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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – On Monday, Feb. 6, the winners of the 10th Annual Craig Noel Awards were announced and honored at a ceremony in the Museum of Contemporary Art in San Diego, Calif. Among the honorees was Illinois Wesleyan alumna Katie Whalley, class of 2009.

Whalley, who graduated with a bachelor of fine arts in musical theater, was given a nod for Outstanding Featured Performance in a Musical for her portrayal of Louise, later Gypsy Rose Lee, in “Gypsy: A Musical Fable.”

During her time at Illinois Wesleyan, Whalley was in a number of productions, including *The Glass Menagerie*, *Into the Woods*, *Scrooge!*, *Of Thee I*

*Sing!* and the Faculty Choreographed Dance Concert.



Whalley in the Ion Theater's production of Gypsy



Whalley preparing for her final performance in the '09 Faculty Choreographed Dance Concert at IWU

Awarded annually by the San Diego Theatre Critics Circle, the Craig Noel Award for Excellence in Theatre is given on behalf of professional print and online theatre critics in San Diego. The award is named in honor of Noel, the longtime artistic director at San Diego's Old Globe Theatre.

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