

29th Annual Desert Stars Awards Winner's Listing

2015-2016 Season

BALLET:

Outstanding Production-Ballet

Les Sylphides - CK Dance Company

Outstanding Choreographer of a Ballet

Patty Williams - Wizard of Oz - Starlight Dance Center

Outstanding Director of a Ballet

Cynthia Kaye - Les Sylphides - CK Dance Company

Outstanding Lead Male Dancer in Ballet

Karlo E. Ramiro-Ramirez - Wizard of Oz - Starlight Dance Center

Outstanding Lead Female Dancer in Ballet

Cassandra Kyaw - The Nutcracker - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio

Outstanding Supporting Male Dancer in Ballet

Aaron Rubio - Wizard of Oz - Starlight Dance Center

Outstanding Supporting Professional Dancer in a Ballet

Chelsea Hammond - The Nutcracker - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio

Outstanding Supporting Female Dancer in Ballet -

Danielle Hjerpe - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center

Outstanding Juvenile in a Ballet -

Sydney Endres - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center

YOUTH THEATRE:

Outstanding Production-Musical-Youth Theatre - Tie

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

The Lion King Jr. - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Outstanding Production-Comedy/Drama-Youth Theatre

The Diary of Anne Frank - Palm Desert High School

Outstanding Director-Youth Theatre

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

Outstanding Musical Director-Youth Theatre

Sharon Deady - Cinderella - Shadow Hills High School

Outstanding Choreographer-Youth Theatre

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

Outstanding Lead Actor-Musical-Youth Theatre

Ryan Holmes - The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee - Palm Desert High School

Outstanding Lead Actress – Comedy/Drama-Youth Theatre

Christie Chaplin - The Diary of Anne Frank - Palm Desert High School

Outstanding Lead Actress-Musical-Youth Theatre

Sarah Smith - Urinetown - Desert Hot Springs High School

Outstanding Supporting Actor – Comedy/Drama-Youth Theatre

Adam McDonald - Treasure Island - Palm Valley School

Outstanding Supporting Actor-Musical-Youth Theatre

Jonathan Calderon - Urinetown - Desert Hot Springs High School

Outstanding Supporting Actress – Comedy/Drama-Youth Theatre

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

Outstanding Supporting Actress-Musical-Youth Theatre

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

DRAMA:

Outstanding Production of a Drama

The Outgoing Tide - Dezar Performis

Outstanding Professional Production - Comedy/Drama

I Am My Own Wife - Coachella Valley Repertory

The Michael Cruickshank Award for Outstanding Director of a Drama

Rebecca Havelly - Driving Miss Daisy - Groves Cabin Theatre

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

Ron Celona - I Am My Own Wife - Coachella Valley Repertory

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama

Horace Miller - Driving Miss Daisy - Groves Cabin Theatre

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama - Professional

Michael Fairman - The Outgoing Tide -Dezart Performs

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama

Joy Groves - Driving Miss Daisy - Groves Cabin Theatre

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama - Professional

Marsha Waterbury - Agnes of God - Coyote StageWorks

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama

Luke Rainey - Other Desert Cities - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama - Professional

Scott Smith - The Outgoing Tide - Dezart Performs

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama

Denise Strand - Suicide Dogs - Dezart Performs

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama - Professional

Britt Adams - Agnes of God - Coyote StageWorks

MUSICAL/OPERA/PAGEANT:

Outstanding Production Musical/Opera/Pageant

Victor/Victoria - College of the Desert

Outstanding Director of a Musical/Opera/Pageant

Shafik Wahhab - The Addams Family - Palm Canyon Theatre

Outstanding Director of a Musical/Opera/Pageant - Professional

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

Outstanding Musical Director of a Musical/Opera/Pageant

Kathryn Ferguson - The Addams Family - Theatre 29

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

Darlene Romano - Victor/Victoria - College of the Desert

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

Jaqueline LeBlanc - The Addams Family - Palm Canyon Theatre

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

Randy Slovacek - Victor/Victoria - College of the Desert

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical/Opera/Pageant

Charles Harvey - The Addams Family - Theatre 29

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

Stanton Kane Morales - The Addams Family - Palm Canyon Theatre

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Musical/Opera/Pageant

Chelsey Clime - Victor/Victoria - College of the Desert

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

Francesca Amari - Anything Goes - Palm Canyon Theatre

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical/Opera/Pageant

Scott Clinkscales - Altar Boyz - Palm Canyon Theatre

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

Ben Reece - Cats - Palm Canyon Theatre

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

Analisa Pilecki - The Spitfire Grill - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

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

The Bill Groves Award for Outstanding Juvenile

Rachel Silverman - Suicide Dogs - DeZart Performs

REVUE/CABARET:

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

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.

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

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

Jerome Elliott - Showstoppers! - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

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

Charles Herrera - Showstoppers! - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

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

Theresa Jewett - Showstoppers! - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

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

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

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

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

COMEDY:

Outstanding Production-Comedy

Steel Magnolias - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Director of a Comedy

Rosemary Mallett - Bad Jews - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

Outstanding Director of a Comedy - Professional

Lance Philips-Martinez - Steel Magnolias - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy

Robert Rancano - COCK - Desert Rose Playhouse

Outstanding Lead Professional in a Comedy - Professional

Arnie Kleban - Laughter on the 23rd Floor - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy

Jordana Simone Pepper - Bad Jews - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy

Stephen McMillen - Laughter on the 23rd Floor - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy - Professional

David Engel - Art - Coyote StageWorks

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy

Briana Taylor - Steel Magnolias - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy - Professional

Janet Kleban - A Bad Year for Tomatoes - Sun City Shadow Hills

STAGED READING

Outstanding Production-Staged Reading

La Comedia - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Outstanding Director of a Staged Reading

Don Cilluffo - Buying The Moose - Script2Stage2Screen

Outstanding Director of a Staged Reading - Professional - Tie

Gina Bikales – Hanky Panky – Script2Stage2Screen

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Judith Chapman - Sundew- Script2Stage2Screen

Outstanding Lead Male Performer in a Staged Reading

Chet Cole - Hanky Panky - Script2Stage2Screen

Outstanding Lead Male Performer in a Staged Reading - Professional

Barry Cutler - Shylock - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Outstanding Lead Female Performer in a Staged Reading

Ashley Hernandez - MEDEA - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Lead Female Performer in a Staged Reading - Professional

Meg Wolf - Other Desert Cities - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Outstanding Supporting Male Performer in a Staged Reading

Phil Mastrelli - Love and Monkey Business - Script2Stage2Screen

Outstanding Supporting Male Performer in a Staged Reading - Professional

Barry Cutler - Two Gentlemen of Verona - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Supporting Female Performer in a Staged Reading - Tie

Christine Michele - Sundew - Script2Stage2Screen

Analisa Pilecki - Motherhood Out Loud - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Outstanding Supporting Female Performer in a Staged Reading - Professional

Marjory Lewis - Two Gentlemen of Verona - Desert Theatreworks

The Bill Groves Award for Outstanding Original Writing

Charles Evered - An Actor's Carol - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

ONE ACTS

OVERALL PRODUCTION-ONE ACTS

A Number - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

OUTSTANDING DIRECTOR-ONE ACTS

Jerome Elliott - A Number - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTOR-ONE ACTS

Hal O'Connell - Bedfellows - Desert Theatreworks

OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTRESS-ONE ACTS

Brianna Eylicio - Panic on the Lido Deck - Desert Theatreworks

OUTSTANDING LEAD PROFESSIONAL PERFORMER - ONE ACTS

Shawn Abramowitz - A Number - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING PERFORMER - ONE ACTS

Denise Strand - Endangered Species - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

TECHNICAL AWARDS

Outstanding Set Design

Karl Weimer - The Sea Horse - Groves Cabin Theatre

Outstanding Set Design - Professional

Jimmy Cuomo - I Am My Own Wife - Coachella Valley Repertory

Outstanding Costume Design

Amy Angel/Patricia Kinney - The Lion King Jr. - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Outstanding Costume Design - Professional

Derik Shopinski - Anything Goes - Palm Canyon Theatre

The Ron Hamm Award for Outstanding Hair and Makeup Design

Linda Shrader/Echo Westover - The Lion King Jr. - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

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

Lynda Shaeps - Victor/Victoria - College of the Desert

Outstanding Lighting Design

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

Outstanding Lighting Design - Professional

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

Outstanding Props and Special Effects - Professional

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

Outstanding Sound Design - Tie

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

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

Outstanding Sound Design - Professional

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

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

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