

2023 NOMINATIONS

Musical Theatre



Outstanding Set

Adam Griffin, John Nicholls, Adam Salter, West Side Story, Dramatic Productions

Chris Zuber, Dogfight, Dramatic Productions

Ian Croker, Cats, Canberra Philharmonic Society

Martin Rowney, Pirates of Penzance, Child Players ACT

Michael Sparks, Marry Me A Little, Everyman Theatre

Jarrad West, Spamalot, Free-Rain Theatre Company

Outstanding Lighting Design

Alex Clifford, Cats, Canberra Philharmonic Society

Craig Muller and Grant Pegg, Dogfight, Dramatic Productions

Craig Muller, Marry Me A Little, Everyman Theatre

Jacob Aquilina, Spamalot, Free-Rain Theatre Company

Jacob Aquilina, West Side Story, Dramatic Productions

Julie and Tom Heather and team, Shrek Jnr, Pied Piper Productions

Outstanding Sound Design

Craig Herbert and Mark Olsen, West Side Story, Dramatic Productions

James McPherson, Cats, Canberra Philharmonic Society

James McPherson, Dogfight, Dramatic Productions

Julie and Tom Heather and team, Shrek Jnr, Pied Piper Productions

Kyle Maley, Spamalot, Free-Rain Theatre Company

Nathan Patrech, Marry Me A Little, Everyman Theatre

Outstanding Costume Design

Ange Fewtrell, Pirates of Penzance, Child Players ACT

Fiona Leach, Spamalot, Free-Rain Theatre Company

Jennie Norberry, Dogfight, Dramatic Productions

Pip Muller, Cats, Canberra Philharmonic Society

Rheannan Vergano, Shrek Jnr, Pied Piper Productions

Sarea Nicholas and team (Jessica Coates, Ange Fewtrell, Karen Malam, Jane Espeland, Vicky Young and Bonnie Babic), Alice in Wonderland, Child Players ACT

Outstanding Supporting Performance in a Musical (2 awards)

Darcy Kinsella as Patsy, Spamalot, Free-Rain Theatre Company

Garrett Kelly as Rum Tum Tugger, Cats, Canberra Philharmonic Society

Grayson Woodham as Bernstein, Dogfight, Dramatic Productions

Harper Ward as Lord Farquaad, Shrek Jnr, Pied Piper Productions

Isabella Fraser as Dragon, Shrek Jnr, Pied Piper Productions

Jessica Gowing as Bombalurina, Cats, Canberra Philharmonic Society

Kirily Cornwell as Mama, Dogfight, Dramatic Productions

Kit Berry as Marcy, Dogfight, Dramatic Productions

Samantha Nettleton as Ruth, Pirates of Penzance, Child Players

Thomas Kingsland as the White Rabbit, Alice in Wonderland, Child Players ACT

Will Collett as Boland, Dogfight, Dramatic Productions

**Outstanding Featured Performance in a Musical
(including individual or group)**

Children's Ensemble, Pirates of Penzance, Child Players
Emily Myers as Captain of the Guards, Rat and Duloc
Citizen, Shrek Jnr, Pied Piper Productions
Knights Ensemble, Spamalot, Free-Rain Theatre
Company
Phil Marlan as Gus, Cats, Canberra Philharmonic
The Tweedles, Alice in Wonderland, Child Players ACT

**Outstanding Youth Performance in a Musical
(18yo and under)**

Birds Ensemble, Alice in Wonderland, Child Players ACT
Charlotte Woodhouse as the Gingerbread Man, Shrek
Jnr, Pied Piper Productions
Jamie and Ryan Lloyd as the Tweedles, Alice in
Wonderland, Child Players ACT
Rosie Welling as Pinocchio, Shrek Jnr, Pied Piper
Productions
Samantha Nettleton as the Mad Hatter, Alice in
Wonderland, Child Players ACT
Sophie Hart as Fiona, Shrek Jnr, Pied Piper Productions

**Outstanding Lead Performance in a Musical
(2 awards)**

Alexander Clubb as Eddie Birdlace, Dogfight, Dramatic
Productions
Hamish McIntyre as Frederic, Pirates of Penzance, Child
Players
Hannah Lance as Woman, Marry Me A Little, Everyman
Theatre
Kirrily Cornwell as Grizabella, Cats, Canberra
Philharmonic Society
Michael Jordan as King Arthur, Spamalot, Free-Rain
Theatre Company
Michael Jordan as Munkustrap, Cats, Canberra
Philharmonic
Samantha Nettleton as the Mad Hatter, Alice in
Wonderland, Child Players ACT
Sophie Hart as Fiona, Shrek Jnr, Pied Piper Productions
Taylor Paliaga as Rose Fenny, Dogfight, Dramatic
Productions
William Allington as Tony, West Side Story, Dramatic
Productions

Outstanding Orchestra

Alice in Wonderland, Child Players ACT
Cats, Canberra Philharmonic Society
Dogfight, Dramatic Productions
Marry Me A Little, Everyman Theatre
Pirates of Penzance, Child Players ACT
Spamalot, Free-Rain Theatre Company

Outstanding Musical Director

Alexander Unikowski, Cats, Canberra Philharmonic
Society
Caleb Campbell, Dogfight, Dramatic Productions
Elizabeth Alford, Marry Me A Little, Everyman Theatre
Emma Zen, Shrek Jnr, Pied Piper Productions
Susan West, Pirates of Penzance, Child Players ACT
Teresa Wojcik, West Side Story, Dramatic Productions

Outstanding Choreographer

Ange Fewtrell and team, Alice in Wonderland, Child
Players ACT
Caitlin Schilg, Cats, Canberra Philharmonic Society
Julie Heather, Shrek Jnr, Pied Piper Productions
Lara Clements, West Side Story, Dramatic Productions
Mercedes Ellis, Pirates of Penzance, Child Players ACT P
Nathan Rutups, Dogfight, Dramatic Productions

Outstanding Director of a Musical

BJ Anyos, *Alice in Wonderland*, Child Players ACT

Georgia Pike-Rowney, *Pirates of Penzance*, Child Players ACT

Grant Pegg and Kelly Roberts, *Dogfight*, Dramatic Productions

Jarrad West, *Spamalot*, Free-Rain Theatre Company

Jarrad West, *Marry Me A Little*, Everyman Theatre

Nina Stevenson, *Shrek Jnr*, Pied Piper Productions

Theatre

Outstanding Set

Andrew Kay, *Home, I'm Darling*, Canberra Repertory Society

Cate Clelland, *Amadeus*, Canberra Repertory Society

Joel Horwood, *Hay Fever*, ACT Hub

Kathleen Kershaw, *You Can't Tell Anyone*, Canberra Youth Theatre

Kayla Ciceran, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised]*, Canberra Repertory Society

Michael Sparks, *Crimes of the Heart*, Canberra Repertory Society

Outstanding Lighting Design

Craig Muller, *Steel Magnolias*, Free-Rain Theatre Company

Ethan Hamill, *The Trials*, Canberra Youth Theatre

Ethan Hamill, *You Can't Tell Anyone*, Canberra Youth Theatre

Nathan Sciberras, *Amadeus*, Canberra Repertory Society

Stephen Still, *Home, I'm Darling*, Canberra Repertory Society

Stephen Still, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised]*, Canberra Repertory Society

Outstanding Sound Design

Fionn Hammond and Lachie Vellar, *The Crucible*, Gungahlin College Theatre

Justin Mullins, *Home, I'm Darling*, Canberra Repertory Society

Justin Mullins, *Speaking in Tongues*, Free-Rain Theatre Company

Neville Pye, *The Children*, Chaika Theatre

Patrick Haesler, *The Trials*, Canberra Youth Theatre

Patrick Haesler, *You Can't Tell Anyone*, Canberra Youth Theatre

Outstanding Costume Design

Ange Fewtrell, The Mayor of Munchkin Land, Child Players ACT

Cate Clelland, Speaking in Tongues, Free-Rain Theatre Company

Deborah Huff-Horwood, Amadeus, Canberra Repertory Society

Fiona Leach, Hay Fever, ACT Hub

Heather Spong, The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised], Canberra Repertory Society

Helen Drum, Home, I'm Darling, Canberra Repertory Society

Outstanding Featured Performance in a Play, (including individual or group)

Alex McPherson, Callum Doherty and Ryan Street as The Players, The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised], Canberra Repertory Society

Carmen King, Meaghan Stewart and Ella Buckley as Meg, Babe and Lenny, The Magrath Sisters, Crimes of Heart, Canberra Repertory Theatre

Ella Buckley as Gwen, You Can't Tell Anyone, Canberra Youth Theatre

Ensemble, Steel Magnolias, Free-Rain Theatre Company

Joe Dinn as Neil Armstrong (voice for puppet), Scarecrow, Dick (Tim's Father), Bob Caleo (John's Father), Derge, Queen Two, Woody, Franco, Doctor One, Theatre Director and NIDA Actor, Holding the Man, Everyman Theatre

Paris Scharkie as Kat, You Can't Tell Anyone, Canberra Youth Theatre

Outstanding Youth Performance in a Play (18yo and under)

Ensemble, The Mayor of Munchkin Land, Child Players ACT

Jacqueline Tatam as Zoe, The Trials, Canberra Youth Theatre

Jessica King as Ben Capella, Heist!, Green Oak Theatre

Kathleen Dunkerley as Ren, The Trials, Canberra Youth Theatre

Outstanding Supporting Performance in a Drama

Justice-Noah Malfitano as Venticello 2, Amadeus, Canberra Repertory Society

Maxine Eayrs as Virginia, Ruben Guthrie, ACT Hub

Michael Smith as Venticello 1, Amadeus, Canberra Repertory Society

Mischa Rippon as Damian, Ruben Guthrie, ACT Hub

Richard Manning as Ray, Ruben Guthrie, ACT Hub

Sophie Williams as Abigail Williams, The Crucible, Gungahlin College Theatre Company

Outstanding Supporting Performance in a Comedy

Joe Dinn as Richard Greatham, Hay Fever, ACT Hub

Kayla Ciceran as, Alex, Home, I'm Darling, Canberra Repertory Society

Meaghan Stewart as Sandy Tyrell, Hay Fever, ACT Hub

Natalie Waldron as Fran, Home, I'm Darling, Canberra Repertory Society

Robbie Haltiner as Doc Porter, Crimes of the Heart, Canberra Repertory Society

Tracy Noble as Myra Arundel, Hay Fever, ACT Hub

Outstanding Lead Performance in a Drama (2 awards)

Andrea Close as Melissa Gardner, Love Letters, Canberra Repertory Society

Arran McKenna as Leon and Nick, Speaking in Tongues, Free-Rain Theatre Company

Helen McFarlane as Truvy, Steel Magnolias, Free-Rain Theatre Company

Jack Shanahan as Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Amadeus, Canberra Repertory Society

Jim Adamik as Antonio Salieri, Amadeus, Canberra Repertory Society

Joel Horwood as Tim, Holding the Man, Everyman Theatre

Karen Vickery, Hazel, The Children, Chaika Theatre

Michael Sparks as Andrew Makepeace Ladd III, Love Letters, Canberra Repertory Society

Steph Roberts as Sonja and Sarah, Speaking in Tongues, Free-Rain Theatre Company

Victoria Tyrell Dixon as M'Lynn, Steel Magnolias, Free-Rain Theatre Company

**Outstanding Lead Performance in a Comedy
(2 awards)**

Alex McPherson as Player, The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised], Canberra Repertory Society

Andrea Close as Judith Bliss, Hay Fever, ACT Hub

Callum Doherty as Player, The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised], Canberra Repertory Society

Carmen King as Lenny Magrath, Crimes of the Heart, Canberra Repertory Society

Holly Ross as Sorel Bliss, Hay Fever, ACT Hub

Karina Hudson as Judy, Home, I'm Darling, Canberra Repertory Society

Liz St. Clair Long as Mary Ellingworth, Mr Bennett's Bride, Canberra Repertory Society

Rob De Fries as Robert Bennett, Mr Bennett's Bride, Canberra Repertory Society

Ryan Street as Player, The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised], Canberra Repertory Society

Steph Roberts as Frances Bliss, Hay Fever, ACT Hub

Outstanding Direction of a Play

Caitlin Baker, You Can't Tell Anyone, Canberra Youth Theatre

Cate Clelland, Amadeus, Canberra Repertory Society

Cate Clelland, Speaking in Tongues, Free-Rain Theatre Company

Joel Horwood, Hay Fever, ACT Hub

Tony Knight and Sophie Benassi, The Children, Chaika Theatre

Ylaria Rogers, The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised], Canberra Repertory Society

Across all Categories

Judges' Award for Outstanding Achievement – Theatre

To be announced at the Celebration

Judge's Award for Outstanding Achievement – Musical Theatre

To be announced at the Celebration

Behind the Scenes Award Musical Theatre

Leonard Weiss – Conductor, West Side Story, Dramatic Productions

A late addition to the production who rehearsed the orchestra to perform of one of the most difficult musical theatre scores.

Ryan d'Argeaval, Pirates of Penzance, Child Players
For numerous roles as Assistant Director, Sword Master and Stage Manager

Behind the Scenes Award Theatre

Christine Faron, Justin Mullins, fortepiano recordings, Amadeus, Canberra Repertory Society

Emma Rowland, Puppet Designer, Holding the Man, Everyman Theatre

Lee Powles, Head of Wigs & Hairdressing, Steel Magnolias, Free-Rain Theatre Company

Wigs, Amadeus, Canberra Repertory Society

Ylaria Rogers, choreography to Blondie's Heart of Glass, The Children, Chaika Theatre

Outstanding Original Work or Adaptation

Ghosts of the Future by Ewan, Amadeus, Canberra Repertory Society

Joanna Richards, You Can't Tell Anyone, Canberra Youth Theatre

Katie Kavanagh with BJ Anyos and Justine Ramsay, The Mayor of Munchkin Land, Child Players ACT

Mary Rachel Brown, Rosieville, Canberra Youth Theatre

Rebecca Duke, At Dinner, ACT Hub

Shaylie Maskell, Heist, Green Oak Theatre

Outstanding Production of a Play – Community

Amadeus, Canberra Repertory Society

Crimes of the Heart, Canberra Repertory Society

Home, I'm Darling, Canberra Repertory Society

Love Letters, Canberra Repertory Society

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised], Canberra Repertory Society

You Can't Tell Anyone, Canberra Youth Theatre

Outstanding Production of a Play – Independent

Hay Fever, ACT Hub

Holding the Man, Everyman Theatre

Speaking in Tongues, Free-Rain Theatre Company

Steel Magnolias, Free-Rain Theatre Company

The Children, Chaika Theatre

Outstanding Musical (2 awards)

Alice in Wonderland, Child Players ACT

Cats, Canberra Philharmonic Society

Dogfight, Dramatic Productions

Marry Me A Little, Everyman Theatre

Pirates of Penzance, Child Players ACT

Shrek Jnr, Pied Piper Productions

Spamalot, Free-Rain Theatre Company

West Side Story, Dramatic Productions

Standing Ovation

To be announced at the Celebration

Judges' Awards for Outstanding Achievement will be announced at the Awards Celebration

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Canberra Youth Theatre
Chaika Theatre
Child Players ACT

Dramatic Productions
Everyman Theatre
Free-Rain Theatre Company
Green Oak Theatre
Gungahlin College Theatre Company
Pied Piper Productions

Judging Panels

Musical Theatre

Naida Blackley OAM, Head
Angie Ford
Garrick Smith
Greg Hood, AO
Ian McLean AM CSC
Sam Farr

Theatre

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Anne Somes
Elaine Noon
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