“Getting cast in the role of Cinderella at age 18”

Lesley was thrilled to work with “people I looked up to my whole life.”

Cinderella was an “incredible opportunity,” says Lesley.

FAIRY TALE

Nerves nearly cost Lesley Ann Warren the lead role when she auditioned for the 1965 TV version of Rodgers and Hammerstein’s Cinderella musical. “I auditioned twice. I was so scared at the first one and it was just awful. I was only 18. But the director, Charles S. Dubin, had seen me on Broadway and could tell I was just nervous,” Lesley recalled to Closer at the Step Up Inspiration Awards on June 5.

“At the second one, I was able to relax and do what they wanted.” Yet she was still stunned when they offered her the part. “I was so overwhelmed,” the 68-year-old gushed. “The enormity of taking on that role just changed my life.”

Douglas Rain

The HAL 900 admitted it “made some very poor decisions” on the crew’s mission to Jupiter. But, Douglas, 86, hasn’t. After giving voice to the malfunctioning computer in 2001 and the sequel 2010, he decided to work almost exclusively onstage, crafting a long and prodigious career as an educator and director and as an actor in Canadian theater.