



Theatre Nova Scotia's Robert Merritt Award Nominations 2017

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

Name	Character	Show	Company
Francine Deschepper	<i>Sister Martha McCann</i>	<i>Little Thing Big Thing</i>	Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre
Sarah English	<i>Elizabeth Barrett Browning</i>	<i>How Do I Love Thee</i>	Angels & Heroes
Jamie Konchak	<i>Emma de Brujin</i>	<i>Liberation Days</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
Stephanie MacDonald	<i>Linda Lou Carmichael</i>	<i>The Weekend Healer</i>	KAZAN CO-OP
Amy Reitsma	<i>Judy Denmark/Ginger DelMarco</i>	<i>Ruthless! The Stage Mother of All Musicals</i>	Chester Playhouse

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

Name	Character	Show	Company
Rhys Bevan John	<i>Henry</i>	<i>Here Lies Henry</i>	Chester Playhouse
Dan Bray	<i>The Cat</i>	<i>Pinocchio</i>	Shakespeare by the Sea
Gordon Gammie	<i>Larry O'Donnell</i>	<i>Little Thing Big Thing</i>	Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre
Paul Rainville	<i>King Lear</i>	<i>King Lear</i>	Shakespeare by the Sea
Jacob Sampson	<i>Sam Langford</i>	<i>Chasing Champions: the Sam Langford Story</i>	Ship's Company Theatre



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

Name	Character	Show	Company
Marty Burt	<i>Various</i>	<i>Chasing Champions: the Sam Langford Story</i>	Ship's Company Theatre
Andrew Gouthro	<i>Aenthe</i>	<i>Sucker</i>	Highland Arts Theatre
Graham Percy	<i>Miles Cavendish</i>	<i>Liberation Days</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
Jeff Schwager	<i>Jan van Egmond</i>	<i>Liberation Days</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
GaRRy Williams	<i>Gloucester</i>	<i>King Lear</i>	Shakespeare by the Sea

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

Name	Character	Show	Company
Burgandy Code	Aaltje De Bruijn	<i>Liberation Days</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
Micha Cromwell	<i>various</i>	<i>Chasing Champions: the Sam Langford Story</i>	Ship's Company Theatre
Stephanie MacDonald	<i>Marijke Bos</i>	<i>Liberation Days</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
Kathryn MacLellan	<i>Betina Carmichael</i>	<i>The Weekend Healer</i>	KAZAN CO-OP
Andrea Lee Norwood	<i>various</i>	<i>Goodnight Desdemona (Goodmorning Juliet)</i>	Valley Summer Theatre



Outstanding Costume Design

Name	Show	Company
Paul Daigle	<i>Beauty & The Beast</i>	Neptune Theatre
Nicole Dowdall	<i>Pinocchio</i>	Shakespeare by the Sea
Jennifer Goodman	<i>Liberation Days</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
Helena Marriott	<i>Miracle on 34th Street</i>	Neptune Theatre
Sean Mulcahy	<i>Shrek! The Musical</i>	Neptune Theatre

Outstanding Direction

Name	Show	Company
Dean Gabourie	<i>The Weekend Healer</i>	KAZAN CO-OP
Pamela Halstead	<i>The Drowning Girls</i>	DMV Theatre/Neptune Theatre
Ron Jenkins	<i>Chasing Champions: the Sam Langford Story</i>	Ship's Company Theatre
Ken Schwartz	<i>Liberation Days</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
Jeremy Webb	<i>Little Thing Big Thing</i>	Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre

Outstanding Lighting Design

Name	Show	Company
Jessica Lewis	<i>How Small, How Far Away</i>	Zuppa Theatre
Jessica Lewis	<i>The Drowning Girls</i>	DMV Theatre/Neptune Theatre
Ingrid Risk	<i>Small Things</i>	Mulgrave Road Theatre, presented by Neptune Theatre
Leigh Ann Vardy	<i>Beauty & The Beast</i>	Neptune Theatre
Leigh Ann Vardy	<i>Chasing Champions: the Sam Langford Story</i>	Ship's Company Theatre



Outstanding Musical Direction

Name	Show	Company
Scott Christian	<i>Shrek! The Musical</i>	Neptune Theatre
Paul De Gurse	<i>Beauty & The Beast</i>	Neptune Theatre
Sarah Richardson	<i>Ruthless! The Stage Mother of All Musicals</i>	Chester Playhouse

Outstanding New Play by a Nova Scotian

Name	Show	Company
Gillian Clark	<i>Let's Try This Standing</i>	Keep Good (Theatre) Company
Aaron Collier	<i>The Princess Show</i>	Angels & Heroes
Lindsay Kyte	<i>Tompkinsville</i>	Go Fly A Kyte Productions, presented by Eastern Front Theatre
Jacob Sampson	<i>Chasing Champions: the Sam Langford Story</i>	Ship's Company Theatre

Outstanding Original Score

Name	Show	Company
Aaron Collier	<i>The Princess Show</i>	Angels & Heroes
Ian Sherwood & Lindsay Kyte	<i>Tompkinsville</i>	Go Fly A Kyte Productions, presented by Eastern Front Theatre
John Spearns	<i>The Drowning Girls</i>	DMV Theatre/Neptune Theatre
GaRRy Williams	<i>Pinocchio</i>	Shakespeare by the Sea

Outstanding Choreography

Name	Show	Company
Stephen Gray	<i>Beauty & The Beast</i>	Neptune Theatre
Mary Lou Martin	<i>Ruthless! The Stage Mother of All Musicals</i>	Chester Playhouse



Jay Whitehead

The Princess Show

Angels & Heroes

Outstanding Scenic Design

Name	Show	Company
Set Design Garrett G. Barker, Projection Design Corwin Ferguson	<i>Chasing Champions: the Sam Langford Story</i>	Ship's Company Theatre
Geoffrey Dinwiddie	<i>Beauty & The Beast</i>	Neptune Theatre
Julie Fox	<i>We Are Not Alone</i>	2b theatre
Set Design Katherine Jenkins- Ryan, Video Design Vojin Vasovic	<i>How Small, How Far Away</i>	Zuppa Theatre
Katherine Jenkins-Ryan	<i>The Drowning Girls</i>	DMV Theatre/Neptune Theatre

Outstanding Sound Design



Outstanding Production by a New or Emerging Company

Show	Playwright	Company
<i>Constellations</i>	Nick Payne	Keep Good (Theatre) Company
<i>Let's Try This Standing</i>	Gillian Clark	Keep Good (Theatre) Company
<i>Seminar</i>	Theresa Rebeck	Kick at the Dark Theatre Company
<i>The Princess Show</i>	Aaron Collier	Angels & Heroes
<i>Tompkinsville</i>	Lindsay Kyte	Go Fly A Kyte Productions, presented by Eastern Front Theatre

Outstanding Production

Show	Playwright	Company
<i>Beauty & The Beast</i>	Linda Woolverton	Neptune Theatre
<i>Little Thing Big Thing</i>	Donal O'Kelly	Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre
<i>Chasing Champions: the Sam Langford Story</i>	Jacob Sampson	Ship's Company Theatre
<i>Liberation Days</i>	David van Belle	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre
<i>The Drowning Girls</i>	Beth Graham, Daniela Vlaskalic, Charlie Tomlinson	DMV Theatre/Neptune Theatre