

Deaf Culture Question of the Week - Septemeber 15-19, 2008

Who was the first Deaf person to win a Tony Award as Best Actress in a Broadway play?

- a. Marlee Matlin
- b. Trix Bruce
- c. Phyllis Frelich
- d. Linda Bove

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Answer: "c" Phyllis Frelich. Phyllis was born in Devil's Lake, North Dakota and attended the North Dakota School for the Deaf. All of her eight brothers and sisters and her mother and father are Deaf. She won the Tony Award for Best Actress in 1980 for her portrayal of Sarah in the Broadway play "Children of a Lesser God".

Read more about Phyllis Frelich and see her picture here:

<http://www.deaftheatrefest.com/physbio.shtml>