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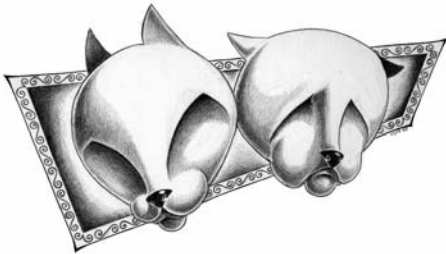
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2011 CAT AWARD NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED!

Calgary, AB: Nominations for the 2011 CAT Awards (Community Theatre Awards), celebrating the best of community theatre in Calgary, were announced on July 20th, 2011. **22 productions from 11 local theatre companies** are nominated for the 21 awards to be presented at this year's ceremony.



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 eighth annual presentation of the CAT Awards.**

This year's nominees represent the top-notch quality, the depth of performance, and the extremely high calibre of talent that Calgarians have come to expect from local community theatre organizations. The awards acknowledge, reward, and celebrate the contributions of local theatre artists with **nominations selected through a combination of public input and show adjudications.**

The recipients of the 2011 CAT Awards will be announced at the gala ceremony on **Saturday, August 27th, 2011 at 7:30 pm at the Rozsa Centre at the University of Calgary**. Please join the best in local community theatre for this amazing evening of celebration. The theme for this year is "**Superheroes**".

Tickets to the event are **\$15** and are on sale now through the Calgary-ACTS website at www.calgary-acts.com or by calling the **Morpheus Theatre Box Office** at **403-246-2999**. Please visit www.calgary-acts.com for more information.

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2011 CAT Award Nominees

Top Nominees (Plays)

- *Children of a Lesser God* (Workshop Theatre) – 9 nominations
- *Barefoot in the Park* (Dewdney Players) – 8 nominations
- *Rumors* (Morpheus Theatre) – 5 nominations

Top Nominees (Musicals)

- *Les Miserables School Edition* (StoryBook Theatre) – 15 nominations
- *The Producers* (Front Row Centre Players) – 12 nominations
- *Brigadoon* (Front Row Centre Players) – 10 nominations

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Actress in a Musical

Cassie Doane as Madam Thenardier in 'Les Miserables School Edition' - StoryBook Theatre

Kayla MacKenzie as Maureen in 'RENT' - Cappuccino Musical Theatre

Chelsea Millard as Meg in 'Brigadoon' - Front Row Centre Players

Katie Miller as Fantine in 'Les Miserables School Edition' - StoryBook Theatre

Taylor Steedman as Cosette in 'Les Miserables School Edition' - StoryBook Theatre

Britt Van Groningen as Alice Beane in 'Titanic the Musical' - UCalgary Operetta

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Actor in a Musical

Allen Crowley as Franz in 'The Producers' - Front Row Centre Players

Brian Holiday as Roger de Bris in 'The Producers' - Front Row Centre Players

Mitchell Lukinuk as Angel in 'RENT' - Cappuccino Musical Theatre

Jake Murray as Enroljas in 'Les Miserables School Edition' - StoryBook Theatre

Gary Silberg as Molokov in 'Chess' - Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Sound Design or Composition

Jeremy Ballantine for 'The Producers' - Front Row Centre Players

Steven Eastgaard-Ross for 'RENT' - Cappuccino Musical Theatre

Dean Martin & Garrett McClure for '1984' – Workshop Theatre

Luke Moar for 'Rumors' – Morpheus Theatre

Luke Moar for 'Under Milk Wood' - Morpheus Theatre

Byron Redd for 'Titanic the Musical' - UCalgary Operetta Company

Outstanding Scenic Design

Laurier Dubeau & Gina Lynn for 'Annie' - StoryBook Theatre

Jamie Eastgaard-Ross, Janos Zeller, Harlan Sterner & Cynthia Anderson for 'Brigadoon' – Front Row Centre Players

Dale Fea, Barb Cook & Doug Howard for 'Barefoot in the Park' - Dewdney Players

Dale Fea, Ed & Andy Sands for 'Sorry! Wrong Chimney' – Dewdney Players

James McGowan for 'The Producers' - Front Row Centre Players

Andrea Sereda for 'Children of a Lesser God' - Workshop Theatre

George Smith, Bill Brown & Gina Lynn for 'Les Miserables School Edition' - StoryBook Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Actor in a Play

James Bell as Orin Dennis in 'Children of a Lesser God' – Workshop Theatre

Jerry Callaghan as Mr. Franklin in 'Children of a Lesser God' – Workshop Theatre

Darren Hopwood as Gordon Pugh in 'The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswoman's Guild Dramatic Society Murder Mystery' - Workshop Theatre

Christopher Moore as William Weldon in 'Sorry! Wrong Chimney' – Dewdney Players

Ed Sands as Victor Velasco in 'Barefoot in the Park' - Dewdney Players

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Actress in a Play

Jade Coultman as Lydia in 'Children of a Lesser God' – Workshop Theatre

Wendy Forberg as Thelma Greenwood in 'The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswoman's Guild Dramatic Society Murder Mystery' - Workshop Theatre

Rose Minton as Mrs. Mueller in 'Doubt' - Liffey Players

Michele Noordhof as Ethel Banks in 'Barefoot in the Park' - Dewdney Players

Nicola Payton as Natalie Weldon in 'Sorry! Wrong Chimney' – Dewdney Players

Outstanding Costume Design

Dana Cook & Frank MacLeod for 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' - StoryBook Theatre

Diana Guedo for 'The Producers' - Front Row Centre Players

Annette Kavalinas with Dale Fea, Brandon, Chanelle, Elrick & Partrick Kavalinas, Sue Gothard and Tyler Arseneau for 'Barefoot in the Park' - Dewdney Players

Frank MacLeod for 'Titanic the Musical' - UCalgary Operetta Company

Rhonda Perry for 'Brigadoon' - Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Lighting Design

Stuart Bentley for 'Children of a Lesser God' – Workshop Theatre

Paul Hilton for 'The Producers' - Front Row Centre Players

Paul Hilton, Sabrina Miko, George Smith & Trevor Somers for 'Les Miserables School Edition' - StoryBook Theatre

Anthony Neary for 'Brigadoon' - Front Row Centre Players

Leon Schwesinger for 'Annie' - StoryBook Theatre

Bryan Smith & Nicole Olson Grant-Suttie for '1984' – Workshop Theatre

Patrick Smith for 'RENT' - Cappuccino Musical Theatre

Brenda Spenard for 'Under Milk Wood' - Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Chorus or Ensemble

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat - StoryBook Theatre

Les Miserables School Edition - StoryBook Theatre

RENT - Cappuccino Musical Theatre

Titanic the Musical - UCalgary Operetta Company

Outstanding Newcomer

Jarryd Baine as Gordon/Ensemble in 'RENT' - Cappuccino Musical Theatre

Katie McMillan as Annie in 'Annie' - StoryBook Theatre

Robin Robertson as Bagpipe Player in 'Brigadoon' - Front Row Centre Players

Joel Tatlow as Gavroche in 'Les Miserables School Edition' - StoryBook Theatre

Jane Tetley as Mrs. Lundie in 'Brigadoon' - Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Choreography or Stage Fight

Andrea Gleason for 'Brigadoon' - Front Row Centre Players

Jodi Harrison for 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' - StoryBook Theatre

Dean Mackedenski for 'Chess' - Front Row Centre Players

Angela Woodard for 'The Producers' - Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Musical Direction

Patrice Barnes for 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' - StoryBook Theatre

Patrice Barnes for 'Les Miserables School Edition' - StoryBook Theatre

Wilma Rothbauer for 'The Producers' - Front Row Centre Players

Colleen Whidden for 'RENT' - Cappuccino Musical Theatre

Colleen Whidden for 'Titanic the Musical' - UCalgary Operetta Company

Outstanding Original Script

Ben Blue, Shanna Daly, Kyle Francis, Dan Gibbins, Jeff Kubik, Matt Pickering & John Tebbutt for 'Cry Havoc 2' – Scorpio Theatre

Dan Gibbins for 'Fix Everything' - Scorpio Theatre

Brent Hirose for 'CLUED In' - Attic Players

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical

Rachel Brager Goldenberg as Aline Sangazure in 'The Sorcerer' – Morpheus Theatre

Jillian Hannah as Eponine in 'Les Miserables School Edition' - StoryBook Theatre

Dana Stoutenberg as Fiona in 'Brigadoon' - Front Row Centre Players

Selina Wong as Narrator in 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' - StoryBook Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Actor in a Musical

Clark Adams as Max Bialystock in 'The Producers' - Front Row Centre Players

Troy Goldthorp as Marius in 'Les Miserables School Edition' - StoryBook Theatre

Kyle Graae as Javert in 'Les Miserables School Edition' - StoryBook Theatre

Zander Laurie as Jean Valjean in 'Les Miserables School Edition' - StoryBook Theatre

Riley Ohler as Leo Bloom in 'The Producers' - Front Row Centre Players

Brandon Wood as Joseph in 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' - StoryBook Theatre

Outstanding Direction of a Musical

Trish Befus for 'RENT' - Cappuccino Musical Theatre

Jamie Eastgaard-Ross for 'Brigadoon' - Front Row Centre Players

Andrea Sereda for 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' - StoryBook Theatre

George Smith & Jacqueline Strilchuk for 'Les Miserables School Edition' - StoryBook Theatre

Colleen Whidden for 'Titanic the Musical' - UCalgary Operetta Company

Janos Zeller for 'The Producers' - Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Direction of a Play

Michelle Brandenburg for 'Under Milk Wood' – Morpheus Theatre

Aaron Conrad for 'Rumors' - Morpheus Theatre

Dean Harrison for 'Barefoot in the Park' - Dewdney Players

Andrea Sereda for 'Children of a Lesser God' - Workshop Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Actor in a Play

Ben Blue as Lenny Ganz in 'Rumors' - Morpheus Theatre

Brian Doyle as James Leeds in 'Children of a Lesser God' - Workshop Theatre

Roger LeBlanc as Winston Smith in '1984' - Workshop Theatre

Alan LeBoeuf as Ezra Fitton in 'All in Good Time' - Workshop Theatre

James Nash as Paul Bratter in 'Barefoot in the Park' - Dewdney Players

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Actress in a Play

Faith Amantea as Jeeves in 'CLUeD In' - Attic Players

Heather Falk as Carolyn in 'This Waking Moment' – Fire Exit Theatre

Anne Hodgson as Lucy Fitton in 'All in Good Time' - Workshop Theatre

Robyn Mackie as Sarah Norman in 'Children of a Lesser God' - Workshop Theatre

Anne-Marie Cotton as Corrie Bratter in 'Barefoot in the Park' - Dewdney Players

Erin Millar as Claire Ganz in 'Rumors' - Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Production of a Musical

Brigadoon - Front Row Centre Players

(Producer: Janos Zeller & Cynthia Anderson; Director: Jamie Eastgaard-Ross; Musical Director: Wilma Rothbauer; Choreographer: Andrea Gleason; Stage Manager: Allana Chatterton)

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat - StoryBook Theatre

(Producer: George Smith; Director: Andrea Sereda; Musical Director: Patrice Barnes; Choreographer: Jodi Harrison; Stage Manager: Veronica Mack)

Les Miserables School Edition - StoryBook Theatre

(Producer: George Smith; Director: George Smith & Jacqueline Strilchuk; Musical Director: Patrice Barnes; Choreographer: Jacqueline Strilchuk; Stage Manager: Charlotte Loeppky)

RENT - Cappuccino Musical Theatre

(Producer: Virginia Clark & Bill Torrie; Director: Trish Befus; Musical Director: Colleen Whidden; Choreographer: Daisy Pond & Mitchell Lukinuk; Stage Manager: Daisy Pond)

The Producers - Front Row Centre Players

(Producer: Megan Thatcher & Darren Stewart; Director: Janos Zeller; Musical Director: Wilma Rothbauer; Choreographer: Angela Woodard; Stage Manager: Leah Winter)

Titanic the Musical - UCalgary Operetta Company

(Producer: Byron Redd; Director & Musical Director: Colleen Whidden; Choreographer: Jocelyn Hoover; Stage Manager: Meredith Johnson)

Outstanding Production of a Play

1984 – Workshop Theatre

(Producer: Alan LeBoeuf, John Hickie & Stuart Bentley; Director: Mike Peterson; Stage Manager: Trish Befus)

Barefoot in the Park - Dewdney Players

(Producer: Ed Sands; Director: Dean Harrison; Stage Manager: Barb Cook)

Children of a Lesser God - Workshop Theatre

(Producer: Stuart Bentley; Director: Andrea Sereda; Stage Manager: Veronica Mack)

Doubt - Liffey Players

(Producer: Chris Kane; Director: Tanya Wolff; Stage Manager: Laura Bakken)

Rumors - Morpheus Theatre

(Producer: Sean Anderson; Director: Aaron Conrad; Stage Manager: Daisy Pond)

Under Milk Wood - Morpheus Theatre

(Producer: Michelle Brandenburg & Sean Anderson; Director: Michelle Brandenburg; Stage Manager: Barb MacBeath)