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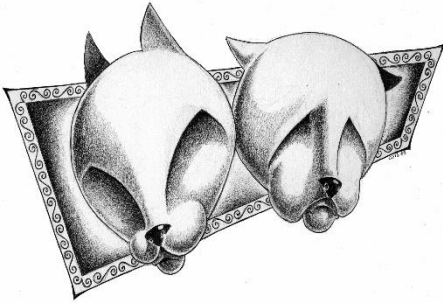
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2024 CAT AWARD RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED!

Calgary, AB: Saturday, August 24, 2024, marked the 20th annual CAT Awards, a celebration of Calgary's Community Theatre at the Pumphouse Theatre, hosted by Michelle Brandenburg.

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 2024-2025 season. Please visit 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 45 productions from 23 different community theatre member companies, and 23 of these productions from 15 companies received nominations. Overall, there were 111 nominations spread out over 19 award categories.

Calgary-ACTS is proud to name **Daisy Pond** as the recipient of the **Sandy Singer Award** for Outstanding Contribution to Community Theatre this year. Daisy is recognized for 16 years of service as a stage manager with many local theatre companies, executive producer of Scorpio Theatre, and various roles with Calgary-ACTS.

Calgary-ACTS also recognized **Sean Anderson** as the recipient of the **Community Builder Award** for building capacity for the benefit of community theatre in supporting the growth of several new and established theatre companies, through partnerships and co-productions.

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 2024 Volunteer Awards:

Painted Fish Performing Arts Society – Sara Brodsky, Susan White, Rebecca Au-Yan
Claresholm Arts Society – Michelle DeDominicis, John DeDominicis
Dewdney Players – Kelly Kozak
Nose Creek Players – Peggy Buzzard
Morpheus Theatre – Grace Lu
Front Row Centre Players – Fred Amdur

Congratulations to all recipients and nominees for a wonderful 2023-24 season! See you next year!

2024 CAT Awards Committee
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2024 CAT Award Recipients

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Role in a Play

Ciorstaidh Reid as Rosalind in Moon Over Buffalo by Workshop Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Role in a Musical

Lindsay Kurtze as Nostradamus in Something Rotten! by Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Soundscape in a Play

Harold Squire - The Magician's Nephew by Imagine Theatre YYC

Outstanding Engineering/SFX in a Musical

Josef Vermeulen & Marc Verones - Something Rotten! by Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Performance by a Chorus/Ensemble in a Play

The Peacock Season by Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Chorus/Ensemble in a Musical

Something Rotten! by Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Lighting Design

Jamie Macaulay - The Magician's Nephew by Imagine Theatre YYC

Outstanding Stagecraft

Belinda Bender, Charlotte Loeppky, Erin Noble & Harold Squire - The Magician's Nephew by Imagine Theatre YYC

Outstanding Fight Direction

Katie Fournell - Henry V (in modern English) by Dewdney Players Group Theatre

Outstanding Choreography

Danielle Desmarais - A Chorus Line by Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Costume Design

Yvonne Ustick - The Peacock Season by Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Musical Direction

Chelsea Wellman & Joanne Sampson - A Chorus Line by Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Original Script or Adaptation &/or Composition

Megan Baldrey, Claire Bolton, Hans Wackershauser, Erin Weir & Kevin Weir - Riverona, Episodes 1 & 2 by Full Circle Theatre

Outstanding Direction of a Play

Nicola Payton - The Peacock Season by Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Direction of a Musical

Josef Vermeulen - Something Rotten! by Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Role in a Play

Snizhana Gukasian-Korobeinikova as Sylvia in Sylvia by Scorpio Theatre and Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Role in a Musical

Ranelle Huwald as Emma Nolan in The Prom by Untold Stories Theatre

Outstanding Production of a Play

The Peacock Season by Morpheus Theatre

Producer: Colleen Bishop

Director: Nicola Payton

Stage Manager: Grace Lu

Outstanding Production of a Musical

Something Rotten! by Front Row Centre Players

Producers: Samantha Bellamy

Directors: Josef Vermeulen

Musical Director: Neil West

Choreographer: Stephen West

Stage Managers: Fred Amdur

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 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.