

2013 CAT AWARD RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED!

Saturday, August 24, 2013, marked the **10th Annual CAT Awards celebration** of Calgary Community Theatre at the University of Calgary's Rozsa Centre. 23 productions from 12 community theatre companies were nominated for 22 awards at this year's CAT Awards. **Spamalot** from Front Row Centre Players was the recipient for **Outstanding Production of a Musical**. Gas and Light Productions' **Lady Windermere's Fan** received the award for **Outstanding Production of a Play**. Morpheus Theatre, Scorpio, and Storybook Theatre were also worthy recipients.

The Calgary Community Theatre Ltd. (CCTL) received the **Community Builders Award** for becoming a positive and contributing member of the Beddington Community. The Community Builders Award recognized companies or individuals for outstanding contributions to the community at large. This partnership includes Storybook Theatre Society and Front Row Centre Players and both are vital members of community theatre.

Michelle Brandenburg received the prestigious **Sandy Singer Award** for her Outstanding Contribution to Community Theatre, recognizing her deep commitment to the delivery of quality community theatre by assuming a variety of roles on stage and off.

The annual CAT Awards ceremony is an event that celebrates the quality Calgarians can expect to see from community theatre in Calgary and surrounding areas. 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 2013-2014 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, 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.

The CAT Awards Committee is pleased to announce the 2013 recipients of a CAT Award.

Congratulations to all recipients, and to all nominees, each of whom produced outstanding performances.

Thank you to all who participated and The CAT Awards Committee appreciates the positive feedback and constructive opinions.

CAT Awards Committee

2013 CAT Award Nominees & Recipients

Top Recipient (Play) – Lady Windermere's Fan

Top Recipient (Musical) – Spamalot

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Actress in a Play

- **Donna Barnfield** as Mrs. Erlynne in *Lady Windermere's Fan* – (Gas & Light Productions)

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Actor in a Play

- **Gregory Spielman** as George King (Grandad) in *Grandad Was a Soldier* – (Scorpio Theatre)

Outstanding Soundscape

- **Aidan Lytton** for *The Diary of Anne Frank* – (Morpheus Theatre)

Outstanding SFX

- **Etienne St Jacques** for *Hairspray* – (Storybook Theatre)

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Actress in a Musical

- **Katelyn Morishita** as Paulette Bonafonte in *Legally Blonde, the Musical* – (Front Row Center Players)

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Actor in a Musical

- **Colton Duane** as Patsy in *Spamalot* – (Front Row Center Players)

Stagecraft

- **Bryan Francis, Janos Zeller, Graeme Humphrey, Jamie Eastgaard Ross, Jody Low, & Jenn Brown Clarke** for *Singin' in the Rain* – (Front Row Center Players)

Outstanding Costume Design

- **Rhonda Mottle & Mikee Ames** for *Spamalot* – (Front Row Center Players)

Outstanding Performance by a Chorus

- ***Legally Blonde: The Musical*** - (Front Row Center Players)

Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble

- ***Calendar Girls*** – (Workshop Theatre)

Outstanding Lighting Design

- **JP Thibodeau** for *Hairspray* - (Storybook Theatre)

Outstanding Choreography or Stage Fight

- **Danielle Desmarais** for *Spamalot* – (Front Row Center Players)

Outstanding Musical Direction

- **Naomi Williams** for *Spamalot* – (Front Row Center Players)

Outstanding Original Script or Adaptation

- **Dan Gibbins** for *Grandad Was a Soldier* – (Scorpio Theatre)

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Actress in a Play

- **Gillian Klassen** as Lady Windermere in *Lady Windermere's Fan* - (Gas & Light Productions)

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Actor in a Play

- **Courtney Nelson** as Stanley Kowalski in *A Streetcar Named Desire* - (Liffey Players)

Outstanding Direction of a Musical

- **Janos Zeller** for *Spamalot* - (Front Row Center Players)

Outstanding Direction of a Play

- **Sean Anderson** for *Noises Off* - (Morpheus Theatre)

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical

- **Ainsley Ohler** as Elle Woods in *Legally Blonde: The Musical* - (Front Row Center Players)

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Actor in a Musical

- **Jeremy Walker** as Edna Turnblad in *Hairspray* – (Storybook Theatre)

Outstanding Production of a Musical

Spamalot – Front Row Centre Players
Producers: Veronica Mack with Alexandra May
Director: Janos Zeller
Musical Director: Naomi Williams
Choreography: Danielle Desmarais
Stage Manager: Allana Chatterton

Outstanding Production of a Play

Lady Windermere's Fan – Gas and Light Productions
Producers: Thereasa Maillie and Rob Fulton;
Director: Jeremy MacKenzie;
Stage Manager: Heather MacDonald

Each year, Community Theatre artists and companies are recognized for their contributions. The Volunteer Awards give theatre companies an opportunity to recognize some of the hard working individuals who have made an exceptional impact. As each recipient is announced, they are invited to come up on stage and accept the award.

Outstanding Volunteer Recipients were:**Workshop Theatre:**

Mike Hughes
Linda Hughes

Dewdney Players

Collette Seders

StoryBook Theatre

Cat Bentley
Wilma Rothbauer
Eva Steiver
Aretha Smith
Reiley Smith

Front Row Centre Players

Myrna Weiden
Tobyn Neame

Morpheus Theatre

Kristine Astop

Strathmore Theatre Players Guild

Angela Reeves