

30TH Annual Desert Star Awards Nominations

2016-2017 Season

BALLET:

Outstanding Production-Ballet

Beauty and the Beast - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio
The Enchanted Shoes - Starlight Dance Center
The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center
The Nutcracker - CK Dance Company
The Nutcracker - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio

Outstanding Choreographer of a Ballet

Cynthia Kaye - The Nutcracker - CK Dance Company
Cecilia Shahandeh - Beauty and the Beast - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio
Cecilia Shahandeh - The Nutcracker - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio
Patty Williams - The Enchanted Shoes - Starlight Dance Center
Patty Williams - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center

Outstanding Director of a Ballet

Cynthia Kaye - The Nutcracker - CK Dance Company
Cecilia Shahandeh - Beauty and the Beast - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio
Cecilia Shahandeh - The Nutcracker - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio
Patty Williams - The Enchanted Shoes - Starlight Dance Center
Patty Williams - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center

Outstanding Lead Male Dancer in Ballet

Christian Garcia - The Nutcracker - CK Dance Company
Mikael Holm - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center
Karlo E. Ramirez - The Enchanted Shoes - Starlight Dance Center

Outstanding Professional Male Dancer in Ballet

Alexander Cota - Beauty and the Beast - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio
Alexander Cota - The Nutcracker - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio
Kar-el Green - Beauty and the Beast - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio
Kar-el Green - The Nutcracker - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio
Joshua King - The Nutcracker - CK Dance Company

Outstanding Lead Female Dancer in Ballet

Tais Cain - The Nutcracker - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio
Kaelyn Cook - Beauty and the Beast - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio
Danielle DeKock - The Enchanted Shoes - Starlight Dance Center
Constantina Karalis - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center
Ryan Alexis Madrigal - The Nutcracker - CK Dance Company

Outstanding Supporting Male Dancer in Ballet

Casey Carnes - The Enchanted Shoes - Starlight Dance Center
Casey Carnes - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center
Jordan Foley - The Enchanted Shoes - Starlight Dance Center
Karlo E. Ramirez - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center
Aaron Rubio - The Enchanted Shoes - Starlight Dance Center

Outstanding Supporting Female Dancer in Ballet

Amy DeKock - The Enchanted Shoes - Starlight Dance Center
Danielle DeKock - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center
Haley Keil - The Enchanted Shoes - Starlight Dance Center
Hannah Keil - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center
Kayla Robles - The Nutcracker - CK Dance Company

Outstanding Juvenile in a Ballet

Maria Angulo - The Nutcracker - CK Dance Company
Danielle Hjerpe - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center
Kaitlin Vorpapel - The Enchanted Shoes - Starlight Dance Center
Kaitlin Vorpapel - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center
Amber Wilcox - The Enchanted Shoes - Starlight Dance Center

YOUTH THEATRE:

Outstanding Production-Musical-Youth Theatre

Annie - Palm Springs High School
Disney's Beauty and the Beast - Shadow Hills High School
Into the Woods, Jr. - Palm Valley School
Disney's Mary Poppins - Green Room Theatre Company
SHREK The Musical Jr. - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Outstanding Production-Comedy/Drama-Youth Theatre

The Crucible - Palm Desert High School
A Few Good Men - Palm Valley School
The Game's Afoot - Shadow Hills High School
Much Ado About Nothing - Palm Desert High School
Pieces - Palm Desert High School
PUSH - Coachella Valley Repertory

Outstanding Director - Youth Theatre

Sharon Deady - Disney's Beauty and the Beast - Shadow Hills High School
Sharon Deady - The Game's Afoot - Shadow Hills High School
Craig Gahnz-Kuhar/Kim Phillips/Ken Sarkis - Into the Woods, Jr. - Palm Valley School
John Hadley - The Crucible - Palm Desert High School
Kim Phillips/Ken Sarkis - A Few Good Men - Palm Valley School
Allyson Sawyer - Annie - Palm Springs High School
Howard Shangraw - SHREK The Musical Jr. - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Outstanding Musical Director-Youth Theatre

Paul Bluto Jr. - Disney's Beauty and the Beast - Shadow Hills High School
Craig Gahnz-Kuhar - Into the Woods, Jr. - Palm Valley School
Kato Garcia - 21 Chump Street - Palm Desert High School
Brian Ingelson - Annie - Palm Springs High School
Nelms McKelvain - SHREK The Musical Jr. - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Outstanding Choreographer-Youth Theatre

Alexis Acker - Annie - Palm Springs High School
Will La Villa - Romeo and Juliet - Desert Hot Springs High School
Kim Phillips - Into the Woods, Jr. - Palm Valley School
Lulu Schoenfeld - Disney's Beauty and the Beast - Shadow Hills High School
Howard Shangraw – SHREK The Musical Jr. - Hi-Desert - Cultural Center
Angalie Singh - Legally Blonde: The Musical - Desert Hot Springs High School
Erica Yamada - Disney's The Little Mermaid - Cathedral City High School

Outstanding Lead Actor - Comedy/Drama - Youth Theatre

Tai Garcia - Football Romeo - La Quinta High School
Bobby Guenther - The Game's Afoot - Shadow Hills High School
Jacob Langlois - A Few Good Men - Palm Valley School
Kyle Maerean - Pieces - Palm Desert High School
Kyle Maerean - The Crucible - Palm Desert High School
Jake Mule - A Few Good Men - Palm Valley School

Outstanding Lead Actor-Musical-Youth Theatre

Adrian Esqueda-Gonzalez - 21 Chump Street - Palm Desert High School
Adrian Esqueda-Gonzalez - Disney's Mary Poppins - Green Room Theatre Company
Montae Hopkins - Annie - Palm Springs High School
Joseph Sexson - Disney's Beauty and the Beast - Shadow Hills High School
Jake Sonderman - Into the Woods, Jr. - Palm Valley School
Beinn-Mhor Stewart - SHREK The Musical Jr. - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Henry Swenning - Into the Woods, Jr. - Palm Valley School
Edwin Vargas - Disney's The Little Mermaid - Cathedral City High School

Outstanding Lead Actress - Comedy/Drama - Youth Theatre

Keana Garcia - Much Ado About Nothing - Palm Desert High School
Amanda Laule - A Few Good Men - Palm Valley School
Emily Sanchez - Romeo and Juliet - Desert Hot Springs High School
Emely Smith - The Game's Afoot - Shadow Hills High School
Faith Tesch - 5lb Sack - Palm Desert High School
Jasmin Zarate - PUSH - Coachella Valley Repertory

Outstanding Lead Actress-Musical-Youth Theatre

Blaze Bautista - Annie - Palm Springs High School
Laurel Bollard - Disney's Beauty and the Beast - Shadow Hills High School
Amailee Crisp - Into the Woods, Jr. - Palm Valley School
Demondra Martin - Disney's High School Musical - Rancho Mirage High School
Galilea Navarro - Legally Blonde: The Musical - Desert Hot Springs High School
Maricela Sandoval - Annie - Palm Springs High School

Outstanding Supporting Actor - Comedy/Drama - Youth Theatre

Austin Berry - 5lb Sack - Palm Desert High School
Joe Bolek - A Few Good Men - Palm Valley School
Connor Cook - A Few Good Men - Palm Valley School
Kevin Giloni - The Game's Afoot - Shadow Hills High School
Nick Hoggat - Pieces - Palm Desert High School
Brennan Nick - A Few Good Men - Palm Valley School
Nick Wyman - The Game's Afoot - Shadow Hills High School

Outstanding Supporting Actor-Musical-Youth Theatre

Erick Alapizco - Disney's Beauty and the Beast - Shadow Hills High School
Kevin Giloni - Disney's Beauty and the Beast - Shadow Hills High School
Cooper Hopton - SHREK The Musical Jr. - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Stephen Lee - Annie - Palm Springs High School
Leo Milmet - Into the Woods, Jr. - Palm Valley School
Nelson Sanchez - Disney's Beauty and the Beast - Shadow Hills High School

Outstanding Supporting Actress - Comedy/Drama - Youth Theatre

Jesica Banker - Romeo and Juliet - Desert Hot Springs High School
Rhiannon Bill - The Game's Afoot - Shadow Hills High School
Leta Danielson - Pieces - Palm Desert High School
Marcella Maggio - Out of the Frying Pan - Xavier College Prep
Lulu Schoenfeld - The Game's Afoot - Shadow Hills High School
Cristina Servin - The Game's Afoot - Shadow Hills High School

Outstanding Supporting Actress-Musical-Youth Theatre

Sofia Cid-Smith - Mini Poppins - A Festival of Scenes - Green Room Theatre Company
Marjorie Love-Krooms - Annie - Palm Springs High School
Salma Pena - Disney's Beauty and the Beast - Shadow Hills High School
Elizabeth Shay - Into the Woods, Jr. - Palm Valley School
Kaiya Treash - Into the Woods, Jr. - Palm Valley School

DRAMA:

Outstanding Production of a Drama

Casa Valentina - Dezart Performs
Chapatti - Dezart Performs
Deathtrap - Palm Canyon Theatre
Dracula- Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Expressions - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.
A Few Good Men - The St. Joseph's Players

Outstanding Production of a Drama/Comedy - Professional

Annapurna - Coachella Valley Repertory
Disgraced - Coachella Valley Repertory
The Lady with All the Answers – Coyote StageWorks
Later Life - Coachella Valley Repertory
Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks - Coyote StageWorks

The Michael Cruickshank Award for Outstanding Director of a Drama

Shawn Abramowitz – Expressions - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.
Wendy Cohen - The Woman in Black - Groves Cabin Theatre
Rebecca Havelly - A Few Good Men - The St. Joseph's Players
Steve Stajich - The Goldfish Letters - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

The Michael Cruickshank Award for Outstanding Director of a Drama - Professional

Ron Celona - Annapurna - Coachella Valley Repertory
Joanne Gordon - Disgraced - Coachella Valley Repertory
Larry Raben - Six Dance Lessons In Six Weeks - Coyote StageWorks
Michael Shaw - Casa Valentina - Dezart Performs
Michael Shaw - Chapatti - Dezart Performs
Luke Yankee - Later Life - Coachella Valley Repertory

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama

James E. Anderson III - Expressions - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.
Ben Bees - A Few Good Men - The St. Joseph's Players
Clinton Crawshaw - The Woman in Black - Groves Cabin Theatre
Abe Daniels - A Few Good Men - The St. Joseph's Players
Steve Fisher - Deathtrap - Palm Canyon Theatre
Fergus Loughnane - Expressions - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama - Professional

Barry Cutler - A Christmas Carol - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
David Engel - Six Dance Lessons In Six Weeks - Coyote StageWorks
Derrick Lewis - The Goldfish Letters - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Arash Mokhtar - Disgraced - Coachella Valley Repertory
Dale Morris - Casa Valentina - DeZart Performs
Scott Smith - Casa Valentina - DeZart Performs

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama

Cooper Gillespie - The Goldfish Letters - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Haley Kooyman - A Christmas Carol - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Liyán Lagevardi - A Few Good Men - The St. Joseph's Players
Shirley LeMaster - Deathtrap - Palm Canyon Theatre
Kelley Moody - Expressions - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama - Professional

Dana Hooley - Chapatti - DeZart Performs
Tammy Hubler - Casa Valentina - DeZart Performs
Barbara Niles - Later Life - Coachella Valley Repertory
Maya Lynn Robinson - Disgraced - Coachella Valley Repertory
Elizabeth Saydah - Disgraced - Coachella Valley Repertory
Loretta Switt - Six Dance Lessons In Six Weeks - Coyote StageWorks

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama

Adrian Esqueda-Gonzalez - A Murder Is Announced - Desert Theatreworks
Jericho McWilliams - A Few Good Men - The St. Joseph's Players
Bob Noble - A Few Good Men - The St. Joseph's Players
Jeffrey Norman - Casa Valentina - DeZart Performs
Christopher Schoonover - A Christmas Carol - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Malcolm Stanley-Wolfe - A Few Good Men - The St. Joseph's Players
Alex Updike - A Murder Is Announced - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Supporting Professional Performer in a Drama

Teri Bibb - Later Life - Coachella Valley Repertory
Joel Bryant - Later Life - Coachella Valley Repertory
Morgana Corelli - Deathtrap - Palm Canyon Theatre
Kevin Coubal - Casa Valentina - DeZart Performs
Jeanette Knight - The Goldfish Letters - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Arthur Pembroke - Dracula - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Garnett Smith - Casa Valentina - DeZart Performs

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama

Dawn Davis - A Christmas Carol - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Janet Peercy - A Few Good Men - The St. Joseph's Players
Renee Poignard - A Murder Is Announced - Desert Theatreworks
Louise Ross - Casa Valentina - Dezart Performs
Shelly Scheckler - A Few Good Men - The St. Joseph's Players

MUSICAL/OPERA:

Outstanding Production Musical/Opera

The Drowsy Chaperone - Desert Theatreworks
A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum - College of the Desert
Godspell - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
The Music Man - Palm Canyon Theatre
Next to Normal - Desert Theatreworks
Sweet Charity - Palm Canyon Theatre

Outstanding Director of a Musical/Opera

Andrea Bellato - Rock of Ages - Palm Canyon Theatre
Gary Daigneault - Disney's Mary Poppins - Theatre 29
Steve Fisher - The Music Man - Palm Canyon Theatre
Scott Smith - Sweet Charity - Palm Canyon Theatre
J. Stegar Thompson - Jekyll & Hyde - Palm Canyon Theatre

Outstanding Director of a Musical/Opera - Professional

Ron Celona - BABY - Coachella Valley Repertory
Cecilia Duran - Fiddler on the Roof - Sun City Palm Desert
Se Layne - Little Shop of Horrors - College of the Desert
Janet Miller - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum - College of the Desert
Lance Phillips-Martinez - The Drowsy Chaperone - Desert Theatreworks
Lance Phillips-Martinez - Next to Normal - Desert Theatreworks
Howard Shangraw - Godspell - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Outstanding Musical Director of a Musical/Opera

Bill Barrett - Disney's Mary Poppins - Theatre 29
Kathryn Ferguson - Into The Woods - Theatre 29
Donald Kelley - The Drowsy Chaperone - Desert Theatreworks
Donald Kelley - Next to Normal - Desert Theatreworks
Donald Kelley - Rock of Ages - Palm Canyon Theatre

Outstanding Musical Director of a Musical/Opera - Professional

Wayne Abravanel - Fiddler on the Roof - Sun City Palm Desert
Nelms McKelvain - Godspell - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Scott T. Smith - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum - College of the Desert
Steven Smith - Sweet Charity - Palm Canyon Theatre
Steven Smith - The Music Man - Palm Canyon Theatre
Scott Storr - BABY - Coachella Valley Repertory

The Michele Gaines Award for Outstanding Choreographer of a Musical/Opera

Andrea Bellato - Rock of Ages - Palm Canyon Theatre
Heidi Hapner - The Drowsy Chaperone - Desert Theatreworks
Dani Jara - Disney's Mary Poppins - Theatre 29
Jacqueline LeBlanc - Footloose - Palm Canyon Theatre
Howard Shangraw - Godspell - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Derik Shopinski - The Music Man - Palm Canyon Theatre

The Michele Gaines Award for Outstanding Choreographer of a Musical/Opera - Professional

Ron Celona - BABY - Coachella Valley Repertory
Stephanie Eley - Sweet Charity - Palm Canyon Theatre
Se Layne - Little Shop of Horrors - College of the Desert
Janet Miller - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum - College of the Desert

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical/Opera

Chris Fleischman - Disney's Mary Poppins - Theatre 29
Lou Galvan - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum College of the Desert
Timm McBride The Drowsy Chaperone - Desert Theatreworks
Luke Rainey - Next to Normal - Desert Theatreworks
Erik Romney - Little Shop of Horrors - College of the Desert
Jacob Samples - Evita Palm Canyon - Theatre
J. Stegar Thompson - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum - College of the Desert

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical/Opera - Professional

John Abramson - Fiddler on the Roof - Sun City Palm Desert
Paul Grant - The Music Man - Palm Canyon Theatre
Stan Jenson - The Music Man - Palm Canyon Theatre
Jason Marquez - Jekyll & Hyde - Palm Canyon Theatre
Perry Ojeda - BABY - Coachella Valley Repertory

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Musical/Opera

Coco Girelli - The Drowsy Chaperone - Desert Theatreworks
Haley Kooyman - Godspell - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Analisa Pilecki - Disney's Mary Poppins - Theatre 29
Analisa Pilecki - Godspell – Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Julie Rosser-Balbini - Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat - Palm Canyon Theatre
Rachel Saiz - Jekyll & Hyde - Palm Canyon Theatre
Christine Tringali - Next to Normal - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Musical/Opera - Professional

Pamla Vale Abramson - Fiddler on the Roof - Sun City Palm Desert
Janna Cardia - BABY - Coachella Valley Repertory
Melody Hollis - BABY - Coachella Valley Repertory
Se Layne - Evita - Palm Canyon Theatre
Se Layne - The Music Man - Palm Canyon Theatre
Se Layne - Sweet Charity - Palm Canyon Theatre
Jennifer Singer - Rock of Ages - Palm Canyon Theatre
Meagan Van Dyke - Little Shop of Horrors - College of the Desert

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical/Opera

Dennis "Easy" Boos - Disney's Mary Poppins - Theatre 29
David Boyd - Sweet Charity - Palm Canyon Theatre
Chris Fleishman - The Secret Garden - Theatre 29
Cameron Merrihew - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum - College of the Desert
Anthony Nannini - Rock of Ages - Palm Canyon Theatre
Jacob Samples - The Music Man - Palm Canyon Theatre

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical/Opera - Professional

Tom Andrew - BABY - Coachella Valley Repertory
Matt Brackstone - Next to Normal - Desert Theatreworks
Donald Kelley - Jekyll & Hyde - Palm Canyon Theatre
Ben Reece - Evita - Palm Canyon Theatre
Garnett Smith - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum - College of the Desert
Robbie Wayne - Rock of Ages - Palm Canyon Theatre

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Musical/Opera

Allegra Angelo - Sweet Charity - Palm Canyon Theatre
Alisha Bates - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum - College of the Desert
Char Childs - Into the Woods - Theatre 29
Desiree Clarke - Next to Normal - Desert Theatreworks
Briana Eylicio - Next to Normal - Desert Theatreworks
Lisa Goldberg - The Secret Garden - Theatre 29

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Musical/Opera - Professional

June August - Fiddler on the Roof - Sun City Palm Desert
Morgana Corelli - The Music Man - Palm Canyon Theatre
Erica Hanrahan-Ball - BABY - Coachella Valley Repertory
Marjory Lewis - The Drowsy Chaperone - Desert Theatreworks

The Bill Groves Award for Outstanding Juvenile

Aidan Bosworth - Godspell - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Bennett Creighton - Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, Part 1 - Green Room Theatre Company
Bennett Creighton - Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, Part 2 - Green Room Theatre Company
Cameron Keys - Expressions - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.
Grace Prograis - Disney's Mary Poppins - Theatre 29
Nick Wass - Expressions - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

CABARET/ REVUE/VARIETY SHOW:

Outstanding Production Cabaret/Review/Variety Show

"A Musical" - Sun City Palm Desert
Boys' Night Out! - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.
SINATRA: Christmas, My Way - Desert Theatreworks
They All Sang My Songs - 100 Miles From Hollywood

Outstanding Director of a Cabaret/Review/Variety Show

Jerome Elliott - Boys' Night Out! - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.
Burt Peachy - They All Sang My Songs - 100 Miles From Hollywood
Daniela Ryan - SINATRA: Christmas, My Way - Desert Theatreworks
Roz Warren-Heller - A Musical" - Sun City Palm Desert

Outstanding Musical Director of a Cabaret/Review/Variety Show - Professional

Wayne Abravanel - "A Musical" - Sun City Palm Desert
Charlie Creasy - They All Sang My Songs - 100 Miles From Hollywood
Charlie Creasy - Boys' Night Out! - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

Outstanding Lead Male Performer in a Cabaret/Review/Variety Show

Mark Demry - SINATRA: Christmas, My Way - Desert Theatreworks
Al Greco - "A Musical" - Sun City Palm Desert
Allan H. Jensen - SINATRA: Christmas, My Way - Desert Theatreworks
Bill Lohnes - They All Sang My Songs - 100 Miles From Hollywood

Outstanding Lead Male Performer in a Cabaret/Review/Variety Show - Professional

John Abramson - "A Musical" - Sun City Palm Desert
Doug Graham - Boys' Night Out! - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.
Charles Herrera - Boys' Night Out! - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.
Charles Herrera - They All Sang My Songs - 100 Miles From Hollywood

Outstanding Lead Female Performer in a Cabaret/Review/Variety Show - Professional

Pamla Vale Abramson - "A Musical" - Sun City Palm Desert
Keisha D - They All Sang My Songs - 100 Miles From Hollywood
Darci Daniels - They All Sang My Songs - 100 Miles From Hollywood
Marcia Harp - SINATRA: Christmas, My Way - Desert Theatreworks
Renee Solom - "A Musical" - Sun City Palm Desert

Outstanding Supporting Male Performer in a Cabaret/Review/Variety Show

Todd Blum - "A Musical" - Sun City Palm Desert
Jerome Elliott - Boys' Night Out! - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.
Geoff Hill - "A Musical" - Sun City Palm Desert
Garet Mouat - "A Musical" - Sun City Palm Desert

Outstanding Supporting Female Performer in a Cabaret/Review/Variety Show

Ramona Larson - "A Musical" - Sun City Palm Desert
Christine Michele - SINATRA: Christmas, My Way - Desert Theatreworks
Karen Schmitt - "A Musical" - Sun City Palm Desert
Pam Thompson - "A Musical" - Sun City Palm Desert

COMEDY:

Outstanding Production-Comedy

Biloxi Blues - College of the Desert
Clybourne Park - DeZart Performs
Exit Laughing - Groves Cabin Theatre
Lend Me A Tenor - Sun City Palm Desert
Sordid Lives - Palm Canyon Theatre
Southern Baptist Sissies - Desert Rose Productions

Outstanding Director of a Comedy

Wendy Cohen - Exit Laughing - Groves Cabin Theatre
Steve Fisher - Southern Baptist Sissies - Desert Rose Productions
Steve Fisher - Sordid Lives - Palm Canyon Theatre
Bonnie Grace - Lend Me A Tenor - Sun City Palm Desert
Eric Ross - A Christmas Story - Theatre 29

Outstanding Director of a Comedy - Professional

Don Amendolia - The Lady With All The Answers - Coyote StageWorks
Matt Neves - Biloxi Blues - College of the Desert
Lance Phillips-Martinez - 45 Seconds From Broadway - Desert Theatreworks
Michael Shaw - Clybourne Park - DeZart Performs
Jim Strait - Clark Gable Slept Here - Desert Rose Productions
Jim Strait - The Santaland Diaries - Desert Rose Productions
Jim Strait - Coma/Vampire Lesbians of Sodom - Desert Rose Productions

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy

Ben Heustess - Southern Baptist Sissies - Desert Rose Productions
Jerry Kress - Lend Me A Tenor - Sun City Palm Desert
Steve Meyers - Lend Me A Tenor - Sun City Palm Desert
Michael Pacas - Clark Gable Slept Here - Desert Rose Productions
Joseph Tanner Paul - Southern Baptist Sissies - Desert Rose Productions
Ron Young - 45 Seconds From Broadway - Desert Theatreworks
Daniel Zepeda - Biloxi Blues - College of the Desert

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy - Professional

Loren Freeman - Coma/Vampire Lesbians of Sodom - Desert Rose Productions
Arnie Kleban - 45 Seconds From Broadway - Desert Theatreworks
Kam Sisco - Coma/Vampire Lesbians of Sodom - Desert Rose Productions
Kam Sisco – Party - Desert Rose Productions
Scott Smith - Noises Off - Palm Canyon Theatre
David Youse - Clybourne Park - DeZart Performs

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy

Heather Brendel - Lend Me A Tenor - Sun City Palm Desert
Linda Cooke - Southern Baptist Sissies - Desert Rose Productions
Brianna Eylicio - 45 Seconds From Broadway - Desert Theatreworks
Donna Gambale – APRONS - Sun City Shadow Hills
Theresa Jewett - Clybourne Park - DeZart Performs
Adina Lawson - Coma/Vampire Lesbians of Sodom - Desert Rose Productions
Adina Lawson – POZ - Desert Rose Productions
Shirley LeMaster - Sordid Lives - Palm Canyon Theatre
Marty Neider - Kitchen Witches - The St. Joseph's Players
Lorraine Williamson - Exit Laughing - Groves Cabin Theatre

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy - Professional

Jannae Kleban - 45 Seconds From Broadway - Desert Theatreworks
Jeanette Knight - Almost, Maine - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Gloria Loring - The Lady With All The Answers - Coyote StageWorks
Yo Younger - Sordid Lives - Palm Canyon Theatre
Yo Younger - Clark Gable Slept Here - Desert Rose Productions
Yo Younger - Noises Off - Palm Canyon Theatre

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy

Michael Hadley - Sordid Lives - Palm Canyon Theatre
Rob Hbler - Clybourne Park - DeZart Performs
Lee Padick - Biloxi Blues - College of the Desert
German Pavon - Southern Baptist Sissies - Desert Rose Productions
Nicholas Sloan - Biloxi Blues - College of the Desert

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy - Professional

Jacob Betts - Coma/Vampire Lesbians of Sodom - Desert Rose Productions
Don Cilluffo - Sordid Lives - Palm Canyon Theatre
J.W. Layne - You Can't Take It With You- Palm Canyon Theatre
Milt Oberman - Lend Me A Tenor - Sun City Palm Desert
Garnett Smith - Noises Off - Palm Canyon Theatre

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy

Melanie Blue - Clark Gable Slept Here - Desert Rose Productions
Joy Groves - Exit Laughing - Groves Cabin Theatre
Phylicia Mason - Clybourne Park - DeZart Performs
Vicki Montgomery - Exit Laughing - Groves Cabin Theatre
Karen Schmitt - Lend Me A Tenor - Sun City Palm Desert
Louise Tonti - Lend Me A Tenor - Sun City Palm Desert
Alden West - Lend Me A Tenor - Sun City Palm Desert

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy - Professional

June August - 45 Seconds From Broadway - Desert Theatreworks
Jannae Kleban - APRONS - Sun City Shadow Hills
Se Layne - Sordid Lives - Palm Canyon Theatre

STAGED READING:

Outstanding Production-Staged Reading

Final Arrangements - Scrp2Stage2Screen
Glengary Glen Ross - Desert Theatreworks
Grounded - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Life Without - Scrp2Stage2Screen
Our American Cousin - Desert Theatreworks
The Exit Strategy Club - Scrp2Stage2Screen
War of the Worlds - A Live Radio Play - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Director of a Staged Reading

Don Cilluffo - The Park Bench - Scrp2Stage2Screen
John Alex Houlton - Julius Caesar - Green Room Theatre Company
Jason Hull - The Fox in the Hen House - Scrp2Stage2Screen
Janelle Kaufman - Our American Cousin - Desert Theatreworks
Luke Rainey - Glengary Glen Ross - Desert Theatreworks
Jeffery Strange - Boeing Boeing - Green Room Theatre Company

Outstanding Director of a Staged Reading - Professional

Gina Bikales - Final Arrangements - Scrp2Stage2Screen
Gina Bikales - The Exit Strategy Club - Scrp2Stage2Screen
Gina Bikales - Life Without - Scrp2Stage2Screen
Gina Bikales - Donor 63125 - Scrp2Stage2Screen
Barry Cutler - An Enemy of the People - Desert Theatreworks
Lance Phillips-Martinez - War of the Worlds - A Live Radio Play - Desert Theatreworks
Howard Shangraw - Grounded - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Outstanding Lead Male Performer in a Staged Reading

Miguel Arballo - The Marriage of Figaro - Desert Theatreworks
Richard Marlow - An Enemy of the People - Desert Theatreworks
Mason McIntosh - War of the Worlds - A Live Radio Play - Desert Theatreworks
Hal O'Connell - Julius Caesar - Green Room Theatre Company
Alex Updike - Our American Cousin - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Lead Male Performer in a Staged Reading - Professional

Mark Almy - An Enemy of the People - Desert Theatreworks
Stan Jenson - The Park Bench Script2Stage2Screen
Arnie Kelban - Life Without - Script2Stage2Screen
Arnie Kelban - Glengary Glen Ross - Desert Theatreworks
Jason Lewis - Our American Cousin - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Lead Female Performer in a Staged Reading

Pamela Cole - Donor 63125 - Script2Stage2Screen
Keisha D. - Final Arrangements - Script2Stage2Screen
Adina Lawson - Boeing Boeing - Green Room Theatre Company
Rose Mallet - Final Arrangements - Script2Stage2Screen
Phylicia Mason - War of the Worlds - A Live Radio Play - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Lead Female Performer in a Staged Reading - Professional

June August - Julius Caesar - Green Room Theatre Company
Joyce Bulifant - On The Air! 2017 - Dezart Performs
Cooper Gillespie – Grounded - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Rebecca Hertsgaard - Our American Cousin - Desert Theatreworks
Marjory Lewis - The Marriage of Figaro - Desert Theatreworks
Marjory Lewis - Julius Caesar - Green Room Theatre Company
Millicent Martin - On The Air! 2017 - Dezart Performs

Outstanding Supporting Male Performer in a Staged Reading

Stephen Blackwell - Our American Cousin - Desert Theatreworks
Lou Galvan - The Exit Strategy Club - Script2Stage2Screen
John Alex Houlton - Our American Cousin - Desert Theatreworks
Stephen Kauffman - Final Arrangements - Script2Stage2Screen
Jeffery Strange - Boeing Boeing - Green Room Theatre Company

Outstanding Supporting Male Performer in a Staged Reading - Professional

Corbett Brattin - War of the Worlds - A Live Radio Play - Desert Theatreworks
Don Cilluffo - The Exit Strategy Club - Script2Stage2Screen
Barry Culter - Glengary Glen Ross - Desert Theatreworks
Stan Jenson - War of the Worlds - A Live Radio Play - Desert Theatreworks
Phil Proctor - On The Air! 2017 - Dezart Performs

Outstanding Supporting Female Performer in a Staged Reading

Desiree Clarke - Our American Cousin - Desert Theatreworks
Pamala Cole - The Exit Strategy Club - Script2Stage2Screen
Pamela Cole - The Fox in the Hen House - Script2Stage2Screen
Brianna Eylicio - Our American Cousin - Desert Theatreworks
Mari Harris - Our American Cousin - Desert Theatreworks
Miri Hunter - For Colored Girls - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Adia Joelle - For Colored Girls - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Outstanding Supporting Female Performer in a Staged Reading - Professional

Valorie Armstrong - On The Air! 2017 - Dezart Performs
June August - The Fox in the Hen House - Scrp2Stage2Screen
Darci Daniels - On The Air! 2017 - Dezart Performs
Melinda Peterson - On The Air! 2017 - Dezart Performs

The Bill Groves Award for Outstanding Original Writing

Shawn Abramowitz – Expressions - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.
Jason Hull - The Fox in the Hen House - Scrp2Stage2Screen
Michelle Tyrene Johnson - Final Arrangements - Scrp2Stage2Screen
Pam Munter - Life Without - Scrp2Stage2Screen
Vicki Vodrey - The Exit Strategy Club - Scrp2Stage2Screen

ONE ACTS

Overall Production - One Acts

The Bloody Olive - Sun City Palm Desert
For Whom The Southern Belle Tolls - Sun City Palm Desert
Wanda's Visit - Sun City Palm Desert

Outstanding Director - One Acts

June August - For Whom The Southern Belle Tolls - Sun City Palm Desert
Roger Grace - Wanda's Visit - Sun City Palm Desert
Milt Oberman - The Bloody Olive - Sun City Palm Desert
Karen Schmitt - The Road To Ruin - Sun City Palm Desert
Louise Tonti - GPS - Sun City Palm Desert

Outstanding Lead Actor - One Acts

David Brendel - GPS - Sun City Palm Desert
Roger Grace - For Whom The Southern Belle Tolls - Sun City Palm Desert
Wayne Olmsted - The Road To Ruin - Sun City Palm Desert
Bill Stephens - Wanda's Visit - Sun City Palm Desert

Outstanding Lead Actress - One Acts

Heather Brendel - The Bloody Olive - Sun City Palm Desert
Sharon Johnson - The Road To Ruin - Sun City Palm Desert
Sandra Mitchell - The Bloody Olive - Sun City Palm Desert
Poppy Reybin - Wanda's Visit - Sun City Palm Desert
Alden West - For Whom The Southern Bells - Tolls Sun City Palm Desert

Outstanding Supporting Actress - One Acts

Heather Brendel - Wanda's Visit Sun City Palm Desert
Linda Lyons - The Road To Ruin Sun City Palm Desert
Karen Schmitt - For Whom The Southern Belle Tolls - Sun City Palm Desert

TECHNICAL AWARDS:

Outstanding Set Design

Ray Gahnz-Kuhar - Into The Woods, Jr. - Palm Valley School
Rebecca Havelly/Dave Jessup - A Few Good Men - The St. Joseph's Players
Cynthia Kaye - The Nutcracker - CK Dance Company
Randy Keil - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center
Rory Pratt - Annie - Palm Springs High School

Outstanding Set Design - Professional

Josh Clabaugh - Six Dance Lessons In Six Weeks - Coyote StageWorks
Jimmy Cuomo - Annapurna - Coachella Valley Repertory
Jimmy Cuomo - Later Life - Coachella Valley Repertory
Jimmy Cuomo - Disgraced - Coachella Valley Repertory
J.W. Layne - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum - College of the Desert
Ron Philips-Martinez - 45 Seconds From Broadway - Desert Theatreworks
Jim Strait - Clark Gable Slept Here - Desert Rose Productions

Outstanding Sound Design

Lyla Cordova/Kevin Goodall - Annie - Palm Springs High School
Wye Davis/Rebecca Havelly - A Few Good Men - The St. Joseph's Players
Craig Gahnz-Kuhar - Into the Woods, Jr. - Palm Valley School
Tanner Lieser - A Murder Is Announced - Desert Theatreworks
Jack Ramoran - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum - College of the Desert
Tanner Lieser/Brian Alec Thom - War of the Worlds - A Live Radio Play - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Sound Design - Professional

Terence Davis - Later Life - Coachella Valley Repertory
Clark Dugger - Casa Valentina - DeZart Performs
Clark Dugger - Clybourne Park - DeZart Performs
David Engel - Six Dance Lessons In Six Weeks - Coyote StageWorks
Cricket S. Myers - Annapurna - Coachella Valley Repertory
Cricket S. Myers - BABY - Coachella Valley Repertory
Cricket S. Myers - PUSH - Coachella Valley Repertory
Lance Phillips-Martinez - 45 Seconds From Broadway Desert Theatreworks
Patty Williams - The Enchanted Shoes - Starlight Dance Center

Outstanding Lighting Design

Connor Cook/Jake Mule/Brennan Nick - Into The Woods, Jr. - Palm Valley School
Kato Garcia/John Hadley - The Crucible - Palm Desert High School
Matthew Garrett - Godspell - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Matthew Garrett - Dracula - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Nayeli Jimenez - Annie - Palm Springs High School

Outstanding Lighting Design - Professional

Keith Smith - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum - College of the Desert
Keith Smith - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center
Moirá Wilkie-Whitaker - BABY - Coachella Valley Repertory
Moirá Wilkie-Whitaker - Disgraced - Coachella Valley Repertory
Moirá Wilkie-Whitaker - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center
Moirá Wilkie-Whitaker - Six Dance Lessons In Six Weeks - Coyote StageWorks

Outstanding Costume Design

Amy Angel - Godspell - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Amy Angel/Sheri Hardy - SHREK The Musical Jr. - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Kathryn Ferguson - The Secret Garden - Theatre 29
Allan Jensen - Coma/Vampire Lesbians of Sodom - Desert Rose Productions
Angela Navarrete - Annie - Palm Springs High School
Sharon Noble - A Few Good Men - The St. Joseph's Players
Stacey Wessman - Into The Woods, Jr. - Palm Valley School

Outstanding Costume Design - Professional

Kathy Gillespie/Barbara Weisel - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum - College of the Desert
Bonnie Nipar - Six Dance Lessons In Six Weeks - Coyote StageWorks
Derik Shopinski - Jekyll & Hyde - Palm Canyon Theatre
Derik Shopinski - The Music Man - Palm Canyon Theatre
Derik Shopinski - The Nutcracker - CK Dance Company
Patty Williams - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center

The Ron Hamm Award for Outstanding Hair and Makeup Design

Sandy Bock/Sandy Bolek/Leslie Scheill - Into The Woods, Jr. - Palm Valley School
Nuvia Gonzalez - Disney's Beauty and the Beast - Shadow Hills High School
Haley Kooyman - SHREK The Musical Jr. - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Toni Molano - Coma/Vampire Lesbians of Sodom - Desert Rose Productions
Angela Navarrete - Annie - Palm Springs High School
Brand Thiers - Disney's Mary Poppins - Theatre 29
Kristi Tucker - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center

The Ron Hamm Award for Outstanding Hair and Makeup Design - Professional

Allegra Angelo/Derik Shopinski - Sweet Charity - Palm Canyon Theatre
James Geier - Casa Valentina - Dezart Performs
Mado Nunez/Derik Shopinski - The Music Man - Palm Canyon Theatre
Lynda Shaeps - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum - College of the Desert
Lynda Shaeps - Later Life - Coachella Valley Repertory
Derik Shopinski - The Nutcracker - CK Dance Company

Outstanding Props and Special Effects

Amy Angel/Matthew Garrett/Michael Mora – Godspell - Hi-Desert Cultural Center
Sandy Bock/Sandy Bolek/Stacey Wessman - Into The Woods, Jr. - Palm Valley School
Mary Brown/Sharon Dedy - The Game's Afoot - Shadow Hills High School
Earl Childs/Cathy Inscore/Eric Ross - A Christmas Story - Theatre 29
Cynthia Kaye - The Nutcracker - CK Dance Company
Randy Keil - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center
Allyson Sawyer - Annie - Palm Springs High School

Outstanding Props and Special Effects - Professional

Joyce Ehrenberg - Fiddler on the Roof - Sun City Palm Desert
Alma Lacy/Bruce Weber - War of the Worlds - A Live Radio Play - Desert Theatreworks
Doug Morris - Annapurna - Coachella Valley Repertory
Doug Morris - BABY - Coachella Valley Repertory
Doug Morris - Later Life - Coachella Valley Repertory
Chuck Yates - Six Dance Lessons In Six Weeks - Coyote StageWorks
Chuck Yates - The Lady With All The Answers - Coyote StageWorks

SPECIAL AWARDS:

The Bill Kuhlman Award: Kathryn Ferguson

The Sidney Harmon Award: Don Cilluffo

The Joan Woodbury Mitchell Award: Gary Daigneault

The Michael Grossman Most Inspirational Award: Jeanette Knight

Lifetime Achievement Award: Alden West