



14th Annual Thea Awards - March 8, 2008

Thea Classic Award

SeaWorld San Diego

SeaWorld San Diego, which opened to great anticipation in March 1964, was founded on the principles of education, entertainment, research and conservation. SeaWorld is the world's premiere marine-life park where more than 130 million visitors have gained a greater understanding and appreciation for marine animals.

San Diego's leading tourist attraction and one of the most popular attractions in the world, SeaWorld is the standard bearer for animal interaction experiences, quality education programs, and spectacular animal shows, attractions and exhibits.

While all of SeaWorld's animals have amazed and inspired visitors for more than 40 years, the park's most impressive resident is Shamu the killer whale, one of the theme-park community's most popular icons.

What sets SeaWorld San Diego, and its sister parks in Orlando and San Antonio apart, is its emphasis on the cutting-edge theme-park design combined with an intensely personal approach to customer service.

The Thea Classic Award is a tribute to SeaWorld's long tradition of entertaining and educating visitors from all over the world, and a salute to the tens of thousands of SeaWorld team members, past and present, who have dedicated themselves to advancing knowledge about some of the world's most fascinating creatures.

Today, the thousands of SeaWorld current team members are proud to continue the traditions that began nearly half a century ago, and it's an honor to receive this award on behalf of so many who have shown the world of the sea to millions of visitors. With appreciation, the thanks go to:

George Millay

August A. Busch III

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SeaWorld San Diego Team Members, past and present

SeaWorld San Diego's Magnificent Animals

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