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## **Alumnus Named Outstanding Theatre Educator of the Year**

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University alumnus George Younts has received the 2009 Outstanding Theatre Educator Award from the South Carolina Theatre Association (SCTA).

A 1989 Illinois Wesleyan graduate with a degree in Theatre Arts, Younts was nominated by state theater professionals and endorsed by the association's board. The award is given to theater educators at their respective educational levels who have done the most for theater students in South Carolina.

According to an article in *The Post and Courier* (Charleston, S.C.), Younts directs the Charleston County School of the Arts' improvisational troupe and serves as technical director for the school's theater. The School of Arts theater department produces more than 50 student performances each year.

Younts is a company member of Theatre 99, a professional improvisational troupe in Charleston. He has worked in theaters across the country as a director, designer, producer and performer.

A member of groups such as the Actors Equity Association, Southeastern Theatre Conference and the National Endowment of the Arts, Younts has also served as liaison for the district's drama teachers.

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