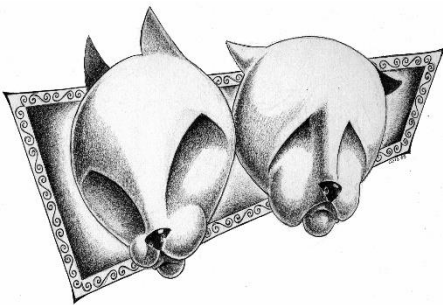


Monday, July 24, 2023



2023 CAT AWARD NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED!

Calgary, AB: Nominations for the 2023 CAT Awards (Community Theatre Awards), celebrating the best of community theatre in Calgary and neighbouring communities were announced on July 24, 2023. There are 107 nominees in the 19 award categories this year for productions from July 2022 to June 2023, and a total of 17 productions were nominated from 12 different companies, including 4 companies new to Calgary-ACTS this year (Claresholm Arts Society, Holy Fools Theatre, Maren Ord Music, and Seniors Acting Lab).



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 19th year for the CAT Awards.**

Calgary and area audiences were offered 32 productions from 16 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 2023 CAT Awards will be announced in person on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Telus Spark Science Centre. Please join the best in local community theatre for this amazing evening of celebration. **The theme for this year is "To the Nines".**

This year Calgary-ACTS welcomes Scottie Grinton, community theatre artist, stand-up comedian, and past CAT Award nominee to join us as our Emcee at the annual awards ceremony.

Tickets to the event are \$25 and will be available online. Please visit www.calgary-acts.com for more information.

2023 CAT Award Nominees (listed alphabetically)

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Role in a Musical

- Chris Baddock as Lumiere - Disney's Beauty and the Beast - Swamp Donkey Musical Theatre
- Lindsay Kurtze as Rosie - Mamma Mia! - Front Row Centre Players
- Russell Lawrence as Sebastian - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Untold Stories Theatre and Morpheus Theatre
- Laci McLeod as Gabrielle - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Claresholm Arts Society
- Tracey Ohler as Madame - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Claresholm Arts Society
- Ginette Simonot as Jack Point - The Yeomen of the Guard - Morpheus Theatre
- Heather Skulski as Madame - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Untold Stories Theatre and Morpheus Theatre
- Alyssa Waldner as Marie - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Untold Stories Theatre and Morpheus Theatre
- Jeremy Walker as Don - Kinky Boots - Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Role in a Play

- Wayne Arsenault as Dave - The Full Monty - Dewdney Players
- Patrick Brown as Gerald - The Full Monty - Dewdney Players
- Faith Marie Casement as Ruth - Calendar Girls - Morpheus Theatre
- Fiona Getty as Phyllis - The Railway Children - Imagine Performing Arts
- Zahra Jiwa as E.L. Edinbary - Daddy's Girl - Symons Valley Players
- Kelly Kozak as Sir Andrew Aguecheek - Twelfth Night - Dewdney Players
- Sara Mattsson as Celia - Calendar Girls - Morpheus Theatre
- Leanne Million as Judge/Madonna/Anna P./Troupe - We Are Pussy Riot or Everything is P.R. - Holy Fools Theatre
- Anne Mulders as Michelle Stein - Bill C773 - Seniors Acting Lab

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Role in a Musical

- Fred Amdur as Charlie Price - Kinky Boots - Front Row Centre Players
- Christine Baker as Ella - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Untold Stories Theatre and Morpheus Theatre
- Daniel Hanson as Topher - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Untold Stories Theatre and Morpheus Theatre
- Megan Kerrigan as Sophie - Mamma Mia! - Front Row Centre Players
- Stephanie King as Ella - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Claresholm Arts Society
- Lyndsey Paterson as Donna - Mamma Mia! - Front Row Centre Players
- Felix Yoder as Lola/Simon - Kinky Boots - Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Performance by a Leading Role in a Play

- Melissa Bennett as Masha - We Are Pussy Riot or Everything is P.R. - Holy Fools Theatre
- Teresa Byrne as Annie - Calendar Girls - Morpheus Theatre
- Eli Copping as Katya - We Are Pussy Riot or Everything is P.R. - Holy Fools Theatre
- Ali El-Rifai as Sergei - We Are Pussy Riot or Everything is P.R. - Holy Fools Theatre
- Mandi Fusaro as Trisha-Lee - The Pink Unicorn - Nose Creek Players
- Elizabeth Greenwood as Lulu Stinson - Gone to Glory - Imagine Performing Arts
- Nicola Payton as Chris - Calendar Girls - Morpheus Theatre
- Rosalind Jackson Roe as Bobbie - The Railway Children - Imagine Performing Arts
- Jen White as Nadya - We Are Pussy Riot or Everything is P.R. - Holy Fools Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Chorus/Ensemble in a Musical

- The Gardener - A Musical - Maren Ord Music
- Kinky Boots - Front Row Centre Players
- Mamma Mia! - Front Row Centre Players
- Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Claresholm Arts Society
- Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Untold Stories Theatre and Morpheus Theatre
- The Yeomen of the Guard - Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Performance by a Chorus/Ensemble in a Play

- Calendar Girls - Morpheus Theatre
- The Full Monty - Dewdney Players
- The Railway Children - Imagine Performing Arts
- Rumors - Morpheus Theatre
- We Are Pussy Riot or Everything is P.R. - Holy Fools Theatre

Outstanding Stagecraft

- Jason Bakaas & Mikee Ames - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Untold Stories Theatre and Morpheus Theatre
- Charlene Brydges, Samantha Bellamy, Fred Amdur, Stephen West & Emily De Boer - Kinky Boots - Front Row Centre Players
- Darryl Lindenbach, Charlotte Loeppky & Jane Tetley - Gone to Glory - Imagine Performing Arts
- Peter Morton, John DeDionicio, Barry Wood, Norm Foxcroft & Martina McGarry - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Claresholm Arts Society
- Harold Squire, Walter Loeppky & Charlotte Loeppky - The Railway Children - Imagine Performing Arts
- Angela Woodard, Krista Willott, Meghan Skeet & Valentin Zapien - Mamma Mia! - Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Costume Design

- Paula Bishop - The Railway Children - Imagine Performing Arts
- Christie Johnson - The Yeomen of the Guard - Morpheus Theatre
- Dana McLeod, Shelby Florence, Lyndsay McAleer, Michelle DeDominicis & Grace Boutland - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Claresholm Arts Society
- Britta Siemens & Ian Riep - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Untold Stories Theatre and Morpheus Theatre
- Diane Ward - Disney's Beauty and the Beast - Swamp Donkey Musical Theatre
- Stephen West, Brittany Doucet-Lewis, Emily De Boer & Andrew Russell - Kinky Boots - Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Lighting Design

- Benjamin Childs - Kinky Boots - Front Row Centre Players
- Thaniel Franz - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Claresholm Arts Society
- Josie Kaip - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Untold Stories Theatre and Morpheus Theatre
- Jamie Macaulay - The Railway Children - Imagine Performing Arts

Outstanding Engineering/SFX (Musical)

- Alex Harrison, Emilea Harrison & Sebastian DeDominicis - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Claresholm Arts Society
- Rahim Manji & Gad Gijon - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Untold Stories Theatre and Morpheus Theatre
- Aaman Merali - Mamma Mia! - Front Row Centre Players
- Mark Mitchell & Sebastian D - The Gardener - A Musical - Maren Ord Music

Outstanding Soundscape (Play)

- Grace Lu - Calendar Girls - Morpheus Theatre
- Andy Northrup & Harold Squire - Gone to Glory - Imagine Performing Arts
- Rebecca Orion - We Are Pussy Riot or Everything is P.R. - Holy Fools Theatre
- Ben Seders - The Full Monty - Dewdney Players
- Harold Squire & Auri Forda - The Railway Children - Imagine Performing Arts

Outstanding Direction of a Musical

- Jason Bakaas & Gad Gijon - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Untold Stories Theatre and Morpheus Theatre
- Charlene Brydges & Stephen West - Kinky Boots - Front Row Centre Players
- Kyle Gould - The Yeomen of the Guard - Morpheus Theatre
- Peter Morton - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Claresholm Arts Society
- Maren Ord Burnham, Sheri Holt Christensen & Whitney Smith - The Gardener - A Musical - Maren Ord Music
- Angela Woodard - Mamma Mia! - Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Direction of a Play

- Darryl Lindenbach & Charlotte Loepky - Gone to Glory - Imagine Performing Arts
- Charlotte Loepky with Harold Squire - The Railway Children - Imagine Performing Arts
- Mira Maschmeyer - We Are Pussy Riot or Everything is P.R. - Holy Fools Theatre
- Sherene Seders - The Full Monty - Dewdney Players
- Krista Willott - Calendar Girls - Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Musical Direction

- Michelle DeDominicis - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Claresholm Arts Society
- Winnifred Hume - The Yeomen of the Guard - Morpheus Theatre
- Maren Ord Burnham - The Gardener - A Musical - Maren Ord Music
- Allie Pompu - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Untold Stories Theatre and Morpheus Theatre
- Andrea Timmons & Jenn Lanciault - Mamma Mia! - Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Choreography

- Jessica Jones Deroche - Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Untold Stories Theatre and Morpheus Theatre
- Kimberly Johnson & Kylie Eastman - The Gardener - A Musical - Maren Ord Music
- Mya Swedberg - The Yeomen of the Guard - Morpheus Theatre
- Stephen West - Kinky Boots - Front Row Centre Players
- Angela Woodard & Bobbie-Jean Deurbrouck - Mamma Mia! - Front Row Centre Players

Outstanding Fight Direction

- Kimberly Johnson - The Gardener - A Musical - Maren Ord Music
- Rico Pfeiffer - Disney's Beauty and the Beast - Swamp Donkey Musical Theatre
- Ian Pond - We Are Pussy Riot or Everything is P.R. - Holy Fools Theatre

Outstanding Original Script or Adaptation and/or Composition

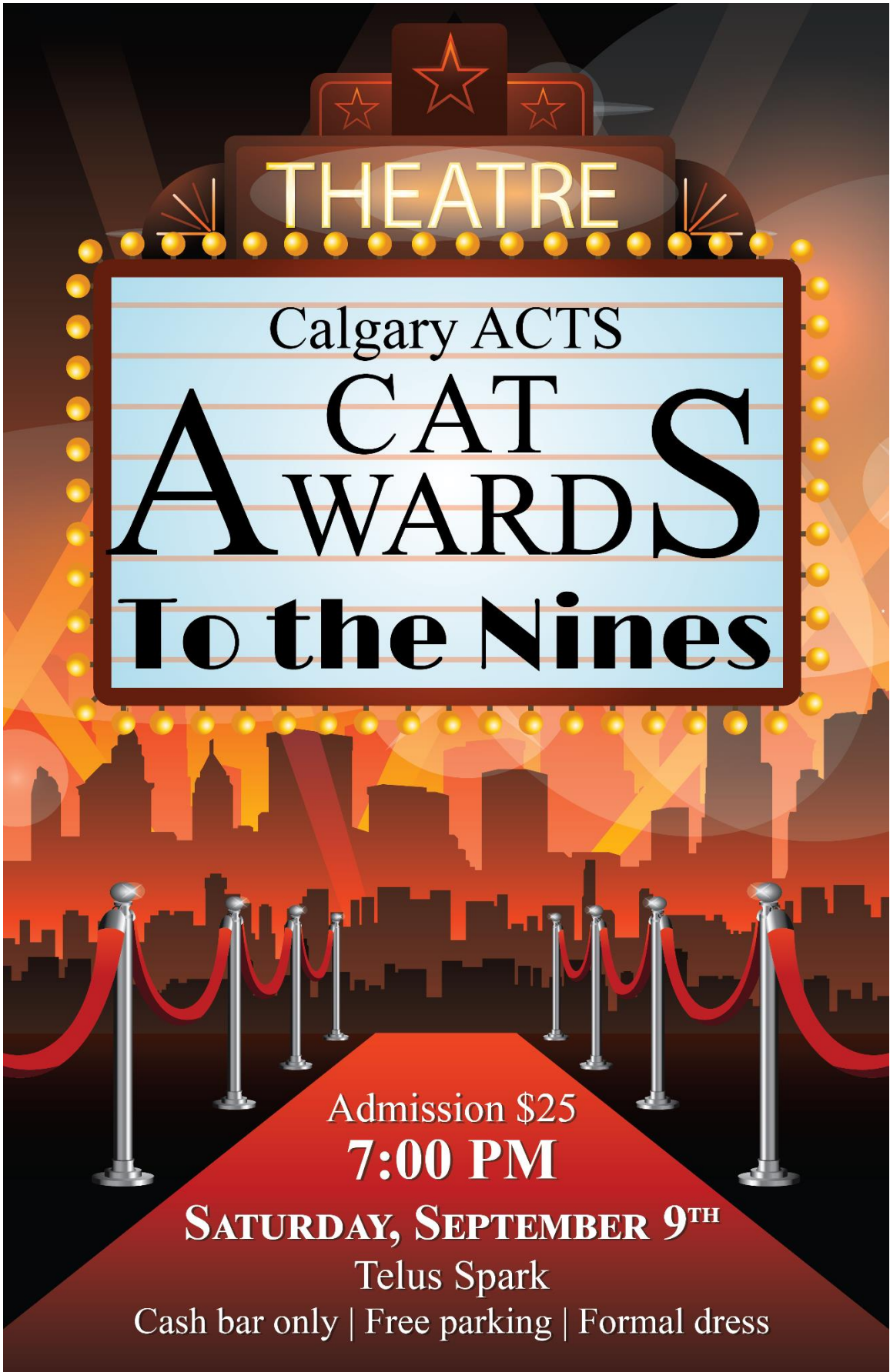
- Louise Day - Bill C773 - Seniors Acting Lab
- Maren Ord Burnham - The Gardener - A Musical - Maren Ord Music

Outstanding Production of a Musical

- The Gardener - A Musical - Maren Ord Music
- Kinky Boots - Front Row Centre Players
- Mamma Mia! - Front Row Centre Players
- Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Claresholm Arts Society
- Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella - Untold Stories Theatre and Morpheus Theatre
- The Yeomen of the Guard - Morpheus Theatre

Outstanding Production of a Play

- Calendar Girls - Morpheus Theatre
- The Full Monty - Dewdney Players
- Gone to Glory - Imagine Performing Arts
- The Railway Children - Imagine Performing Arts
- We Are Pussy Riot or Everything is P.R. - Holy Fools Theatre



THEATRE

Calgary ACTS

A CAT AWARDS
To the Nines

Admission \$25

7:00 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

Telus Spark

Cash bar only | Free parking | Formal dress