

PRESS RELEASE

Alice de Sousa wins second international award in six months...

At an illustrious Gala held in Lisbon, Portugal, organised by the *Portuguese Foreign Office* and hosted by H.E. Dr. António Braga, the *Secretary of State* - Alice de Sousa, Artistic Director of the **Greenwich Playhouse** and **Galleon Theatre Company**, and CEO of **Galleon Films**, was presented with the coveted award '*Prémio de Talento*' in the category of the '*Performing Arts*'.



Each year the Portuguese government, through the estimable initiative '*Prémios de Talento*', recognises the professional achievements of industry leading figures from its vast community of some 5 million Portuguese immigrants living throughout the world. The '*Prémios de Talento*' are structured into twelve different categories and include amongst others the Arts, science, politics and sport. Yearly, hundreds of Portuguese immigrants and their descendents are selected for consideration. For each category, three are short listed by a respected jury and these form the finalists. In 2007 Alice de Sousa was short listed; and in 2009, she was presented with the striking award.

At a beautiful ceremony staged at the impressively restored 'Convento do Beato', which was attended by many hundreds and televised live to the entire Portuguese speaking world in mainland Portugal, Latin America and Africa, Alice de Sousa's work as an actress, writer and producer was recognised alongside her theatrical world premiere translations and adaptations of Portuguese literary masterpieces.

In a career spanning twenty five years, Alice de Sousa has played some thirty leading roles on stage, produced in excess of seventy theatre productions, written numerous acclaimed plays and has since 1995 artistically directed one of London's most reputable independent theatre studios.



Currently, Ms. de Sousa is developing a UK talent led feature film and modern re-working of the great British classic - ***The Duchess of Malfi***. This exciting film will bring for the first time to the big screen, a modern adaptation of John Webster's remarkable and timeless play. The film script for ***The Duchess of Malfi*** has been written by Alice de Sousa and will be directed by the internationally acclaimed Luxembourg film director, Nicolas Steil. ***The Duchess of Malfi*** is scheduled to commence filming in Luxembourg in September 2010.

Meanwhile, Ms. de Sousa continues to artistically steer the **Greenwich Playhouse** and its resident producing company **Galleon Theatre Company**, which is planning a revival of ***The Importance of Being Earnest***, to be staged at the **Greenwich Playhouse** during the forthcoming festive Christmas period. ***The Importance of being Earnest*** will be directed by the hugely acclaimed actor/director Bruce Jamieson and produced by Alice de Sousa.

In March this year at a ceremony held at Regent's College London, Ms. de Sousa was presented with a beautifully designed award, in recognition of her championing of Portuguese literature on the London stage, by the only UK based Portuguese language newspaper '*Jornal as Notícias*'.

In 2004 she won the American Biographical Institute's award '*Great Women of the 21st Century award*'; and in 2005 the medal '*Woman of the Year 2005*'. These awards recognise the impact on society of the work, throughout the world, of 1000 prolific women.



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