

**The Colorado Theatre Guild Announces Nominations and Winners
for the 15th Annual Henry Awards**
15th Annual Celebration Honors Outstanding Achievements of Colorado's Theatre Community

The Colorado Theatre Guild's 15th Annual Henry Awards will take place online the evening of Sunday July 26th, 2020. Details of the ceremony will be forthcoming. Because of the Coronavirus Pandemic, this year's awards will be an online only event. Because of the shortened theatre season, and due to COVID-19, there will be no special awards or Lifetime Achievement Award this year.

A number of changes have been instituted this year. The list of Tier I companies has been expanded to include theatres whose budget is \$500,000 per year or greater. Only the technical categories are separated between Tier I and Tier II (Costume, Lighting, Scenic Design and Sound).

We have moved from seven nominations in each category to having five nominations in order to prepare for expanding the tiered categories in the next Henrys. Also, the tabulation calculation has been upgraded to include multiple levels of verification and authentication for greater accuracy.

We have implemented an automated process to simplify data entry. Three individuals oversaw the calculations including a member of the Henrys Committee, a CTG board member and the Henry's Coordinator.

Normally the Henrys Season runs from June 1 through May 31st of the following year. With the Pandemic this year, the Henrys Season closed on March 31. In the 2018-2019 season, judges saw 206 shows. Because of the shortened season judges saw only 157 shows for 2019-2020. About 40 shows were either cancelled or postponed across the state.

Established in 2006, the Henry Awards honor outstanding achievements during the past season and serves as the Colorado Theatre Guild's annual fundraising event. The awards are named for longtime local theatre producer Henry Lowenstein. Nominations are determined through a judging process conducted by more than 100 statewide peer professionals, academics/educators and other theatre lovers.

"Few people have had as much impact on theater in Denver — or the lives of theater people in Denver — as Henry Lowenstein, who ran Denver Post publisher Helen Bonfils' crown jewel on East Colfax and Elizabeth Street until the theater closed in 1986. He discovered new talent. He launched careers. He encouraged women and people of color. For hundreds of thousands of Coloradans, the Bonfils served as their first experience in live theater." - John Moore | Oct 07, 2014

Our nominees and winners for the 2019-2020 15th Annual Colorado Theatre Guild Henry Awards are:

Winners are listed in RED

Outstanding Season for a Theatre Company

Because of the shortened theatre season there will be no award for Outstanding Season this year.

Outstanding Production of a Play (Sorted by company name)

"Hazardous Materials," Creede Repertory Theatre, Directed by Kyle Haden

"Indecent," DCPA Theatre Company, Directed by Nancy Keystone

"The Curious Incident of the Dog In The Night-Time," Fine Arts Center Theatre Company at Colorado College, Directed by Scott RC Levy

"Fairfield," Miners Alley Playhouse, Directed by Jada Suzanne Dixon

"The Mountaintop," THEATREWORKS, Directed by donnie I. betts

Outstanding Production of a Musical (Sorted by company name)

"Bright Star," Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, Directed by Rod A. Lansberry, Musical Direction by Eric Alsford

"The Bridges of Madison County," Fine Arts Center Theatre Company at Colorado College, Directed by Nathan Halvorson, Musical Direction by Stephanie McGuffin

"Jekyll & Hyde," Thingamajig Theatre Company, Directed by Melissa Firlit, Musical Direction by Boni McIntyre

"Cabaret," Town Hall Arts Center, Directed by Nick Sugar, Musical Direction by Donna Kolpan Debrececi

"The Scottsboro Boys," Vintage Theatre, Directed by Betty Hart, Musical Direction by Lee Ann Scherlong

Outstanding Direction of a Play

donnie I. betts, "The Mountaintop," THEATREWORKS

Chris Coleman, "A Doll's House," DCPA Theatre Company

Kyle Haden, "Hazardous Materials," Creede Repertory Theatre

Nancy Keystone, "Indecent," DCPA Theatre Company

Scott RC Levy, "The Curious Incident of the Dog In The Night-Time," Fine Arts Center Theatre Company at Colorado College

Outstanding Direction of a Musical

Melissa Firlit, "Jekyll & Hyde," Thingamajig Theatre Company

Nathan Halvorson, "The Bridges of Madison County," Fine Arts Center Theatre Company at Colorado College

Rod A. Lansberry, "Bright Star," Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities

August Stoten, "Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical," Sasquatch Productions and Parker Arts

Nick Sugar, "Cabaret," Town Hall Arts Center

Outstanding Musical Direction

Eric Alsford, "Bright Star," Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities

Donna Kolpan Debrececi, "Cabaret," Town Hall Arts Center

Stephanie McGuffin, "The Bridges of Madison County," Fine Arts Center Theatre Company at Colorado College

David Nehls, "Once," Miners Alley Playhouse

Lee Ann Scherlong, "The Scottsboro Boys," Vintage Theatre

Outstanding Actor in a Play

Denis Berkfeldt, "Frost/Nixon," Vintage Theatre

Logan Riley Bruner, "The Curious Incident of the Dog In The Night-Time," Fine Arts Center Theatre Company at Colorado College

Bob Moore, "A Walk in the Woods," Thunder River Theatre Company

John Plumpis, "Indecent," DCPA Theatre Company

Calvin M. Thompson, "The Mountaintop," THEATREWORKS

Outstanding Actress in a Play

Kate Berry, "Hazardous Materials," Creede Repertory Theatre

Marisa D. Hébert, "The Mountaintop," THEATREWORKS

Jeri Marshall, "Hazardous Materials," Creede Repertory Theatre

Marianna McClellan, "A Doll's House," DCPA Theatre Company

Deborah Persoff, "Looped," Vintage Theatre

Outstanding Actor in a Musical

Dieter Bierbauer, "The Bridges of Madison County," Fine Arts Center Theatre Company at Colorado College

Perry Davis Harper, "Jekyll & Hyde," Thingamajig Theatre Company

Scott Hurst Jr., "Jekyll & Hyde," Candlelight Dinner Playhouse

Cooper Kaminsky, "Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical," Sasquatch Productions and Parker Arts

Ben Newman, "Peter and the Starcatcher," Creede Repertory Theatre

Outstanding Actress in a Musical

Merideth Kaye Clark, "Bright Star," Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities

Jennifer DeDominici, "The Bridges of Madison County," Fine Arts Center Theatre Company at Colorado College

Meredith Jones, "Always...Patsy Cline," Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre

Sonya Meyer, "The Doyle and Debbie Show," Thunder River Theatre Company

Erin Schneider, "Chicago," Phamaly Theatre Company

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Play

Brian Colonna, "Universe 92," Buntport Theater

Steve Emily, "Tiny Beautiful Things," Fine Arts Center Theatre Company at Colorado College

Cameron Folmar, "Twelfth Night," DCPA Theatre Company

Chris Kendall, "Tuesdays with Morrie," Cherry Creek Theatre

Ben Newman, "Pride and Prejudice," Creede Repertory Theatre

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Play

Kate Berry, "Pride and Prejudice," Creede Repertory Theatre

Anastasia Davidson, "A Doll's House," DCPA Theatre Company

Marisa D. Hébert, "Tiny Beautiful Things," Fine Arts Center Theatre Company at Colorado College

Elise Santora, "The Curious Incident of the Dog In The Night-Time," Fine Arts Center Theatre Company at Colorado College

Valerie Spencer, "Indecent," DCPA Theatre Company

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical

Dieter Bierbrauer, "Bright Star," Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities

Dwayne Carrington, "The Scottsboro Boys," Vintage Theatre

Ben Hilzer, "Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical," Sasquatch Productions and Parker Arts

Jeff Roark, "The Bridges of Madison County," Fine Arts Center Theatre Company at Colorado College

Robert Michael Sanders, "Chicago," Phamaly Theatre Company

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Musical

Susan Dawn Carson, "The Bridges of Madison County," Fine Arts Center Theatre Company at Colorado College

Annie Dwyer, "Cabaret," Town Hall Arts Center

Melanie Hollenstein, "The Great American Trailer Park Musical," Mountain Repertory Theatre Company at the Butte Theater

Sarah Smith, "The Great American Trailer Park Musical," Mountain Repertory Theatre Company at the Butte Theater

Emma Thoeni, "The Great American Trailer Park Musical," Mountain Repertory Theatre Company at the Butte Theater

Outstanding Ensemble Performance (Sorted by company name)

"Hazardous Materials," Creede Repertory Theatre

"Indecent," DCPA Theatre Company

"The Curious Incident of the Dog In The Night-Time," Fine Arts Center Theatre Company at Colorado College

"The Mountaintop," THEATREWORKS

"A Walk in the Woods," Thunder River Theatre Company

Outstanding Choreography

Mary Ripper Baker, "The Curious Incident of the Dog In The Night-Time," Fine Arts Center Theatre Company at Colorado College

Nathan Halvorson, "The Great American Trailer Park Musical," Mountain Repertory Theatre Company at the Butte Theater

Kitty Skillman Hilsabeck, "A Christmas Carol – The Musical," Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities

Christopher Page-Sanders, "The Scottsboro Boys," Vintage Theatre

Nick Sugar, "Cabaret," Town Hall Arts Center

Outstanding New Play or Musical (Sorted by company name)

"Universe 92," Written and Directed by Buntport Theater, Produced by Buntport Theater

"Hazardous Materials," by Beth Kander, Directed by Kyle Haden, Produced by Creede Repertory Theatre

"twenty50," by Tony Meneses, Directed by Henry Godinez, Produced by DCPA Theatre Company

"You Lost Me," by Bonnie Metzgar, Directed by Margot Bordelon, Produced by DCPA Theatre Company

"Take to the Highway," by Kenny Moten & John Seaberry, Directed by Kenny Moten, Produced by Divabee Productions

Outstanding Costume Design Tier 1

Jeff Cone, "Indecent," DCPA Theatre Company

Kevin Copenhaver, "Twelfth Night," DCPA Theatre Company

Meghan Anderson Doyle, "A Doll's House," DCPA Theatre Company

Alethia Moore-Del Monico, "Hazardous Materials," Creede Repertory Theatre

Nicole Watts, "A Christmas Carol – The Musical," Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities

Outstanding Costume Design Tier 2 A 3 way tie

Buntport Theater, "Universe 92," Buntport Theater

Suzanne Couch, "Noises Off," StageDoor Theatre

Rachel Herring Finley, "Calendar Girls," Firehouse Theater Company

Nancy Hankin, "The Great American Trailer Park Musical," Mountain Repertory Theatre Company at the Butte Theater

Jennifer Schiller, "A Walk in the Woods," Thunder River Theatre Company

Outstanding Lighting Design Tier 1

Jiyoun Chang, "You Lost Me," DCPA Theatre Company

Jason Lynch, "A Doll's House," DCPA Theatre Company

Kathy Perkins, "The Mountaintop", THEATREWORKS

Holly Anne Rawls, "The Curious Incident of the Dog In The Night-Time," Fine Arts Center Theatre Company at Colorado College

Jonathan Spencer, "The Bridges of Madison County," Fine Arts Center Theatre Company at Colorado College

Outstanding Lighting Design Tier 2

Sean Jeffries, "A View From the Bridge," Thunder River Theatre Company

Sean Jeffries, "The Doyle and Debbie Show," Thunder River Theatre Company

Tom Junker, "Noises Off," StageDoor Theatre

Kevin Newton, "Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical," Sasquatch Productions and Parker Arts

Jacob Welch, "Flame Broiled. or the ugly play," Local Theater Company

Outstanding Scenic Design Tier 1 A Tie

Lindsay Fuori, "Hazardous Materials," Creede Repertory Theatre

Lex Liang, "The Bridges of Madison County," Fine Arts Center Theatre Company at Colorado College

Brian Mallgrave, "Plaza Suite," Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities

Charles Packard, "The Mountaintop," THEATREWORKS

Christopher L. Sheley, "The Curious Incident of the Dog In The Night-Time," Fine Arts Center Theatre Company at Colorado College

Outstanding Scenic Design Tier 2

Dean Arniotes, "Noises Off," StageDoor Theatre

Buntport Theater, "Universe 92," Buntport Theater

Michael R. Duran, "Parfumerie," Benchmark Theatre

Sean Jeffries "A View from the Bridge," Thunder River Theatre Company

Colin Tugwell, "The Doyle and Debbie Show," Thunder River Theatre Company

Outstanding Sound Design Tier 1

El Armstrong, "The Mountaintop," THEATREWORKS

Jacob K. Harbour, "Hazardous Materials," Creede Repertory Theatre

Jacob Keough-Mishler, "The Bridges of Madison County," Fine Arts Center Theatre Company at Colorado College

Stephen Light & Jacob Keough-Mishler, "The Curious Incident of the Dog In The Night-Time," Fine Arts Center Theatre Company at Colorado College (Jacob Keough-Mishler was added to the nomination at the request of the producer)

David Thomas, "Bright Star," Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities

Outstanding Sound Design Tier 2

Buntport Theater, "Universe 92," Buntport Theater

Sean Jeffries, "A View from the Bridge," Thunder River Theatre Company

Sean Jeffries, "The Doyle and Debbie Show," Thunder River Theatre Company

Rachel Rogers, "Airness," Benchmark Theatre

CeCe Smith, "Flame Broiled. or the ugly play," Local Theater Company