

Lukas, Paul

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PAUL LUKAS GETS DRAMA GROUP PRIZE

Star of "Watch on the Rhine"
Receives the Delia Austrian
Medal for His Acting

PRESENTATION BY MASSEY

Richard Waring, Helen Craig
and Dorothy McGuire Get
Other Special Awards

The medal awarded by the Drama League of New York since 1935 for "the most distinguished performance of the season" was presented yesterday to Paul Lukas, who is appearing in the current prize-winning play, "Watch on the Rhine."

This prize, known as the Delia Austrian Medal, in memory of its donor, a former member of the league, was presented by Raymond Massey, the actor who received the award two years ago. Several hundred members and guests were present at the presentation at a luncheon in the Hotel Pierré.

Mr. Massey praised the work of the league, as one of "the most potent forces in the theatre today" and characterized "the American theatre" as "the sole remaining oasis in the world of the free theatre and a shining example of democracy in working."

Mr. Lukas in accepting the award said that he reiterated Mr. Massey's views concerning the many opportunities offered to members of his profession in the American theatre and expressed his great pleasure in being selected to join the company of his distinguished predecessors who had received the award.

In addition to Mr. Massey, those who have won the medal include: Katharine Cornell, Helen Hayes, Maurice Evans, Sir Cedric Hardwicke and Paul Muni.

Other special prizes were presented yesterday to Richard Waring of "The Corn Is Green," for "the best supporting role"; to Helen Craig, of "Johnny Belinda" for "the most creative performance," and to Dorothy McGuire of "Claudia" for "the best performance by a young actor."

Mrs. Charles Wood Palmer won a prize for attending the theatre the greatest number of times during the season and Mrs. William Steiner for disposing of the largest number of tickets. Mrs. Samuel Newton, president of the league, presided.