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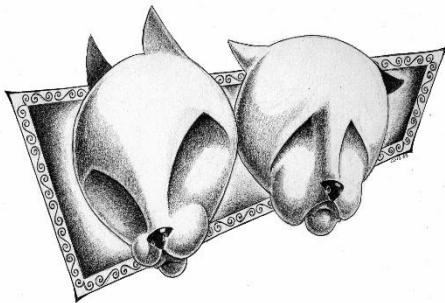
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## **2023 CAT AWARD RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED!**

**Calgary, AB:** Saturday, September 9, 2023, marked the 19th Annual CAT Awards, a celebration of Calgary's Community Theatre at the Telus Spark Science Centre.

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 and area, 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 2023-2024 season. Please visit [www.calgary-acts.com](http://www.calgary-acts.com) to nominate anyone, or if you have any questions about the CAT Awards or Calgary-ACTS.

This year, the CAT Awards are recognizing 32 productions from 16 different community theatre member companies, and 17 of these productions from 12 companies received nominations. Overall, there were 107 nominations spread out over 19 award categories.

Calgary-ACTS is proud to name **Trevor Somers** as the recipient of the **Sandy Singer Award** for Outstanding Contribution to Community Theatre this year. Trevor is recognized for over 30 years of service as a lighting and sound technician, primarily at the Pumphouse Theatre supporting many local theatre companies and mentoring many new volunteers over this time.

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 2023 Volunteer Awards:**

Dewdney Players – Claire Hoyer

Front Row Centre Players – Brittany Doucet-Lewis

Morpheus Theatre – Max Wintonyk and Gisela Wintonyk

Congratulations to all recipients and nominees for a wonderful 2022-23 season! See you next year!

2023 CAT Awards Committee

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## 2023 CAT Award Recipients

### **Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Role in a Musical**

**Ginette Simonot** as Jack Point in The Yeomen of the Guard by Morpheus Theatre

### **Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Role in a Play**

**Faith Marie Casement** as Ruth in Calendar Girls by Morpheus Theatre

### **Outstanding Soundscape in a Play**

**Harold Squire & Auri Forda** - The Railway Children by Imagine Performing Arts

### **Outstanding Engineering/SFX in a Musical**

**Rahim Manji & Gad Gijon** - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella by Untold Stories Theatre and Morpheus Theatre

### **Outstanding Performance by a Chorus/Ensemble in a Musical**

**Kinky Boots** by Front Row Centre Players

### **Outstanding Performance by a Chorus/Ensemble in a Play**

**The Railway Children** by Imagine Performing Arts

### **Outstanding Stagecraft**

**Darryl Lindenbach, Charlotte Loepky & Jane Tetley** - Gone to Glory by Imagine Performing Arts

### **Outstanding Lighting Design**

**Benjamin Childs** - Kinky Boots by Front Row Centre Players

### **Outstanding Choreography**

**Stephen West** - Kinky Boots by Front Row Centre Players

### **Outstanding Fight Direction**

**Rico Pfeiffer** - Disney's Beauty and the Beast by Swamp Donkey Musical Theatre

### **Outstanding Costume Design**

**Christie Johnson** - The Yeomen of the Guard by Morpheus Theatre

### **Outstanding Musical Direction**

**Winnifred Hume** - The Yeomen of the Guard by Morpheus Theatre

### **Outstanding Original Script or Adaptation &/or Composition**

**Louise Day** - Bill C773 by Seniors Acting Lab

### **Outstanding Direction of a Musical**

**Charlene Brydges & Stephen West** - Kinky Boots by Front Row Centre Players

### **Outstanding Direction of a Play**

**Darryl Lindenbach & Charlotte Loepky** - Gone to Glory by Imagine Performing Arts

### **Outstanding Performance by a Leading Role in a Musical**

**Felix Yoder** as Lola/Simon in Kinky Boots by Front Row Centre Players

### **Outstanding Performance by a Leading Role in a Play**

**Rosalind Jackson Roe** as Bobbie in The Railway Children by Imagine Performing Arts

**Outstanding Production of a Musical**

**Kinky Boots** by Front Row Centre Players

Producers: Jenn Lanciault & Jeremy Walker

Directors: Charlene Brydges & Stephen West

Musical Director: Anne Roggensack

Orchestra Director: Neil West

Choreographer: Stephen West

Stage Managers: Samantha Bellamy & Alyssa Gavinski

**Outstanding Production of a Play**

**Calendar Girls** by Morpheus Theatre

Producer: Colleen Bishop

Director: Krista Willott

Stage Manager: Alyssa Gavinski

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

For a full list of the nominees, please visit [www.calgary-acts.com](http://www.calgary-acts.com).