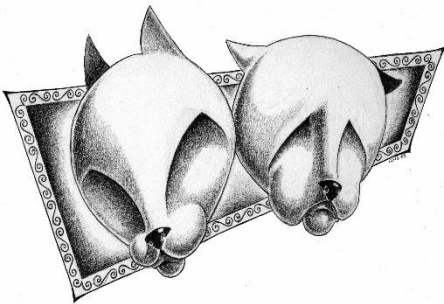


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2025 CAT AWARD NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED!

Calgary, AB: Nominations for the 2025 CAT Awards (Community Theatre Awards), celebrating the best of community theatre in Calgary and neighboring communities were announced on July 22, 2025. There are 118 nominees in the 20 award categories this year for productions from July 2024 to June 2025, and a total of 23 productions were nominated from 13 different companies, including 1 company new to Calgary-ACTS this year (Incendiary Festival).



The CAT Awards are presented annually by **Calgary-ACTS, Calgary's Alliance of Community Theatres**. Calgary-ACTS is a not-for-profit society founded in 2000 with a focus on promoting community theatre in Calgary. It also provides a network of communication, support and resource sharing for its members. **This year's ceremony will mark the 21st year for the CAT Awards.**

Calgary and area audiences were offered 42 productions from 20 local theatre companies who are members of Calgary-ACTS. The awards acknowledge, reward, and

celebrate the contributions of local theatre artists with **nominations selected through a combination of public input and show adjudications**. Audiences were not disappointed by the quality and professionalism of the cast and crew of these productions. Calgary-ACTS recognizes the hard work that goes into all productions.

The recipients of the 2025 CAT Awards will be announced in person on Saturday, August 30, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Heather Edwards Theatre at Contemporary Calgary. Please join the best in local community theatre for this amazing evening of celebration. **The theme for this year is "Back to the 80s".**

Calgary-ACTS is pleased to welcome **Company of Rogues** and **Lancelot Furnace** as our 2025 Event Sponsors.

Tickets to the event will be available online. Please visit www.calgary-acts.com for more information.

2025 CAT Award Nominees (listed alphabetically)

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Role in a Musical

- Grayson Beazely as Aunt Sal and the Captain - The Night of the Murder - Feather Pen Theatre
- Leo Blatz as Jacob - La Cage Aux Folles - Front Row Centre Players
- Boden Broadhead as Anthony Hope - Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street - Front Row Centre Players
- Samantha Carson-Smith as Martha Dunnstock - Heathers - Untold Stories Theatre
- Joel Mcleish as Midas - The Night of the Murder - Feather Pen Theatre
- Sarah Nearing as Pretty Jean - The McAdo - Morpheus Theatre
- Brad Simon as Judge Turpin - Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street - Front Row Centre Players
- Jeremy Walker as Nicely, Nicely Johnson - Guys and Dolls - MisFit Theatre YYC and Morpheus Theatre
- Dominic Wong as Jean-Michel - La Cage Aux Folles - Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Role in a Play

- Day Chase as Betty Paris - Abigail - Incendiary Festival
- Ali Grams as Mackynzi - Porcelain Dolls - Full Circle Theatre
- Velia MacRae as Susan Hudson - Prescription: Murder - Workshop Theatre
- Sarah Nearing as Mercutio - Riverona: Episodes 3&4 - Full Circle Theatre
- Stephanie Norby as Officer O'Hara - Arsenic and Old Lace - Claresholm Arts Society
- Tracey Ohler as Joan Brewster - Arsenic and Old Lace - Claresholm Arts Society
- Melva Stinson as Dr. Einstein - Arsenic and Old Lace - Claresholm Arts Society
- Mackenzie Sutton as Ashley - Porcelain Dolls - Full Circle Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Role in a Musical

- Jared Atkin as Nanky Doug - The McAdo - Morpheus Theatre
- Aly Carrigan as Wynn Somme - The McAdo - Morpheus Theatre
- Samantha Chatterton as Mary Poppins - Mary Poppins - Claresholm Arts Society
- Kal MacDonald as Albin - La Cage Aux Folles - Front Row Centre Players
- Ellen O'Brien as Veronica Sawyer - Heathers - Untold Stories Theatre
- Ginette Simonot as Adelaide - Guys and Dolls - MisFit Theatre YYC and Morpheus Theatre
- Mike Sornberger as Sweeney Todd - Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street - Front Row Centre Players
- Anthony Trotta as Jason "J.D." Dean - Heathers - Untold Stories Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Role in a Play

- Megan Baldrey as Beatrice - Much Ado About Nothing - Full Circle Theatre
- Ray Dhaliwal as Phillip Lombard - And Then There Were None - Workshop Theatre
- Ray Dhaliwal as Lieutenant Columbo - Prescription: Murder - Workshop Theatre
- CJ Gordon as Benedick - Much Ado About Nothing - Full Circle Theatre
- Camryn Hathaway as Vera Claythorne - And Then There Were None - Workshop Theatre
- Anne Hodgson as Inspector Sorochoan - A Double Dose of Murder - Workshop Theatre
- Jennifer MacLean as Sister Philomena - Drinking Habits - Morpheus Theatre
- Ginette Simonot as Sister Augusta - Drinking Habits - Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Chorus/Ensemble in a Musical

- Heathers - Untold Stories Theatre
- Into the Woods - Untold Stories Theatre
- La Cage Aux Folles - Front Row Centre Players
- Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street - Front Row Centre Players
- The McAdo - Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Chorus/Ensemble in a Play

- Abigail - Incendiary Festival
- Arsenic and Old Lace - Claresholm Arts Society
- Drinking Habits - Morpheus Theatre
- Much Ado About Nothing - Full Circle Theatre
- Porcelain Dolls - Full Circle Theatre
- Steel Magnolias - Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Stagecraft

- James Bellamy, Fergus Dorais & Katie Bernardo - La Cage Aux Folles - Front Row Centre Players
- Norm Foxcroft, Shelley Foxcroft & Carmelle Steel - Mary Poppins - Claresholm Arts Society
- Josie Kaip, Jerry Wang, Mark Wallace, Deidra Michel, Cally Miller, Gad Gijon & Nicole Helena Cates - Heathers - Untold Stories Theatre
- Susan Soprovich, Krista Willott, Maxwell Wintonyk & Gisela Wintonyk - Guys and Dolls - MisFit Theatre YYC and Morpheus Theatre
- Angela Woodard, Harlan Sterner & Margaret Harper - Steel Magnolias - Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Costume Design

- Fred Amdur, Haley Dorais & Becky Salmond - La Cage Aux Folles - Front Row Centre Players
- Jason Bakaas & Syd Gold - Heathers - Untold Stories Theatre
- Jeanette Brown & Tashina Mackenzie - Addams Family - Strathmore Theatre Players Guild
- Christie Johnson - The McAdo - Morpheus Theatre
- Dana McLeod, Laurie Watt, Lyndsay McAleer, Shelby Florence & Victoria DeDominicis - Mary Poppins - Claresholm Arts Society

Outstanding Lighting Design in a Musical

- John DeDominicis & Nathan King - Mary Poppins - Claresholm Arts Society
- Thomas Hall & Pearl Nkomo - La Cage Aux Folles - Front Row Centre Players
- Josie Kaip - Into the Woods - Untold Stories Theatre
- Kathryn McLaren - Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street - Front Row Centre Players
- Alison Morasch & Gad Gijon - Heathers - Untold Stories Theatre

Outstanding Lighting Design in a Play

- Shannon Clay & John DeDominicis - Arsenic and Old Lace - Claresholm Arts Society
- Richard Goth - A Double Dose of Murder - Workshop Theatre
- Richard Goth - And Then There Were None - Workshop Theatre
- Grace Lu - Prescription: Murder - Workshop Theatre
- Anita & Reid McDonald - Go Back for Murder - Take A Bow Community Theatre Society
- Kat McLaren - Steel Magnolias - Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Engineering/SFX (Musical)

- Corey Ariss - Heathers - Untold Stories Theatre
- Kyle Gould - Guys and Dolls - MisFit Theatre YYC and Morpheus Theatre
- Thomas Hall & Kat Kellner - La Cage Aux Folles - Front Row Centre Players
- Kat Kellner - Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street - Front Row Centre Players
- Stephanie King - Mary Poppins - Claesholm Arts Society

Outstanding Soundscape (Play)

- Evan Davies - And Then There Were None - Workshop Theatre
- Stephanie King - Arsenic and Old Lace - Claesholm Arts Society
- Sarah Nearing - Much Ado About Nothing - Full Circle Theatre
- Harold Squire - The Horse and His Boy - Imagine Theatre YYC
- Harold Squire & Brady Hillman - Steel Magnolias - Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Direction of a Musical

- Fred Amdur - La Cage Aux Folles - Front Row Centre Players
- Sean Anderson - The McAdo - Morpheus Theatre
- Jason Bakaas & Gad Gijon - Heathers - Untold Stories Theatre
- Lena Chalmers - The Night of the Murder - Feather Pen Theatre
- Lindsay Kurtze - Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street - Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Direction of a Play

- Samantha Chatterton & Tracey Ohler - Arsenic and Old Lace - Claesholm Arts Society
- Louis B Hobson - And Then There Were None - Workshop Theatre
- Charlotte Loeppky with Harold Squire - The Horse and His Boy - Imagine Theatre YYC
- Nicola Payton - Drinking Habits - Morpheus Theatre
- Hans Wackershauser & Megan Baldrey - Riverona: Episodes 3&4 - Full Circle Theatre
- Angela Woodard - Steel Magnolias - Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Musical Direction

- Maren Ord - The Night of the Murder - Feather Pen Theatre
- Anne Roggensack & Joanne Sampson - Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street - Front Row Centre Players
- Becky Salmond - Heathers - Untold Stories Theatre
- Chelsea Wellman & Mike Jarzecki - La Cage Aux Folles - Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Choreography

- Katie Bernardo - La Cage Aux Folles - Front Row Centre Players
- Kylie Eastman - The Night of the Murder - Feather Pen Theatre
- Leslie Han - Heathers - Untold Stories Theatre
- Karen Iwanski - Nunsense - Front Row Centre Players
- Jessica Jones - Into the Woods - Untold Stories Theatre
- Daisy Pond - The McAdo - Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Fight Direction

- Kylie Eastman & Lena Chalmers - The Night of the Murder - Feather Pen Theatre
- Riley Galarneau - Heathers - Untold Stories Theatre
- Ian Pond - Guys and Dolls - MisFit Theatre YYC and Morpheus Theatre
- Ian Pond - Riverona: Episodes 3&4 - Full Circle Theatre
- Ian Pond - Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street - Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Original Script or Adaptation and/or Composition

- Megan Baldrey, Claire Bolton, Gillian Klassen & Erin Weir - Porcelain Dolls - Full Circle Theatre
- Megan Baldrey, Claire Bolton, Hans Wackershauser, Erin Weir & Kevin Weir - Riverona: Episodes 3&4 - Full Circle Theatre
- Imagine Theatre (Charlotte Loeppky & Harold Squire) - The Horse and His Boy - Imagine Theatre YYC
- Louise Moan - Three Little Words - Dewdney Players Group Theatre
- Maren Ord - The Night of the Murder - Feather Pen Theatre
- Rebecca Orion - Abigail - Incendiary Festival

Outstanding Production of a Musical

- Heathers - Untold Stories Theatre
- Into the Woods - Untold Stories Theatre
- La Cage Aux Folles - Front Row Centre Players
- Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street - Front Row Centre Players
- The Night of the Murder - Feather Pen Theatre

Outstanding Production of a Play

- Arsenic and Old Lace - Claresholm Arts Society
- Drinking Habits - Morpheus Theatre
- Much Ado About Nothing - Full Circle Theatre
- Porcelain Dolls - Full Circle Theatre
- Riverona: Episodes 3&4 - Full Circle Theatre
- Steel Magnolias - Morpheus Theatre

