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MEDIA NEWS

Artie Awards Nominees Announced

The 33rd Annual Artie Awards will take place on June 10

Nominees for the 2024 Artie Awards were announced Monday, spotlighting some of Western New York's best actors and productions. Each year Buffalo Toronto Public Media presents the Artie Awards, an opportunity to recognize Western New York's theater arts, as well as raise funds for the HIV/AIDS & Immunodeficiency Clinic at ECMC. Started in 1991 by Anthony Chase, co-host of WBFO's Theater Talk, the Arties have raised over \$500,000 for AIDS-related charities through contributions from theatre audiences and proceeds from red ribbon sales.

Buffalo Toronto Public Media became the presenting organization in 2017.

The Artie Awards will take place on Monday, June 10 at 8:00 PM at Shea's 710 Theatre. This week is the exclusive window for nominees to purchase pre-sale tickets. Nominees should check with their theatres for the password protected pre-sale ticket link. General public tickets will go on sale starting Tuesday, May 28th.

2024 ARTIE AWARD NOMINATIONS

OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION OF A PLAY

A Great Wilderness, Buffalo United Artists
Kindertransport, Jewish Repertory Theatre of WNY
The Price, Irish Classical Theatre Company
The Sound Inside, D'Youville Kavinoky
Wedding Band, Ujima Theater Company

OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION OF A MUSICAL

The Color Purple, Second Generation/Ujima/Shea's
Kinky Boots, MusicalFare
Little Shop of Horrors, Lancaster Opera House

Merrily We Roll Along, Second Generation Theatre
Sondheim on Sondheim, MusicalFare

OUTSTANDING DIRECTION OF A PLAY

Scott Behrend/John Hurley, *The Light Fantastic*
Catherine Burkhard/Mariangela Mercurio, *London Calling*
Chris Kelly, *Romeo and Juliet*
Kyle LoConti, *The Sound Inside*
Fortunato Pezzimenti, *The Price*

OUTSTANDING DIRECTION OF A MUSICAL

Lou Colaiacovo, *Tick, Tick, BOOM!*
Susan Drozd, *Twelfth Night*
Sarah Norat-Phillips, *The Color Purple*
Michael Oliver-Walline, *Kinky Boots*
Michael Wachowiak, *Merrily We Roll Along*

OUTSTANDING CHOREOGRAPHY

Naila Ansari, *The Color Purple*
Joey Bucheker, *Oklahoma!*
Carlos R.A. Jones, *Twelfth Night*
Michael Oliver-Walline, *Kinky Boots*
Eric Deeb Weaver, *Rocky Horror Show*

OUTSTANDING ENSEMBLE OF A PLAY

Belfast Girls, Irish Classical Theatre Company
The Bowling Play, Second Generation Theatre
The (Curious Case of the) Watson Intelligence, Road Less Traveled Theater
Death of a Streetcar Named Virginia Woolf, Alleyway Theatre
The Price, Irish Classical Theatre Company

OUTSTANDING ENSEMBLE OF A MUSICAL

Crowns, MusicalFare
Go Dog Go!, Theatre of Youth
Murder Ballad, Road Less Traveled Productions
Reefer Madness, O'Connell & Company
Sondheim on Sondheim, MusicalFare

OUTSTANDING LEADING ACTOR IN A PLAY

Alejandro Gómez, *Bloom*
Jack Hunter, *The Homecoming*
Ben Michael Moran, *The Price*

Michael Starzynski, *A Great Wilderness*
Paul Todaro, *Faith Healer*

OUTSTANDING LEADING ACTRESS IN A PLAY

Tracie Lane, *The Homecoming*
Kate LoConti Alcocer, *The Price*
Shanntina Moore, *Cullud Wattah*
Darleen Pickering Hummert, *Crossing Delancey*
Emily Yancey, *The (Curious Case of the) Watson Intelligence*

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A PLAY

Chris Hatch, *Romeo and Juliet*
Greg Howze, *The Light Fantastic*
Stan Klimecko, *The Homecoming*
Tom Loughlin, *The Price*
Adam Yellen, *The Bowling Play*

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN A PLAY

Lanie Shannon, *Hamlet*
Marie Costa, *The Melville Boys*
Diane DiBernardo, *The Light Fantastic*
Ellen Horst, *Kindertransport*
Davida Evette Tolbert, *The Light Fantastic*

OUTSTANDING LEADING ACTOR IN A MUSICAL

Steve Copps, *Kinky Boots*
Kevin Deese, *Reefer Madness*
Jordan Levin, *Merrily We Roll Along*
Sean Ryan, *Tick, Tick, BOOM!*
Josh Wilde, *Merrily We Roll Along*

OUTSTANDING LEADING ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL

Nicole Cimato, *Chicago*
Jetaun Louie, *The Color Purple*
Gabriella McKinley, *The Color Purple*
Mary Kate O'Connell, *Sunset Boulevard*
Maria Pedro, *Beautiful*

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A MUSICAL

Louis Colaiacovo, *Merrily We Roll Along*
Michael J. Galante, *Sunset Boulevard*

Austin Marshall, *Showtune*
Dave Spychalski, *Kinky Boots*
Dan Urtz, *Rocky Horror Show*

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL

Leah Berst, *Tick, Tick, BOOM!*
Bethany Burrows, *Kinky Boots*
Heather Casseri, *Sunset Boulevard*
Kelly Copps, *Merrily We Roll Along*
Curtis Lovell, *The Color Purple*

OUTSTANDING FEATURED PERFORMANCE

Lindsay Brandon-Hunter, *Death of a Streetcar Named Virginia Woolf*
Philip Farugia, *The Natural Horse*
Stevie Kemp, *Twelfth Night*
Peter Horn, *Death of a Streetcar Named Virginia Woolf*
Gretchen Didio, *Beautiful*

OUTSTANDING SET DESIGN

David Butler, *Grumpy Old Men*
David Dwyer, *The Price*
Collin Ranney, *Death of a Streetcar Named Virginia Woolf*
Kristina Siegel, *The Homecoming*
Sarah Waechter, *The AI At Delphi*

OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL ELEMENT

Ed Hallborg, *Romeo and Juliet*, MUSIC AND SOUND
Tom Makar, *Betrayal*, SOUND
Katie Menke/John Rickus, *The Light Fantastic*, SPECIAL EFFECTS
Emma Schimminger, *Death of a Streetcar Named Virginia Woolf*, SOUND
Hannah Wolland, *Fauci and Kramer*, VIDEOGRAPHY

OUTSTANDING COSTUME DESIGN

Jenna Damberger, *The Color Purple*
Vivian Del Bello, *The Importance of Being Earnest*
Vanna Deux, *Kinky Boots (the Angels)*
Kari Drozd, *Guys and Dolls*
Lise Harty, *The Price*

EMMANUEL FRIED AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING NEW PLAY

AI at Delphi by Bella Poynton

Blue Xmas by Charmagne Chi

Fauci and Kramer by Drew Fornarola

The Bowling Play by Kelly Copps

The White Devil adaptation of John Webster by Charles McGregor and Arianna Lasting

CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Doug Weyand

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