

2023 Robert Merritt Award nominations

Outstanding Performance in a Leading Role

Name	Role	Production	Producing Company
Allistair MacDonald	Frank N Furter	<i>The Rocky Horror Show</i>	Neptune Theatre
Stephanie MacDonald	Kathy	<i>Dayboil</i>	Ship's Company Theatre
Burgandy Code	Henry Bishop	<i>The Stranger</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
Sam Vigneault	Evan	<i>The Aliens</i>	Theatre in Space
Mara Teare	Eliza Raine	<i>Crypthand</i>	Gale Force Theatre Co-operative
Riel Reddick- Stevens	Sissy	<i>Unity (1918)</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre Company
Saphire Demitro	Janet	<i>The Rocky Horror Show</i>	Neptune Theatre
Jeremiah Sparks	Maurice Ruddick	<i>Beneath Springhill - The Maurice Ruddick Story</i>	Neptune Theatre
Sherry Smith	Dana	<i>The Proletariat</i>	Highland Arts Theatre
Mary Fay Coady	Liza	<i>Lauchie, Liza & Rory</i>	Theatre Baddeck



Outstanding Performance in a Supporting Role

Name	Role	Production	Producing Company
Riley McGill	Jennifer	Dayboil	Ship's Company Theatre
Sharleen Kalayil	Christine	Dayboil	Ship's Company Theatre
James MacLean	Peter	Til Death Do Us Part	Kick at the Dark Theatre
Sébastien Labelle	Farmer	#IAMTheCheese	Halifax Theatre for Young People + Eastern Front The-
GaRRy Williams	Polonius/ Gravedigger	Hamlet	Shakespeare by the Sea
Henricus Gielis	Jasper	The Aliens	Theatre in Space
Christian Murray	Smaug	The Hobbit, or there and back again	Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre
Micha Cromwell	Eleanor Blenkhorn	The Stranger	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
Raeesa Lalani	Tammy Fae	Cinderelly the Musical!	Shakespeare by the Sea
Wesley Colford	Pax	The Proletariat	Highland Arts Theatre



Outstanding Choreography

Name	Production	Producing Company
Sarah Prosper	<i>Samqwan</i>	Highland Arts Theatre
Mary Fay Coady, James Mac- Lean, Katie Dorian, Ailsa Gal- breath, Gina Thornhill, Jacinte Armstrong	<i>How Quickly Things Change</i>	Secret Theatre
Jeff Dimitriou	<i>The Rocky Horror Show</i>	Neptune Theatre
Cynthia Vokey	<i>Cabaret</i>	Highland Arts Theatre
Jade Douris-O'Hara	<i>Cinderelly the Musical!</i>	Shakespeare by the Sea

Outstanding Costume Design

Name	Production	Producing Company
Helena Marriott	<i>The Rocky Horror Show</i>	Neptune Theatre
Kayla Cormier	<i>The Happy Prince</i>	Highland Arts Theatre
Tara Grude	<i>The Proletariat</i>	Highland Arts Theatre
Marie France Labbé	<i>The Hobbit, or there and back again</i>	Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre
Jennifer Goodman	<i>The Stranger</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre Company



Outstanding Direction

Name	Production	Producing Company
Samantha Wilson	<i>Dayboil</i>	Ship's Company Theatre
Jeremy Webb	<i>The Rocky Horror Show</i>	Neptune Theatre
Dustin Harvey	<i>HOW QUICKLY THINGS CHANGE</i>	Secret Theatre
Michael McPhee	<i>The Proletariat</i>	Highland Arts Theatre
Ken Schwartz	<i>Unity 1918</i>	Two Planks and a Passion

Outstanding Lighting Design

Name	Production	Producing Company
Alison Crosby	<i>Dayboil</i>	Ship's Company Theatre
Leigh Ann Vardy	<i>The Rocky Horror Show</i>	Neptune Theatre
Ken Heaton	<i>Samqwan</i>	Highland Arts Theatre
Olivia Rankin	<i>#IAmTheCheese</i>	Halifax Theatre for Young People + Eastern Front Theatre
Leigh Ann Vardy	<i>The Hydrofoil Mystery</i>	Theatre Baddeck

Outstanding New Nova Scotia Adaptation (Playwright)

Name	Production	Producing Company
Josh MacDonald	<i>#IAmTheCheese</i>	Halifax Theatre for Young People + Eastern Front Theatre
Christy MacRae-Ziss	<i>The Hydrofoil Mystery</i>	Theatre Baddeck
Ken Schwartz	<i>The Stranger</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
JRR Tolkien, Adapted by Andrea Boyd	<i>The Hobbit, or there and back again</i>	Festival Antigonish Summer Thea- tre
Sarah Deller	<i>Coarse</i>	The Villains Theatre



Outstanding New Nova Scotia Play (Playwright)

Name	Production	Producing Company
Lily Falk	<i>Crypthand</i>	Gale Force Theatre Co-operative
Shalan Joudry	<i>Koqm</i>	Nestuita'si Storytelling
Katerina Bakolias	<i>Til Death Do Us Part</i>	Kick at the Dark Theatre
Michael McPhee	<i>The Proletariat</i>	Highland Arts Theatre
Dan Bray	<i>International Waters</i>	The Villains Theatre

Outstanding Musical Direction

Name	Production	Producing Company
Avery-Jean Brennan	<i>The Rocky Horror Show</i>	Neptune Theatre
Stephen Muise	<i>Dear Rita</i>	Savoy Theatre
GaRRy Williams	<i>Crypthand</i>	Gale Force Theatre Co-operative
Chuck Homewood	<i>Cabaret</i>	Highland Arts Theatre
Allen Cole	<i>The Stranger</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre

Outstanding Score

Name	Production	Producing Company
Aaron Collier	<i>Dayboil</i>	Ship's Company Theatre
Allen Cole	<i>The Stranger</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
GaRRy Williams	<i>Crypthand</i>	Gale Force Theatre Co-operative
Jackson Fairfax-Perry	<i>#IAMTheCheese</i>	Halifax Theatre for Young People + Eastern Front Theatre
Rita MacNeil, Mike Ross, Lindsay Kyte	<i>Dear Rita</i>	Savoy Theatre



Outstanding Ensemble

Name	Production	Producing Company
Ensemble	<i>Dayboil</i>	Ship's Company Theatre
Ensemble	<i>Unity (1918)</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre Company
Ensemble	<i>The Aliens</i>	Theatre in Space
Ensemble	<i>Crypthand</i>	Gale Force Theatre Co-operative
Ensemble	<i>Lauchie, Liza & Rory</i>	Theatre Baddeck

Outstanding Production

Production	Producing Company
Dayboil	Ship's Company Theatre
The Proletariat	Highland Arts Theatre
The Rocky Horror Show	Neptune Theatre
Unity (1918)	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre Company
Koqm	Nestuita'si Storytelling



Outstanding Independent Production

Production	Producing Company
<i>The Aliens</i>	Theatre in Space
<i>Samqwan</i>	Highland Arts Theatre
<i>The Hydrofoil Mystery</i>	Theatre Baddeck
<i>How To Be FEARLESS! (With Roxy Roberts)</i>	Binocular Theatre (Ali Joy Richardson)
<i>PRUDE</i>	Probably Theatre Collective (Lou Campbell)

Outstanding Production by a New or Emerging Company

Production	Producing Company
<i>Crypthand</i>	Gale Force Theatre Co-operative
<i>Brain Storm</i>	Riley Reign
<i>Love, Peace & Hairgrease</i>	Charles Taylor Theatre and Media Arts Association & Eastern Front Theatre
<i>Hippoposthumous</i>	The Unnatural Disaster Theatre Co.

There are only 4 Nominees in this category

Outstanding Projection Design

Name	Production	Producing Company
Christian Ludwig Hansen	<i>#IAmTheCheese</i>	Halifax Theatre for Young People + Eastern Front Theatre
Aaron Collier	<i>The Rocky Horror Show</i>	Neptune Theatre
Christian Ludwig Hansen	<i>The Proletariat</i>	Highland Arts Theatre
Mackenzie Cornfield	<i>Crypthand</i>	Gale Force Theatre Co-operative
Anna Shepherd, Dan Bray, and Colleen MacIsaac	<i>Shakespeare's Time Machine</i>	The Villains Theatre



Outstanding Scenic Design

Name	Production	Producing Company
Andrew Cull	<i>Misery</i>	Neptune Theatre
Katrin Whitehead	<i>Dayboil</i>	Ship's Company Theatre
Holly Meyer-Dymny and Ryan Wilcox	<i>Crypthand</i>	Gale Force Theatre Co-operative
Karyn McCallum	<i>The Hydrofoil Mystery</i>	Theatre Baddeck
Wes Babcock	<i>Outside Inn</i>	Festival Antigonish

Outstanding Sound Design

Name	Production	Producing Company
Aaron Collier	<i>Dayboil</i>	Ship's Company Theatre
Rob Fortin and Susan Newman	<i>Beneath Springhill - The Maurice Ruddick Story</i>	Neptune Theatre
Jordan Palmer	<i>Samqwan</i>	Highland Arts Theatre
Jackson Fairfax-Perry	<i>#IAMTheCheese</i>	Halifax Theatre for Young People + Eastern Front Theatre
Jordan Palmer	<i>The Hydrofoil Mystery</i>	Theatre Baddeck

Announced at the Gala:

- Outstanding Technician
- Outstanding Stage Manager
- Theatre Nova Scotia Scholarship
- Neptune RBC Chrysalis Emerging Artist Award
- Theatre Nova Scotia Legacy Award