
NEWS RELEASE

**Louisiana
Department of State**



**Tom Schedler
Secretary of State**

**P.O. Box 94125
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9125
www.sos.la.gov**



**Sailor Jackson Jr.
Director of Communications
225.362.5103
sjackson@sos.la.gov**

Dec. 5, 2011

**LOUISIANA'S OLD STATE CAPITOL WINS AWARD
FROM THEMED ENTERTAINMENT ASSOCIATION**

Secretary of State Tom Schedler is proud to announce that Louisiana's Old State Capitol has been recognized for "Outstanding Achievement" for the "Ghost of the Castle" multi-media presentation from the Themed Entertainment Association. The award will be formally presented at the 18th Annual Thea Awards Gala on March 17, 2012 at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, Ca.

"This project demonstrates excellence and creativity in the application of the arts and sciences of themed entertainment. It combines a wide variety of techniques in new ways, and the result is a memorable, story based experience which fosters an emotional connection to the 'Castle,'" the Thea Awards Committee said. "In addition to conceiving and creating the entire project on a limited budget, due to the preservation classification of the structure itself, the entire production had to be installed without modifications or structural changes which would disturb the classic elements of the building."

The TEA is an international nonprofit alliance founded in 1991 based in Burbank, Ca. TEA represents some 7,000 creative specialists, from architects to designers, technical specialists to master planners, scenic fabricators to artists and builders to feasibility analysts working in more than 650 firms in 30 U.S. states and 40 different countries. The Thea Awards were created to bring recognition to achievement, talent and personal excellence within the themed entertainment industry. From a modest beginning in 1994, the Thea Awards have become internationally recognized as a symbol of excellence.

For more information on Louisiana's Old State Capitol or TEA, visit www.sos.la.gov/osc, www.louisianaoldstatecapitol.org or www.teaconnect.org.

- www.sos.la.gov -