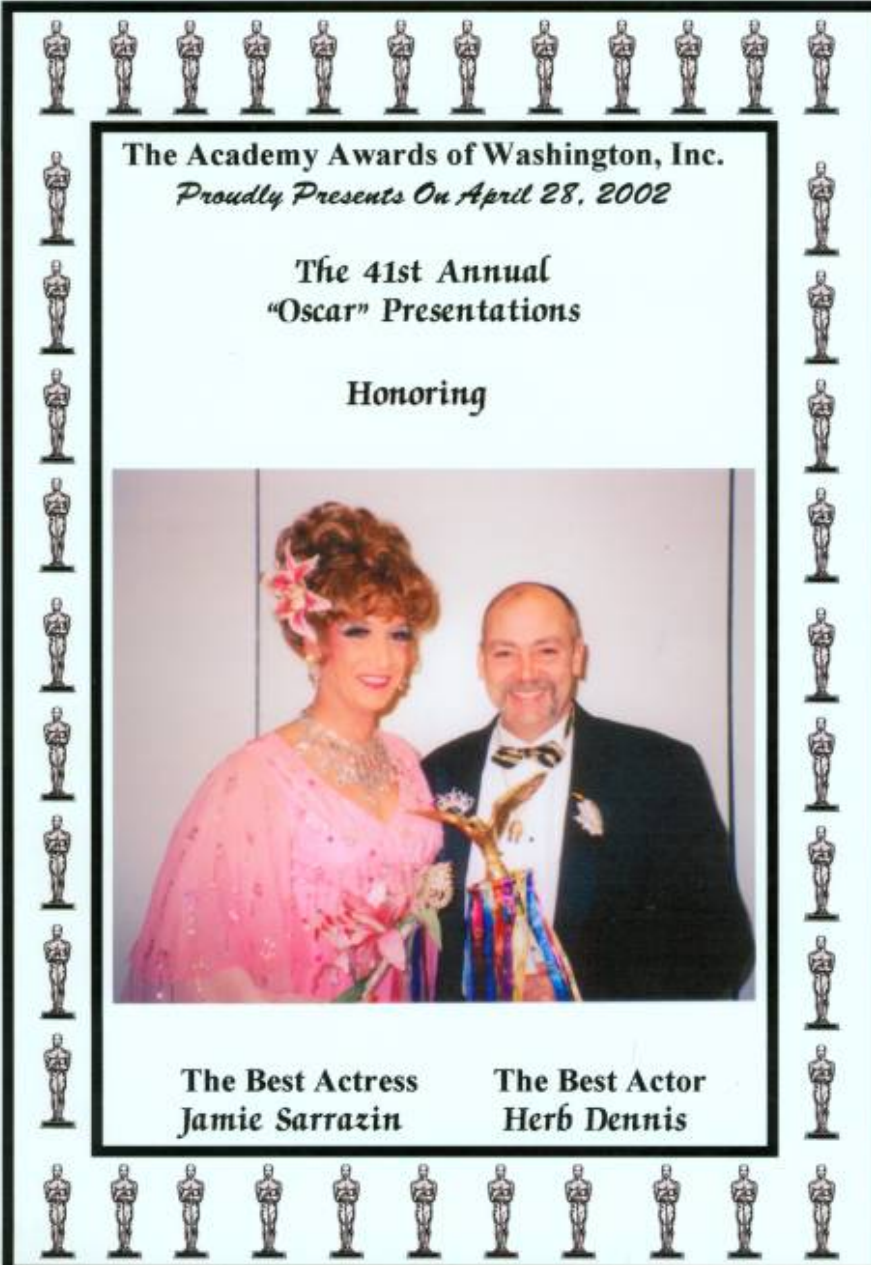
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Herb Dennis Gallery

Best Actor for 2000 with Best Actress, Jamie Sarrazin




The 40th Best Actor, Herb Dennis and Best Actress, Jamie Sarrazin (2000-2001)



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Jamie Sarrazin** **The Best Actor
Herb Dennis**

Gaye Golden Boy Program Cover



New Faces Show 2000

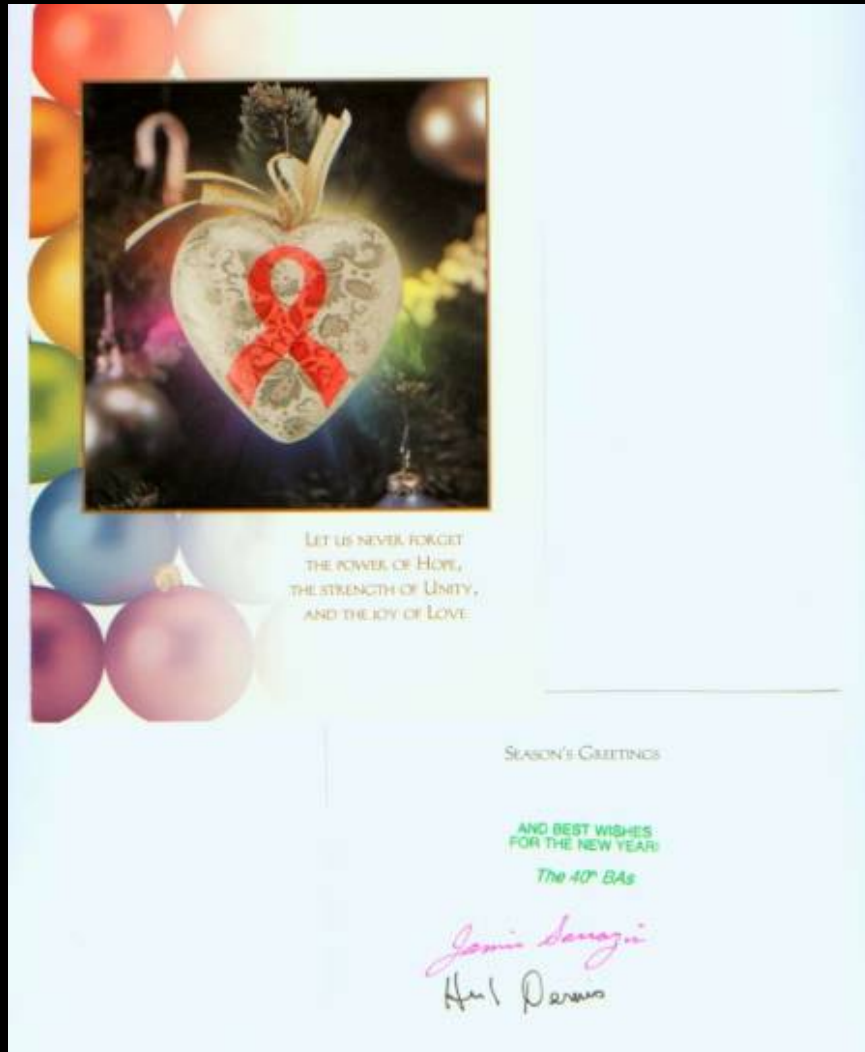


New Faces Show 2000



New Faces Show 2000





Best Actor and Best Actress Christmas Card 2000



Turnabout 2000-2001



Miss Gaye Universe (DC) Ball



Miss Gaye Universe (DC) Ball



Miss Gaye Universe (DC) Ball

**Congratulations
Kerri . . .**
On a fabulous year as
Miss Gaye Universe.
*May the stars in your
Universe always shine as
brightly in the future as they
have this past year.*
**Herb Dennis &
Jamie Sarrazin**
The 40th Best Actor
& Best Actress



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Miss Turnabout 1981 as Kelly St. Clair
and as Best Actress Turnabout with Best Actor Turnabout, Jamie Sarrazin



*Tony Orlando as Kelly St. Claire as Miss Turnabout 1981.
Here Kelly was performing at the Awards Club of Richmond "Miss Turnabout" contest in 1982.*



Best Actor Herb Dennis as Best Actress Jamie Sarrazin in Turnabout.

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President of The Academy for 1996 , Herb Dennis and his First Lady, LaLa Maharis

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