



## Theatre Nova Scotia's Robert Merritt Award Nominations 2018

### Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role (female)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Character</b>	<b>Production</b>	<b>Company</b>
Burgandy Code	<i>Bottom</i>	<i>Dream By Fire</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
Lucy Hill	<i>Claudia, Drachman, Leslie, Douglas</i>	<i>I, Claudia</i>	Felix Productions
Francine Deschepper	<i>Narrator/Susan</i>	<i>Kingfisher Days</i>	Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre
Mary Fay Coady	<i>Chaya</i>	<i>Old Stock: a refugee love story</i>	2b theatre company
Genevieve Steele	<i>Miriam</i>	<i>Snake in the Grass</i>	Neptune Theatre

### Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role (male)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Character</b>	<b>Production</b>	<b>Company</b>
Hugh Thompson	<i>Mr. Moir, and Father</i>	<i>Kingfisher Days</i>	Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre
Marty Burt	<i>Dan</i>	<i>Next to Normal</i>	Highland Arts Theatre
Ben Caplan	<i>The Wanderer</i>	<i>Old Stock: a refugee love story</i>	2b theatre company
Aaron Collier	<i>Princess Edward</i>	<i>Princess Rules</i>	Heist
Christian Murray	<i>Sir Henry, and others</i>	<i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i>	Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre



### Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role (male)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Character</b>	<b>Production</b>	<b>Company</b>
Devin Mackinnon	<i>Demetrius</i>	<i>Dream By Fire</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
Graham Percy	<i>Silas Rudge/Premier Murray</i>	<i>Nothing Less!</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
Ryan Rogerson	<i>Calvin Landry</i>	<i>Nothing Less!</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
Richie Wilcox	<i>Abel T. Suckizone</i>	<i>Princess Rules</i>	Heist
Don Allison	<i>George Salter</i>	<i>The Mystery Play</i>	Ship's Company Theatre

### Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role (female)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Character</b>	<b>Production</b>	<b>Company</b>
Lesley Smith	<i>Charles Burchell and Various</i>	<i>At This Hour</i>	Zuppa Theatre
Mary Fay Coady	<i>Various lawyers, judges, assessors</i>	<i>At This Hour</i>	Zuppa Theatre
Stephanie MacDonald	<i>Quince</i>	<i>Dream By Fire</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
Lara Lewis	<i>Valet Girl</i>	<i>Princess Rules</i>	Heist
Karen Bassett	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Pugwash</i>	Ship's Company Theatre



### Outstanding Choreography

<b>Name</b>	<b>Production</b>	<b>Company</b>
(Puppetry) Jim Morrow and Andrea Lee Norwood	<i>Dream By Fire</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
Laura Caswell	<i>Nothing Less!</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
Jacinte Armstrong	<i>Princess Rules</i>	Heist
Celia Koughan	<i>Stan Rogers: A Matter of Heart</i>	Geordie Brown Productions, presented by Neptune Theatre
Ron Jenkins	<i>The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee</i>	Highland Arts Theatre

### Outstanding Costume Design

<b>Name</b>	<b>Production</b>	<b>Company</b>
Andrew Cull	<i>I, Claudia</i>	Felix Productions
Helena Marriott	<i>It's a Wonderful Life</i>	Neptune Theatre
Jennifer Goodman	<i>Nothing Less!</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
Carly Beamish	<i>Old Stock: a refugee love story</i>	2b theatre company
Emlyn Murray	<i>Princess Rules</i>	Heist

### Outstanding Direction

<b>Name</b>	<b>Production</b>	<b>Company</b>
Ken Schwartz	<i>Dream By Fire</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
Ann-Marie Kerr, with assistant direction by Gillian Clark	<i>I, Claudia</i>	Felix Productions
Ron Jenkins	<i>Next to Normal</i>	Highland Arts Theatre
Christian Barry	<i>Old Stock: a refugee love story</i>	2b theatre company
Jean-Pierre Cloutier	<i>Princess Rules</i>	Heist



### Outstanding Lighting Design

<b>Name</b>	<b>Production</b>	<b>Company</b>
Leigh Ann Vardy	<i>I, Claudia</i>	Felix Productions
Louisa Adamson and Christian Barry	<i>Old Stock: a refugee love story</i>	2b theatre company
Jean-Pierre Cloutier	<i>Princess Rules</i>	Heist
Ingrid Risk	<i>Snake in the Grass</i>	Neptune Theatre
Leigh Ann Vardy	<i>The Mystery Play</i>	Ship's Company Theatre

### Outstanding Musical Direction

<b>Name</b>	<b>Production</b>	<b>Company</b>
Sarah Richardson	<i>New Waterford Boy: A Ceilidh</i>	Heist
Ami McKay	<i>Nothing Less!</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
Ben Caplan	<i>Old Stock: a refugee love story</i>	2b theatre company
Scott Christian	<i>Once</i>	Neptune Theatre
Lisa MacDougall and Geordie Brown	<i>The Songs of The Rat Pack</i>	Geordie Brown Productions, presented by Neptune Theatre

### Outstanding New Play by a Nova Scotian

<b>Name</b>	<b>Production</b>	<b>Company</b>
Adapted by Ben Stone, with the Company	<i>At This Hour</i>	Zuppa Theatre
Karen Bassett	<i>Lullaby: Inside the Halifax Explosion</i>	Eastern Front Theatre
Ken Schwartz and Ami McKay	<i>Nothing Less!</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
Hannah Moscovitch, Ben Caplan, and Christian Barry	<i>Old Stock: a refugee love story</i>	2b theatre company
Aaron Collier with Jean-Pierre Cloutier and Richie Wilcox	<i>Princess Rules</i>	Heist



### Outstanding Original Score

<b>Name</b>	<b>Production</b>	<b>Company</b>
Ami McKay	<i>Nothing Less!</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
Ben Caplan and Christian Barry	<i>Old Stock: a refugee love story</i>	2b theatre company
Garry Williams, with Jasmine Shenandoah Ashfield, Jeremy Hutton, Jesse MacLean and Shanoa Phillips	<i>Peter Pan</i>	Shakespeare by the Sea
Aaron Collier	<i>Princess Rules</i>	Heist
Stewart Legere with Brian Riley	<i>The Archive of Missing Things</i>	Zuppa Theatre

### Outstanding Scenic Design

<b>Name</b>	<b>Production</b>	<b>Company</b>
Andrew Cull	<i>I, Claudia</i>	Felix Productions
Louisa Adamson and Christian Barry with Andrew Cull	<i>Old Stock: a refugee love story</i>	2b theatre company
Jean-Pierre Cloutier, Aaron Collier, Nick Bottomley, Deonie Hudson & Matt Miller	<i>Princess Rules</i>	Heist
Geoffrey Dinwiddie	<i>Snake in the Grass</i>	Neptune Theatre
Sean Mulcahy	<i>The Mystery Play</i>	Ship's Company Theatre

### Outstanding Sound Design

<b>Name</b>	<b>Production</b>	<b>Company</b>
Aaron Collier	<i>I, Claudia</i>	Felix Productions
Steven Naylor	<i>Lullaby: Inside the Halifax Explosion</i>	Eastern Front Theatre
Christian Barry, Ben Caplan, and Jordan Palmer	<i>Old Stock: a refugee love story</i>	2b theatre company
Aaron Collier	<i>Princess Rules</i>	Heist



Brian Riley *The Archive of Missing Things* Zuppa Theatre

**Outstanding Production by a New or Emerging Company**

<b>Production</b>	<b>Playwright</b>	<b>Company</b>
<i>Bone Cage</i>	Catherine Banks	Matchstick Theatre
<i>I, Claudia</i>	Kristen Thomson	Felix Productions
<i>Next to Normal</i>	Brian Yorkey	Highland Arts Theatre
<i>Punch Up</i>	Kat Sandler	Highland Arts Theatre

**Outstanding Production**

<b>Production</b>	<b>Playwright</b>	<b>Company</b>
<i>Dream By Fire</i>	William Shakespeare	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
<i>I, Claudia</i>	Kristen Thomson	Felix Productions
<i>Kingfisher Days</i>	Susan Coyne	Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre
<i>Old Stock: a refugee love story</i>	Hannah Moscovitch, Ben Caplan, and Christian Barry	2b theatre company
<i>Princess Rules</i>	Aaron Collier with Jean-Pierre Cloutier and Richie Wilcox	Heist