



AUGUST 28, 2011

2011 CAT AWARDS ANNOUNCED!

The recipients of the 2011 CAT Awards were announced at the gala ceremony on Saturday, August 27, 2011 at the University of Calgary's Rozsa Centre.

22 productions from 11 community theatre companies were vying for 21 awards at this year's CAT Awards. **Front Row Centre Players** production of '**The Producers**' tied **Cappuccino Musical Theatre's 'RENT'** for top awarded productions of the night, taking in 5 awards each. With '**The Producers**' taking home the Outstanding Production of a Musical award. **Morpheus Theatre's** production of '**Rumors**' took home 4 awards, including the Outstanding Production of a Play.

The **Sandy Singer Award for Outstanding Contribution to Community Theatre** was awarded to **Pat Baceda** for her selfless contributions to the theatre community. This year, the CAT Awards committee also recognized Morpheus Theatre with a special **Community Builder Award** for their work in renovating the Parkdale Community Centre and turning it into a rehearsal centre. The \$400,000 project involved nearly 100 volunteers, 1500 volunteer hours, and \$95,000 in donations.

This was the eighth annual CAT Awards ceremony, an event that celebrates the quality Calgarians can expect to see from community theatre in the Calgary Area. The CAT Awards is produced by Calgary-ACTS – Calgary's Alliance of Community Theatres. Recipients are determined by a combined process of public nomination and adjudication. The public is encouraged to attend community theatre productions and nominate their favourites throughout the upcoming 2011-2012 season. The public is able to make nominations online at www.calgary-acts.com starting September 1.

Calgary-ACTS is Calgary's Alliance of Community Theatres, a non-profit alliance that has been focused on promoting community theatre in Calgary, informing its members and the public of relevant events related to the arts, and providing a communication and support network for its members.

2011 CAT Awards Recipients

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Actress in a Musical

Sponsored by James Noonan

Kayla MacKenzie (Maureen) in RENT - Cappuccino Musical Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Actor in a Musical

Sponsored by Pat Baceda & Carolyn Byers

Mitchell Lukinuk (Angel) in RENT - Cappuccino Musical Theatre

Outstanding Sound Design or Composition

Sponsored by Cine Audio Visual

Jeremy Ballantine for The Producers - Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Scenic Design

Sponsored by Sets and Stuff

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

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Actor in a Play

Sponsored by The Painted Fish Theatre Company

Jerry Callaghan (Mr. Franklin) in Children of a Lesser God - Workshop Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Actress in a Play

Rose Minton (Mrs. Mueller) in Doubt - Liffey Players

Outstanding Costume Design

Sponsored by Canuck Amusements

Rhonda Perry for Brigadoon – Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Lighting Design

Sponsored by University Theatre Services

Anthony Neary for Brigadoon - Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Performance by a Chorus or Ensemble

Sponsored by White's Flowers

RENT (Ensemble) - Cappuccino Musical Theatre

Outstanding Newcomer

Sponsored by Rose and Paul Hilton

Jarryd Baine (Gordon/Ensemble) in RENT - Cappuccino Musical Theatre

Outstanding Choreography or Stage Fight

Sponsored by StoryBook Theatre

Angela Woodard for The Producers - Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Musical Direction

Sponsored by Bill Torrie

Colleen Whidden for RENT - Cappuccino Musical Theatre

Outstanding Original Script or Adaptation

Sponsored by Morpheus Theatre

Dan Gibbins for Fix Everything - Scorpio Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical

Sponsored by Brian Holiday

Selina Wong (Narrator) in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat - StoryBook Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Actor in a Musical

Sponsored by Workshop Theatre

Clark Adams (Max Bialystock) in The Producers - Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Direction of a Musical

Sponsored by Stuart Bentley, ROYAL LePAGE Benchmark

Janos Zeller for The Producers - Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Direction of a Play

Sponsored by Theatre Alberta

Aaron Conrad for Rumors - Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Actor in a Play

Sponsored by Theatre Works

Ben Blue (Lenny Ganz) in Rumors - Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Actress in a Play

Sponsored by Cappuccino Musical Theatre

Erin Millar (Claire Ganz) in Rumors - Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Production of a Musical

The Producers - Front Row Centre Players

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

Outstanding Production of a Play

Sponsored by Front Row Centre Players

Rumors - Morpheus Theatre

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

Special Awards:

Sandy Singer Award for Outstanding Contribution to Community Theatre

Pat Baceda – Calgary-ACTS

Community Builder Award

Morpheus Theatre

Volunteer Awards

Allana Chaterton - Front Row Centre Players

Trevor Somers - Workshop Theatre

Anthony Yuen - Scorpio Theatre

Tom Cuthbertson, Don Hardy & John Ruelle - Morpheus Theatre