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2022 CAT AWARD RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED!

Calgary, AB: Saturday, August 27, 2022, marked the 18th Annual CAT Awards, a celebration of Calgary's Community Theatre at the University of Calgary's MacEwan Ballroom.

The annual CAT Awards is an event that celebrates the quality of work that Calgarians can expect to see from Community Theatre in Calgary and surrounding areas. The CAT Awards are produced by **Calgary-ACTS (Calgary's Alliance of Community Theatres)** which focuses on



promoting community theatre in Calgary, by informing its members and the public of events related to the arts, and providing a communication and support network for its members. Recipients of the CAT Awards are determined by a combined process of public nomination and adjudication. We encourage everyone to attend community theatre productions, and then nominate their favourites throughout the upcoming 2022-2023 season. Please visit www.calgary-acts.com to nominate anyone (starting September 1st), or if you have any questions about the CAT Awards or Calgary-ACTS.

This year, the CAT Awards is recognizing productions that took place over the past two theatre seasons (July 2020 through June 2022). During this time there were a total of 34 productions from 14 different community theatre member companies, and 21 of these productions from 10 companies received nominations. Overall, there were 110 nominees spread out over 20 award categories.

Calgary-ACTS is proud to recognize two recipients for the **Sandy Singer Award** for Outstanding Contribution to Community Theatre this year. First, the members of the Calgary theatre community took a moment to recognize the incredible life and contributions of **Frank MacLeod** who passed away on August 3rd. Frank was recognized for his contributions as a Costume Designer in Calgary beginning in 2000 with Front Row Centre Player's production of The Rocky Horror Show. The second Sandy Singer Award went to **Alan Leboeuf** for his ongoing work as an actor, director, producer, playwright, and board member. Alan has been President of Workshop Theatre Society 3 times since 2001, led Confederation Theatre since 2015, and has served various roles on the Pumphouse Theatre Society board.

Every year, theatre companies are given the opportunity to honour their exceptional volunteers. These volunteers are people who have gone above and beyond the normal to ensure that the show, project, or event they are working on is a success.

Recipients of the 2022 Volunteer Awards:

Trisha Babkirk – Dewdney Players
Christie Johnson – Morpheus Theatre
Mike Johnson – Morpheus Theatre
Robert Seymour - Front Row Centre Players
Mackenzie Walsh – Swamp Donkey Musical Theatre Society
Gordon Baux – Swamp Donkey Musical Theatre Society
Trisha Gizen – Swamp Donkey Musical Theatre Society

Darren Stewart – Front Row Centre Players was also recognized with an Outstanding Achievement in Administration Award for his service between 2006 and 2022, serving as President for 15 years.

Congratulations to all recipients and nominees for making through the pandemic.

2022 CAT Awards Committee

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2022 Calgary-ACTS CAT Award Recipients

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Role in a Play

- **Jen White (Leclaire)** as Belinda Cratchit, Belle & others - A Christmas Carol - A Radio Play by Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Role in a Musical

- **Chelsea Howell-Fellows** as Norma Cassidy - Victor/Victoria by Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Soundscape in a Play

- **Bruce Petherick** - A Christmas Carol - A Radio Play by Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Engineering/SFX in a Musical

- **Allison Baillie** - The Wind in the Willows by Untold Stories Theatre & Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Chorus/Ensemble in a Play

- **Ungentlemanly Warfare** by Scorpio Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Chorus/Ensemble in a Musical

- **The Wind in the Willows** by Untold Stories Theatre & Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Lighting Design

- **Kathryn McLaren** - Victor/Victoria by Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Stagecraft

- **Jamie Eastgaard-Ross, Mikee Ames, Jody Low and Krista Willott** - Victor/Victoria by Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Fight Direction

- **Rico Pfeiffer** - Ungentlemanly Warfare by Scorpio Theatre

Outstanding Choreography

- **Angela Woodard** - The Wind in the Willows by Untold Stories Theatre & Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Costume Design

- **Christie Johnson and Miranda Humphrey** - The Pirates of Penzance by Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Musical Direction

- **Melvin Picazo** - The Wind in the Willows by Untold Stories Theatre & Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Original Script or Adaptation

- **Kyle Gould (adapted by), with Stefanie Barnfather, Ben Coburger, and Winnifred Hume** - The Pirates of Penzance by Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Technical Execution of an Online Production (*NEW*)

- **A Christmas Carol - A Radio Play** by Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Direction of a Play

- **Sean Anderson** - A Christmas Carol - A Radio Play by Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Direction of a Musical

- **Jason Bakaas and Gad Gijon** - The Wind in the Willows by Untold Stories Theatre & Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Role in a Play

- **Mandee Marcil** as Astra Beaux - Ungentlemanly Warfare by Scorpio Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Role in a Musical

- **Caitlin Karpetz** as Victor / Victoria Grant - Victor/Victoria by Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Production of a Play

- **A Christmas Carol - A Radio Play** by Morpheus Theatre
Producer: Colleen Bishop
Director: Sean Anderson
Stage Manager: Beth MacLean
Videographer: Jared Eves

Outstanding Production of a Musical

- **The Wind in the Willows** by Untold Stories Theatre & Morpheus Theatre
Producer: Nicole Dickinson
Directors: Jason Bakaas & Gad Gijon
Musical Director: Melvin Picazo
Choreographer: Angela Woodard
Stage Manager: Elizabeth Schieman

As always, we appreciate the number of professional theatre participants who contributed to a variety of productions these past two years. The CAT Award Committee thank them for their participation and appreciate that their efforts help raise the bar for community theatre in Calgary and area.

For a full list of the nominees, please visit www.calgary-acts.com.