

# 29th Annual Desert Stars Awards Nominations

## 2015-2016 Season

### **BALLET:**

#### Outstanding Production-Ballet

Cinderella - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio  
Les Sylphides - CK Dance Company  
The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center  
The Nutcracker - CK Dance Company  
The Nutcracker - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio  
Wizard of Oz - Starlight Dance Center

#### Outstanding Choreographer of a Ballet

Cynthia Kaye - The Nutcracker - CK Dance Company  
Cecilia Shahandeh – Cinderella - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio  
Cecilia Shahandeh - The Nutcracker - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio  
Patty Williams - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center  
Patty Williams - Wizard of Oz - Starlight Dance Center

#### Outstanding Director of a Ballet

Cynthia Kaye - Les Sylphides - CK Dance Company  
Cynthia Kaye - The Nutcracker - CK Dance Company  
Cecilia Shahandeh - The Nutcracker - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio  
Cecilia Shahandeh - Cinderella - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio  
Patty Williams - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center  
Patty Williams - Wizard of Oz - Starlight Dance Center

#### Outstanding Lead Male Dancer in Ballet

Kyle Aiken - The Nutcracker - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio  
Alexander Cota - Cinderella - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio  
Mikael Holm - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center  
Mikael Holm - The Nutcracker - CK Dance Company  
Karlo E. Ramiro-Ramirez - Wizard of Oz - Starlight Dance Center

#### Outstanding Lead Female Dancer in Ballet

Marla Angulo - Les Sylphides - CK Dance Company  
Tais Cain - Cinderella - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio  
Danielle Hjerpe - Wizard of Oz - Starlight Dance Center  
Haley Keil - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center  
Cassandra Kyaw - The Nutcracker - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio  
Ashley Oertel - The Nutcracker - CK Dance Company

Outstanding Supporting Male Dancer in Ballet

Kyle Aiken - Cinderella - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio  
Casey Carnes - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center  
Santiago Ocampo - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center  
Karlo E. Ramiro-Ramirez - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center  
Aaron Rubio - Wizard of Oz - Starlight Dance Center  
Derik Shopinski - The Nutcracker - CK Dance Company

Outstanding Supporting Professional Dancer in a Ballet

Kar-el Green - Cinderella - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio  
Chelsea Hammond - The Nutcracker - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio  
Jessica Haycox - The Nutcracker - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio

Outstanding Supporting Female Dancer in Ballet

Kaelyn Cook - Cinderella - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio  
Danielle Hjerpe - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center  
Cassandra Kyaw - Cinderella - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio  
Allison Lawrence - The Nutcracker - CK Dance Company  
Kayla Robles - Les Sylphides - CK Dance Company  
Sarah Zimmer - Wizard of Oz - Starlight Dance Center

Outstanding Juvenile in a Ballet

Christen Adams - The Nutcracker - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio  
Xavier Brown - The Nutcracker - CK Dance Company  
Sydney Endres - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center  
Haley Keil - Wizard of Oz - Starlight Dance Center  
Isabella Pontius - The Nutcracker - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio  
Sarah Zimmer - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center

**YOUTH THEATRE:**

Outstanding Production-Musical-Youth Theatre

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee - Palm Desert High School  
Cinderella - Shadow Hills High School  
Home Sweet Homer - Palm Valley School  
The Lion King Jr. - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Urinetown - Desert Hot Springs High School

Outstanding Production-Comedy/Drama-Youth Theatre

Fools - Xavier College Prep  
Rehearsal for Murder - Palm Springs High School  
The Diary of Anne Frank - Palm Desert High School  
The Secret Life of Girls - Coachella Valley Repertory Theatre  
Treasure Island - Palm Valley School

### Outstanding Director-Youth Theatre

Allison Feist - Fools - Xavier College Prep  
John Hadley - The Diary of Anne Frank - Palm Desert High School  
John Hadley - The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee - Palm Desert High School  
Ryan Landmann - Urinetown - Desert Hot Springs High School  
Kim Phillips/Ken Sarkis - Home Sweet Homer - Palm Valley School  
Howard Shangraw - The Lion King Jr. - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

### Outstanding Musical Director-Youth Theatre

Sharon Deady - Cinderella - Shadow Hills High School  
Andrew Eisenman - Anything Goes - Rancho Mirage High School  
Craig Gahnz-Kuhar - The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee - Palm Desert High School  
Michael Bukraba/Matt Ingelson – Urinetown - Desert Hot Springs High School  
Dr. Jason Powell - You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown - Palm Springs High School  
Chris Griffin/Ken Sarkis - Home Sweet Homer - Palm Valley School

### Outstanding Choreographer-Youth Theatre

Alexis Acker/Allyson Sawyer - You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown - Palm Springs High School  
Natascha Behrens - Anything Goes - Rancho Mirage High School  
Sharon Deady/Lulu Schoenfeld - Cinderella - Shadow Hills High School  
Craig Gahnz-Kuhar - The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee - Palm Desert High School  
Kim Phillips - Home Sweet Homer - Palm Valley School  
Pamela Stanktova – Urinetown - Desert Hot Springs High School

### Outstanding Lead Actor – Comedy/Drama -Youth Theatre

Adrian Esqueda - The Diary of Anne Frank - Palm Desert High School  
Gaige Griffin - Treasure Island - Palm Valley School  
Patrick McCracken – Fools - Xavier College Prep  
Jake Mule - Treasure Island - Palm Valley School  
Aaron Ortega - The Diary of Anne Frank - Palm Desert High School  
David Tang - 'Dentity Crisis - Palm Desert High School

### Outstanding Lead Actor-Musical-Youth Theatre

Ahmad Abdallah - Oliver! - Green Room Theatre Company  
Aidan Bosworth - The Lion King Jr. - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Alexis Gonzales - Urinetown - Desert Hot Springs High School  
Ryan Holmes - The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee - Palm Desert High School  
Lawrence Nelson - Home Sweet Homer - Palm Valley School  
Ian Tang - The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee - Palm Desert High School  
Daniel Zepeda - You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown - Palm Springs High School

### Outstanding Lead Actress – Comedy/Drama-Youth Theatre

Stephanee Bonifacio - The Diary of Anne Frank - Palm Desert High School  
Christie Chaplin - The Diary of Anne Frank - Palm Desert High School  
Trisha Dioleste – Fools - Xavier College Prep  
Lauren Malestic - This Is A Test - Palm Desert High School

Cecilia Orosco - The Secret Life of Girls - Coachella Valley Repertory Theatre

Tiffany Steinlechner - 'Dentity Crisis - Palm Desert High School

Jasmin Zarate - August: Osage County - Cathedral City High School

#### Outstanding Lead Actress-Musical-Youth Theatre

Laurel Bollard - Cinderella - Shadow Hills High School

Brooklyn Kettler - The Lion King Jr. - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Laken Lynch - Anything Goes - Rancho Mirage High School

Thea McClean - The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee - Palm Desert High School

Sarah Smith - Urinetown - Desert Hot Springs High School

Evelyn Thurman - Home Sweet Homer - Palm Valley School

#### Outstanding Supporting Actor – Comedy/Drama-Youth Theatre

Joe Bolek - Treasure Island - Palm Valley School

Chris Brandt - Actor's Nightmare - Palm Desert High School

Addison Degollado - Rehearsal for Murder - Palm Springs High School

Jonah Eadie - The Diary of Anne Frank - Palm Desert High School

Michael Langenbahn - The Diary of Anne Frank - Palm Desert High School

Adam McDonald - Treasure Island - Palm Valley School

Caleb Miller - Dracula - Desert Hot Springs High School

#### Outstanding Supporting Actor-Musical-Youth Theatre

Jonathan Calderon - Urinetown - Desert Hot Springs High School

Jonah Eadie - The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee - Palm Desert High School

Cooper Hopton - The Lion King Jr. - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Leo Milmet - Home Sweet Homer - Palm Valley School

Damien Munoz - Cinderella - Shadow Hills High School

Julian Perez - You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown - John Glenn Middle School

Ricky Wass - You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown - Palm Springs High School

#### Outstanding Supporting Actress – Comedy/Drama-Youth Theatre

Olivia Bernheimer - The Diary of Anne Frank - Palm Desert High School

Heather Echeverria - The Diary of Anne Frank - Palm Desert High School

Savanna Holt - The Secret Life of Girls - Coachella Valley Repertory Theatre

Marcella Maggio – Fools - Xavier College Prep

Emely Smith - A Tale of Two Cities - Shadow Hills High School

#### Outstanding Supporting Actress-Musical-Youth Theatre

Leyla Dilig - Copacabana - Cathedral City High School

Kaley Doherty - You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown - Palm Springs High School

Lauren Malestic - The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee - Palm Desert High School

Mackenzie Naylor - The Lion King Jr. - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Emily Sanchez - Urinetown - Desert Hot Springs High School

Indiana Wilson - Bye Bye Birdie - Xavier College Prep

## **DRAMA:**

### Outstanding Production of a Drama

Driving Miss Daisy - Groves Cabin Theatre  
Other Desert Cities - Desert Theatreworks  
Red - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Suicide Dogs - DeZart Performs  
Tea at Five - Groves Cabin Theatre  
The Outgoing Tide - DeZart Performs

### Outstanding Professional Production - Comedy/Drama

4000 Miles - Coachella Valley Repertory  
Agnes of God - Coyote StageWorks  
Art - Coyote StageWorks  
Happy Hour - Coachella Valley Repertory  
I Am My Own Wife - Coachella Valley Repertory

### The Michael Cruickshank Award for Outstanding Director of a Drama

Amada Burr - Amadeus - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Abe Daniels - The Sea Horse - Groves Cabin Theatre  
Wendy Cohen/Marge Doyle - Tea at Five - Groves Cabin Theatre  
Rebecca Havelly - Driving Miss Daisy - Groves Cabin Theatre  
Steve Stajich - Auto Parts - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

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

Ron Celona - I Am My Own Wife - Coachella Valley Repertory  
Ron Celona - Happy Hour - Coachella Valley Repertory  
Lance Philips-Martinez - Other Desert Cities - Desert Theatreworks  
Howard Shangraw - Red - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Michael Shaw - The Outgoing Tide - DeZart Performs  
Michael Shaw - Suicide Dogs - DeZart Performs

### Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama

Scott Cuttler - The Sea Horse - Groves Cabin Theatre  
Steven Meeks - A Streetcar Named Desire - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Horace Miller - Driving Miss Daisy - Groves Cabin Theatre  
Stephen Milligan - The Laramie Project - College of the Desert  
Jared Phillips - Jerome Bixby's Man From Earth - Theatre 29  
Nicholas Sloan - Amadeus - Palm Canyon Theatre

### Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama - Professional

Mark Almy - Amadeus - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Michael Fairman - The Outgoing Tide - DeZart Performs  
Vince Gatton - I Am My Own Wife - Coachella Valley Repertory  
Elliott Goretzky - Angels In America, Part 1 - Desert Rose Playhouse

Gavin MacLeod - Happy Hour - Coachella Valley Repertory  
Howard Shangraw – Red - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama

Susan Brundage - Tea at Five - Groves Cabin Theatre  
Casey Ging - A Streetcar Named Desire - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Joy Groves - Driving Miss Daisy - Groves Cabin Theatre  
Rebecca Havelly - The Sea Horse - Groves Cabin Theatre  
Adina Lawson - Angels In America, Part 1 - Desert Rose Playhouse  
Daniela Ryan - Other Desert Cities - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama - Professional

Judith Chapman - The Outgoing Tide - DeZart Performs  
Laura Julian - Agnes of God - Coyote StageWorks  
Marjory Lewis - Other Desert Cities - Desert Theatreworks  
Marsha Waterbury - Agnes of God - Coyote StageWorks  
Yo Younger - A Streetcar Named Desire - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Yo Younger - Suicide Dogs - DeZart Performs

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama

Loren Freeman - Angels In America, Part 1 - Desert Rose Playhouse  
Rob Hubler - Suicide Dogs - DeZart Performs  
David Jessup - Driving Miss Daisy - Groves Cabin Theatre  
Luke Rainey - Other Desert Cities - Desert Theatreworks  
James Via - The Laramie Project - College of the Desert

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama - Professional

Trevor Anthony - Auto Parts - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Stan Jenson - Suicide Dogs - DeZart Performs  
Leo Mancini - Auto Parts - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Arthur Pembroke – Red - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Michael Shaw - Suicide Dogs - DeZart Performs  
Scott Smith - The Outgoing Tide - DeZart Performs

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama

Jennifer Asbenson - Dead Man's Cell Phone - Desert Theatreworks  
Jasmin Carinio - The Laramie Project - College of the Desert  
Bronte Nemeth - The Laramie Project - College of the Desert  
Leanna Rodgers – Amadeus - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Denise Strand - Suicide Dogs - DeZart Performs  
Franchesca Zabata - The Laramie Project - College of the Desert

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama - Professional

Britt Adams - Agnes of God - Coyote StageWorks  
June August - Other Desert Cities - Desert Theatreworks

Judith Chapman - A Streetcar Named Desire - Palm Canyon Theatre

Christine de Chavez - 4000 Miles - Coachella Valley Repertory

Angela Stern - Auto Parts - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

**MUSICAL/OPERA/PAGEANT:**

Outstanding Production Musical/Opera/Pageant

The Addams Family - Palm Canyon Theatre

The Addams Family - Theatre 29

Anything Goes - Palm Canyon Theatre

Disney's The Little Mermaid - Theatre 29

The Spitfire Grill - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

South Pacific - Sun City Palm Desert

Victor/Victoria - College of the Desert

Outstanding Director of a Musical/Opera/Pageant

Gary Daigneault - Disney's The Little Mermaid - Theatre 29

Kathryn Ferguson - The Addams Family - Theatre 29

Steve Fisher - Anything Goes - Palm Canyon Theatre

Marty Neider - Don't Hug Me, I'm Pregnant - Theatre 29

Nicholas Sloan - Altar Boyz - Palm Canyon Theatre

Shafik Wahhab - The Addams Family - Palm Canyon Theatre

Outstanding Director of a Musical/Opera/Pageant - Professional

Mark Almy - Rent - College of the Desert

Ron Celona - A Class Act - Coachella Valley Repertory

Dr. William J. Layne - Sugar - Palm Canyon Theatre

Lance Phillips-Martinez - CLUE: The Musical - Desert Theatreworks

Howard Shangraw - The Spitfire Grill - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Randy Slovacek - Victor/Victoria - College of the Desert

Outstanding Musical Director of a Musical/Opera/Pageant

Kathryn Ferguson - The Addams Family - Theatre 29

Kathryn Ferguson - Don't Hug Me, I'm Pregnant - Theatre 29

Ed Will - Disney's The Little Mermaid - Theatre 29

Outstanding Musical Director of a Musical/Opera/Pageant - Professional

Nelms McKelvain - The Spitfire Grill - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Darlene Romano - Victor/Victoria - College of the Desert

Scott T. Smith - Rent - College of the Desert

Steven Smith - The Addams Family - Palm Canyon Theatre

Steven Smith - Anything Goes - Palm Canyon Theatre

Scott Storr - A Class Act - Coachella Valley Repertory

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

Lark Kenney - South Pacific - Sun City Palm Desert  
Jaqueline LeBlanc - The Addams Family - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Mandi Pushkar - Disney's The Little Mermaid - Theatre 29  
Matthew Ryan - Anything Goes - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Derik Shopinski - The Addams Family - Theatre 29  
Nicholas Sloan - Altar Boyz - Palm Canyon Theatre

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

Mark Esposito - A Class Act - Coachella Valley Repertory  
Se Layne – Cats - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Shea New - Rent - College of the Desert  
Ashley Hernandez/Lance Phillips-Martinez - CLUE: The Musical - Desert Theatreworks  
Randy Slovacek - Victor/Victoria - College of the Desert

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical/Opera/Pageant

Jonathan Fries - Don't Hug Me, I'm Pregnant - Theatre 29  
Michael Hadley - Cabaret - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Charles Harvey - The Addams Family - Theatre 29  
Jacob Samples - The Addams Family - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Chris Sands - Victor/Victoria - College of the Desert  
Tom Warrick - Anything Goes - Palm Canyon Theatre

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical/Opera/Pageant - Professional

Eliott Goretsky - Victor/Victoria - College of the Desert  
Stan Jenson - Hot Mikado - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Jeffrey Landman - A Class Act - Coachella Valley Repertory  
Stanton Kane Morales - The Addams Family - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Ben Reece - Sugar - Palm Canyon Theatre

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Musical/Opera/Pageant

Char Childs - Disney's The Little Mermaid - Theatre 29  
Chelsey Clime - Victor/Victoria - College of the Desert  
Haley Kooyman - The Spitfire Grill - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Adina Lawson - South Pacific - Sun City Palm Desert  
Kara Masek - Victor/Victoria - College of the Desert  
Julie Rosser - Cats - Palm Canyon Theatre

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Musical/Opera/Pageant - Professional

Francesca Amari - Anything Goes - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Julie Garnye - A Class Act - Coachella Valley Repertory  
Marcia Harp - Sugar - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Se Layne - The Addams Family - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Se Layne - Sugar - Palm Canyon Theatre

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical/Opera/Pageant

Scott Clinkscales - Altar Boyz - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Chris Fleischman - Disney's The Little Mermaid - Theatre 29  
Dion Khan - The Full Monty - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Anthony Martinez - Rent - College of the Desert  
Garet Mouat - South Pacific - Sun City Palm Desert  
Alexander Warren - The Spitfire Grill - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Tom Warrick – Cabaret – Palm Canyon Theatre

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical/Opera/Pageant - Professional

Craig Cady - A Class Act - Coachella Valley Repertory  
Don Cilluffo - Sugar - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Stan Jenson – Cats - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Alex Keane - Altar Boyz - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Sal Mistretta - A Class Act - Coachella Valley Repertory  
Ben Reece - Cats - Palm Canyon Theatre

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Musical/Opera/Pageant

Allegra Angelo - Anything Goes - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Morgana Corelli - The Full Monty - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Miri Hunter - The Spitfire Grill - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Analisa Pilecki - The Spitfire Grill - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Julie Rosser - Hot Mikado - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Karen Schmitt - South Pacific - Sun City Palm Desert  
Robin Wilson - Disney's The Little Mermaid - Theatre 29

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Musical/Opera/Pageant - Professional

Rachael M. Johnson - A Class Act - Coachella Valley Repertory  
Marjory Lewis - Anything Goes - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Christina Morrell - A Class Act - Coachella Valley Repertory  
Kristin Towers-Rowles - A Class Act - Coachella Valley Repertory

The Bill Groves Award for Outstanding Juvenile

Angus Feath - Two Gentlemen of Verona - Desert Theatreworks  
Ethan Flores - Disney's The Little Mermaid - Theatre 29  
Daniel Harris - The Addams Family - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Fabrizio Ibanez - The Full Monty - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Amanda Mohn - The Addams Family - Theatre 29  
Colin Sands - A Christmas Story - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Rachel Silverman - Suicide Dogs - DeZart Performs

**REVUE/CABARET:**

Outstanding Production Revue/Cabaret/One Man-One Woman Show

Fifty Shades of Music - Sun City Palm Desert  
Platinum - Starlight Dance Center

Showstoppers! - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

Outstanding Director of a Cabaret/Revue/One Man-One Woman Show/Variety Show

Jerome Elliott - Showstoppers! - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

Karen Schmitt - Fifty Shades of Music - Sun City Palm Desert

Patty Williams - Platinum - Starlight Dance Center

Outstanding Musical Director of a Cabaret/Revue/One Man-One Woman Show/Variety Show - Professional

Wayne Abravanel - Fifty Shades of Music - Sun City Palm Desert

Paul Cracchiolo - Platinum - Starlight Dance Center

Charlie Creasy - Showstoppers! - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

Outstanding Lead Male Performer in a Cabaret/Revue/One Man-One Woman Show/Variety Show

Joe Ayres - Fifty Shades of Music - Sun City Palm Desert

Jerome Elliott - Showstoppers! - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

Randy Keil - Platinum - Starlight Dance Center

Outstanding Professional Performer in a Cabaret/Revue/One Man-One Woman Show/Variety Show

John Abramson - Fifty Shades of Music - Sun City Palm Desert

Pamla Vale Abramson - Fifty Shades of Music - Sun City Palm Desert

Charles Herrera - Showstoppers! - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

Outstanding Lead Female Performer in a Cabaret/Revue/One Man-One Woman Show/Variety Show

Michelle Bachman - Platinum - Starlight Dance Center

Theresa Jewett - Showstoppers! - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

Adina Lawson - Fifty Shades of Music - Sun City Palm Desert

Kaley Smith - Platinum - Starlight Dance Center

Outstanding Supporting Male Performer in a Cabaret/Revue/One Man-One Woman Show/Variety Show

Todd Blum - Fifty Shades of Music - Sun City Palm Desert

Jerry Kress - Fifty Shades of Music - Sun City Palm Desert

Garet Mouat - Fifty Shades of Music - Sun City Palm Desert

Karlo E. Ramiro Ramirez - Platinum - Starlight Dance Center

Outstanding Supporting Female Performer in a Cabaret/Revue/One Man-One Woman Show/Variety Show

Janelle Kortmeyer - Platinum - Starlight Dance Center

Marcia McAleer - Platinum - Starlight Dance Center

Karen Schmitt - Fifty Shades of Music - Sun City Palm Desert

**COMEDY:**

Outstanding Production-Comedy

An Actor's Carol - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Bad Jews - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.  
COCK - Desert Rose Playhouse  
Laughter on the 23rd Floor - Desert Theatreworks  
Steel Magnolias - Desert Theatreworks  
Sylvia - Sun City Palm Desert

Outstanding Director of a Comedy

Rebecca Havelly - Broadway Bound - The St. Joseph's Players  
Adina Lawson – Sylvia - Sun City Palm Desert  
Rosemary Mallett - Bad Jews - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.  
Pat Melvin - A Bad Year for Tomatoes - Sun City Shadow Hills  
Marty Neider - A Farndale Avenue Christmas Carol - Theatre 29  
Eddie Tucker - The Sunshine Boys - Theatre 29

Outstanding Director of a Comedy - Professional

Don Amendolia - Art - Coyote StageWorks  
Charles Evered - An Actor's Carol - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Lance Philips-Martinez - Laughter on the 23rd Floor - Desert Theatreworks  
Lance Philips-Martinez - Steel Magnolias - Desert Theatreworks  
Jim Strait – COCK - Desert Rose Playhouse

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy

Sean Brown - Bad Jews - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.  
Ron Kuzoian - Sylvia - Sun City Palm Desert  
Stephen McMillen - COCK - Desert Rose Playhouse  
Robert Rancano - COCK - Desert Rose Playhouse  
Doran Ray - DOG LOGIC - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Kurt Schauppner - The Sunshine Boys - Theatre 29

Outstanding Lead Professional in a Comedy - Professional

Deborah Harmon – The Receptionist – DeZart Performs  
Arnie Kleban - Laughter on the 23rd Floor - Desert Theatreworks  
Hal Linden - An Actor's Carol - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Larry Raben - Art - Coyote StageWorks  
Garnett Smith - LOOT - Desert Rose Playhouse  
Chuck Yates - Art - Coyote StageWorks

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy

Kathryn Ferguson - A Farndale Avenue Christmas Carol - Theatre 29  
Phylcia Mason COCK Desert Rose Playhouse  
Jordana Simone Pepper - Bad Jews - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.  
Lee Rice - Steel Magnolias - Desert Theatreworks  
Daniela Ryan - Steel Magnolias - Desert Theatreworks  
Karen Schmitt - Sylvia - Sun City Palm Desert

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy

Terry Huber - COCK - Desert Rose Playhouse  
Mason McIntosh - Laughter on the 23rd Floor - Desert Theatreworks  
Stephen McMillen - Laughter on the 23rd Floor - Desert Theatreworks  
Bob Noble - Broadway Bound - The St. Joseph's Players  
Edward Pierce - A Farndale Avenue Christmas Carol - Theatre 29  
Cyrus Short - Broadway Bound - The St. Joseph's Players

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy - Professional

Ben Atkinson - An Actor's Carol - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
David Engel - Art - Coyote StageWorks  
Kirk Geiger - An Actor's Carol - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Michael Olton - Laughter on the 23rd Floor - Desert Theatreworks  
Daniel Vaillancourt- Love, Sex and the IRS - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy

Noelle Geiger - An Actor's Carol - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Theresa Jewett - The Receptionist - DeZart Performs  
Shirley LeMaster - Steel Magnolias - Desert Theatreworks  
Phylicia Mason - Steel Magnolias - Desert Theatreworks  
Briana Taylor - Steel Magnolias - Desert Theatreworks  
Kyrsten Watt - Bad Jews - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy - Professional

June August - Sylvia - Sun City Palm Desert  
Janet Kleban - A Bad Year for Tomatoes - Sun City Shadow Hills  
Tiffani LoBue - Laughter on the 23rd Floor - Desert Theatreworks

**STAGED READING**

Outstanding Production-Staged Reading

Buying The Moose - Script2Stage2Screen  
La Comedia - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Love and Monkey Business - Script2Stage2Screen  
MEDEA - Desert Theatreworks  
Other Desert Cities - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Two Gentlemen of Verona - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Director of a Staged Reading

Stephen Blackwell – MEDEA - Desert Theatreworks  
Rose Borses - It's A Wonderful Life - Sun City Shadow Hills  
Don Cilluffo - Buying The Moose - Script2Stage2Screen  
Andy Harmon - La Comedia - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Jason Hull - Love and Monkey Business - Script2Stage2Screen  
Daniela Ryan - Two Gentlemen of Verona - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Director of a Staged Reading - Professional

Suzanne Avalon - Other Desert Cities - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Gina Bikales - Second Chances - Script2Stage2Screen  
Judith Chapman - Sundew- Script2Stage2Screen  
Marjory Lewis - The Cherry Orchard - Desert Theatreworks  
Howard Shangraw - Motherhood Out Loud - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Outstanding Lead Male Performer in a Staged Reading

Chet Cole - Hanky Panky - Script2Stage2Screen  
Adrian Esqueda - Two Gentlemen of Verona - Desert Theatreworks  
Andy Harmon - La Comedia - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Darryl Jacobs - It's A Wonderful Life - Sun City Shadow Hills  
Hal O'Connell - Second Chances - Script2Stage2Screen  
Rupert Smith - Buying The Moose - Script2Stage2Screen

Outstanding Lead Male Performer in a Staged Reading - Professional

Barry Cutler - Shylock - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Barry Cutler - The Cherry Orchard - Desert Theatreworks  
Arnie Kleban - The Adventures of Noah - Script2Stage2Screen  
Gabriel Lawrence - MEDEA - Desert Theatreworks  
Peter Nicholson - The Adventures of Noah - Script2Stage2Screen  
Howard Shangraw - Other Desert Cities - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Outstanding Lead Female Performer in a Staged Reading

Gina Bikales - Sundew - Script2Stage2Screen  
Jan Briggs - Hanky Panky - Script2Stage2Screen  
Darci Daniels - The Adventures of Noah - Script2Stage2Screen  
Ashley Hernandez - MEDEA - Desert Theatreworks  
Miri Hunter - Motherhood Out Loud - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Boel Larsson - La Comedia - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Outstanding Lead Female Performer in a Staged Reading - Professional

Pamla Vale Abramson - A Line of Malarky - Script2Stage2Screen  
June August - The Cherry Orchard - Desert Theatreworks  
Suzanne Avalon - Other Desert Cities - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Jeanette Knight - Motherhood Out Loud - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Meg Wolf - Other Desert Cities - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Outstanding Supporting Male Performer in a Staged Reading

Cody Hanford - Desert Stories IX - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
John Alex Houlton - The Adventures of Noah - Script2Stage2Screen  
Phil Mastrelli - Love and Monkey Business - Script2Stage2Screen  
Jeff Moses - It's A Wonderful Life - Sun City Shadow Hills  
Luke Rainey - The Cherry Orchard - Desert Theatreworks  
Marty Rudman - The Adventures of Noah - Script2Stage2Screen

Outstanding Supporting Male Performer in a Staged Reading - Professional

Corbett Brattin - Sundew - Script2Stage2Screen  
Barry Cutler - Two Gentlemen of Verona - Desert Theatreworks  
Arnie Kleban - Two Gentlemen of Verona - Desert Theatreworks  
Jason Lewis - Two Gentlemen of Verona - Desert Theatreworks  
Peter Nicholson - Hanky Panky - Script2Stage2Screen  
Howard Shangraw - Motherhood Out Loud - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Outstanding Supporting Female Performer in a Staged Reading

Jennifer Asbenson - MEDEA - Desert Theatreworks  
Shirley LeMaster - Hanky Panky - Script2Stage2Screen  
Christine Michele - Sundew - Script2Stage2Screen  
Analisa Pilecki - Motherhood Out Loud - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Bianca Stoker - Motherhood Out Loud - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Outstanding Supporting Female Performer in a Staged Reading - Professional

Patti Gallagher - MEDEA - Desert Theatreworks  
Janet Kleban - The Adventures of Noah - Script2Stage2Screen  
Marjory Lewis - Two Gentlemen of Verona - Desert Theatreworks

The Bill Groves Award for Outstanding Original Writing

James Harmon Brown – Bismark - Script2Stage2Screen  
Charles Evered - An Actor's Carol - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Jack and Patti French - Second Chances - Script2Stage2Screen  
Chris Griffin/Ken Sarkis - Home Sweet Homer - Palm Valley School  
Jason Hull - Love and Monkey Business - Script2Stage2Screen

**ONE ACTS**

OVERALL PRODUCTION-ONE ACTS

A Number - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.  
Bedfellows - Desert Theatreworks  
Endangered Species - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.  
Goodnight Gus - Desert Theatreworks  
Lovers and Other Strangers - Sun City Palm Desert  
Panic on the Lido Deck - Desert Theatreworks

OUTSTANDING DIRECTOR-ONE ACTS

Stephee Bonifacio - Goodnight Gus - Desert Theatreworks  
Jerome Elliott - A Number - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.  
Roz Heller - Lovers and Other Strangers - Sun City Palm Desert  
Tish Lacy - Bedfellows - Desert Theatreworks  
Tony Padilla - Endangered Species - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.  
Luke Rainey - Panic on the Lido Deck - Desert Theatreworks

### OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTOR-ONE ACTS

James E. Anderson III - A Number - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.  
Roger Grace - Brenda and Jerry - Sun City Palm Desert  
Tanner Lieser - Goodnight Gus - Desert Theatreworks  
Mason MacIntosh - Bedfellows - Desert Theatreworks  
Hal O'Connell - Bedfellows - Desert Theatreworks  
Bill Stephens - Lovers and Other Strangers - Sun City Palm Desert

### OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTRESS-ONE ACTS

Brittney De Leon - Nightswim - Desert Theatreworks  
Brianna Eylicio - Panic on the Lido Deck - Desert Theatreworks  
Bonnie Grace - Brenda and Jerry - Sun City Palm Desert  
Barbara Stern - Mirror, Mirror - Sun City Palm Desert  
Louise Tonti - Agnes and Larry - Sun City Palm Desert

### OUTSTANDING LEAD PROFESSIONAL PERFORMER - ONE ACTS

Shawn Abramowitz - A Number - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.  
June August - Lovers and Other Strangers - Sun City Palm Desert  
Bonnie Gilgallon - Endangered Species - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

### OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING PERFORMER - ONE ACTS

Gregg Aratin - Goodnight Gus - Desert Theatreworks  
Biittney De Leon - Old Flame - Desert Theatreworks  
Mason MacIntosh - Old Flame - Desert Theatreworks  
Denise Strand - Endangered Species - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

## **TECHNICAL AWARDS**

### Outstanding Set Design

Wendy Cohen/Marge Doyle - Tea at Five - Groves Cabin Theatre  
John Hadley - The Diary of Anne Frank - Palm Desert High School  
Rebecca Havelly/Sam Havelly - Broadway Bound - The St. Joseph's Players  
Doran Ray - The Spitfire Grill - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Karl Weimer - The Sea Horse - Groves Cabin Theatre  
Paul Kaufmann/Stacey Wessman/Wade Wessman - Treasure Island - Palm Valley School

### Outstanding Set Design - Professional

Jimmy Cuomo - I Am My Own Wife - Coachella Valley Repertory  
J.W. Layne - Anything Goes - Palm Canyon Theatre  
J.W. Layne - Rent - College of the Desert  
Ron Phillips-Martinez - Steel Magnolias - Desert Theatreworks  
Thomas L. Valach - The Outgoing Tide - Dezar Performers  
Bruce Weber - Other Desert Cities - Desert Theatreworks

### Outstanding Costume Design

Stacey Bock/ Sandy Bolek/Stacey Wessman - Home Sweet Homer - Palm Valley School  
Sandy Bolek/Stacey Wessman - Treasure Island - Palm Valley School  
Mary Brown - A Tale of Two Cities - Shadow Hills High School  
Kathryn Ferguson - Disney's The Little Mermaid - Theatre 29  
Amy Angel/Patricia Kinney - The Lion King Jr. - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Lynn Schwimmer - Oliver! - Green Room Theatre Company

### Outstanding Costume Design - Professional

Kathryn Ferguson/Derik Shopinski - The Addams Family - Theatre 29  
Aalsa Lee - 4000 Miles - Coachella Valley Repertory  
Aalsa Lee - I Am My Own Wife - Coachella Valley Repertory  
Peter Mins - The Addams Family - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Bonnie Nipar - Art - Coyote StageWorks  
Derik Shopinski - Amadeus - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Derik Shopinski - Anything Goes - Palm Canyon Theatre

### The Ron Hamm Award for Outstanding Hair and Makeup Design

Jacy Klatt - Amadeus - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Kitty Garascia/Daniela Ryan - Steel Magnolias- Desert Theatreworks  
Derik Shopinski - The Addams Family - Theatre 29  
Sandy Bock/Sandy Bolek/Stacey Wessman - Treasure Island - Palm Valley School  
Linda Shrader/Echo Westover - The Lion King Jr. - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Cloe Wood - The Diary of Anne Frank - Palm Desert High School

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

Jodie Garcia/Peter Mins - The Addams Family - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Jodie Garcia/Mado Nunez - Cats - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Mado Nunez - Sugar - Palm Canyon Theatre  
Ron Phillips-Martinez - Other Desert Cities -Desert Theatreworks  
Lynda Shaeps - Victor/Victoria - College of the Desert

### Outstanding Lighting Design

Matthew Garrett - Red - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
John Hadley - The Diary of Anne Frank - Palm Desert High School  
Stephen Garcia/John Hadley - The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee - Palm Desert High School  
Matthew Garrett/Jarrod Radnich - The Lion King Jr. - Hi-Desert Cultural Center  
Josh Schmid - Driving Miss Daisy - Groves Cabin Theatre

### Outstanding Lighting Design - Professional

Eddie Cancel - Happy Hour - Coachella Valley Repertory  
Phil Murphy - The Outgoing Tide - Dezar Performs  
Lance Phillips-Martinez - Laughter on the 23rd Floor - Desert Theatreworks  
Lance Phillips-Martinez - Other Desert Cities - Desert Theatreworks  
Keith I. Smith - Victor/Victoria - College of the Desert

Moira Wilkie - I Am My Own Wife - Coachella Valley Repertory

Outstanding Props and Special Effects

Sandy Bock/Sandy Bolek/Stacey Wessman - Treasure Island - Palm Valley School

Carley Forester - The Diary of Anne Frank - Palm Desert High School

Matthew Garrett - Red - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Sue Kelly - Driving Miss Daisy - Groves Cabin Theatre

Priscilla Lawson - Other Desert Cities - Desert Theatreworks

Allyson Sawyer - You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown - Palm Springs High School

Outstanding Props and Special Effects - Professional

J.W. Layne - Victor/Victoria - College of the Desert

J.W. Layne - Rent - College of the Desert

Jimmy Cuomo/Doug Morris - I Am My Own Wife - Coachella Valley Repertory

J.W. Layne/Jeffrey Williams - Cats - Palm Canyon Theatre

Chuck Yates - Art - Coyote StageWorks

Outstanding Sound Design

Wendy Cohen - Tea at Five - Groves Cabin Theatre

John Hadley - The Diary of Anne Frank - Palm Desert High School

Holden Hartle/Ken Sarkis/Trystan Swan - Treasure Island - Palm Valley School

David Knutson - Broadway Bound - The St. Joseph's Players

Matthew Garrett/Jarrod Radnich - The Lion King Jr. - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Josh Schmid - Driving Miss Daisy - Groves Cabin Theatre

Outstanding Sound Design - Professional

Clark Dugger - The Outgoing Tide - Dezart Performs

David Engel - Art - Coyote StageWorks

Randy Hansen - I Am My Own Wife - Coachella Valley Repertory

Cricket Meyers - The Secret Life of Girls - Coachella Valley Repertory Theatre

Lance Phillips-Martinez - Steel Magnolias - Desert Theatreworks

Howard Shangraw - Red - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Joan Woodbury Mitchell Award: Tony Padilla

Sidney Harmon Award: Charles Harvey

Michael Grossman Most Inspirational Award: Chuck Yates

Bill Kuhlman Award: Clark Dugger

Lifetime Achievement Award: Cynthia Kaye