

30th Annual Desert Star Awards Winner
2016-2017 Season

BALLET

Outstanding Production-Ballet
The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center

Outstanding Choreographer of a Ballet
Patty Williams - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center

Outstanding Director of a Ballet
Patty Williams - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center

Outstanding Lead Male Dancer in Ballet
Karlo E. Ramirez - The Enchanted Shoes - Starlight Dance Center

Outstanding Lead Female Dancer in Ballet
Constantina Karalis - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center

Outstanding Supporting Male Dancer in Ballet
Karlo E. Ramirez - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center

Outstanding Professional Male Dancer in a Ballet
Kar-el Green - Beauty and the Beast - Beyond The Beat Dance Studio

Outstanding Supporting Female Dancer in Ballet
Amy DeKock - The Enchanted Shoes - Starlight Dance Center

Outstanding Juvenile in a Ballet
Kaitlin Vorpapel - The Nutcracker - Starlight Dance Center

YOUTH THEATRE

Outstanding Production-Musical-Youth Theatre
Annie Palm Springs High School

Outstanding Production-Comedy/Drama-Youth Theatre
A Few Good - Men Palm Valley School

Outstanding Director-Youth Theatre
Allyson Sawyer – Annie - Palm Springs High School

Outstanding Musical Director-Youth Theatre
Paul Bluto Jr. - Disney's Beauty and the Beast - Shadow Hills High School

Outstanding Choreographer-Youth Theatre
Alexis Acker – Annie - Palm Springs High School

Outstanding Lead Actor-Comedy/Drama - Youth Theatre
Jake Mule - A Few Good Men - Palm Valley School

Outstanding Lead Actor-Musical-Youth Theatre
Adrian Esqueda-Gonzalez - Disney's Mary Poppins - Green Room Theatre Company

Outstanding Lead Actress-Comedy/Drama - Youth Theatre
Jasmin Zarate – PUSH - Coachella Valley Repertory

Outstanding Lead Actress-Musical-Youth Theatre (tie)
Marcela Sandoval – Annie - Palm Springs High School
Laurel Bollard - Disney's Beauty and the Beast - Shadow Hills High School

Outstanding Supporting Actor-Comedy/Drama - Youth Theatre
Nick Wyman - The Game's Afoot - Shadow Hills High School

Outstanding Supporting Actor-Musical-Youth Theatre
Nelson Sanchez - Disney's Beauty and the Beast - Shadow Hills High School

Outstanding Supporting Actress-Comedy/Drama - Youth Theatre
Lulu Schoenfeld - The Game's Afoot - Shadow Hills High School

Outstanding Supporting Actress-Musical-Youth Theatre
Majorie Love-Krooms – Annie - Palm Springs High School

DRAMA

Outstanding Production of a Drama
A Few Good Men - The St. Joseph's Players

Outstanding Production of a Drama - Professional
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.

The Michael Cruickshank Award for Outstanding Director of a Drama - Professional
Larry Raben - Six Dance Lessons In Six Weeks - Coyote StageWorks

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama
Abe Daniels - A Few Good Men - The St. Joseph's Players

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama - Professional
David Engel - Six Dance Lessons In Six Weeks - Coyote StageWorks

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama
Kelly Moody Expressions Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama – Professional (tie)
Tammy Hubler - Casa Valentina - DeZart Performs
Loretta Swift - Six Dance Lessons In Six Weeks - Coyote StageWorks

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama
Jeffrey Norman - Casa Valentina - DeZart Performs

Outstanding Supporting Professional Performer in a Drama (tie)

Kevin Coubal - Casa Valentina - DeZart Performs

Teri Bibb - Later Life - Coachella Valley Repertory

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama

Renee Poignard - A Murder Is Announced - Desert Theatreworks

MUSICAL/OPERA/PAGEANT

Outstanding Production Musical/Opera/Pageant (tie)

Godspell - Hi-Desert Cultural Center

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum - College of the Desert

Outstanding Director of a Musical/Opera/Pageant

Steve Fisher - The Music Man - Palm Canyon Theatre

Outstanding Director of a Musical/Opera/Pageant - Professional

Janet Miller - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum - College of the Desert

Outstanding Musical Director of a Musical/Opera/Pageant

Donald Kelley - Next to Normal - Desert Theatreworks

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

Scott T. Smith - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum - College of the Desert

Outstanding Choreographer of a Musical/Opera/Pageant

Heidi Hapner - The Drowsy Chaperone - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Choreographer of a Musical/Opera/Pageant - Professional

Stephanie Eley - Sweet Charity - Palm Canyon Theatre

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical/Opera/Pageant

Lou Galvan - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum - College of the Desert

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

Jason Marquez - Jekyll & Hyde - The Musical Palm Canyon Theatre

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Musical/Opera/Pageant

Analisa Pilecki - Disney's Mary Poppins - Theatre 29

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

Se Layne - Sweet Charity - Palm Canyon Theatre

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical/Opera/Pageant

Anthony Nannini - Rock of Ages - Palm Canyon Theatre

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

Garnett Smith - A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum - College of the Desert

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Musical/Opera/Pageant

Briana Eylicio - Next to Normal - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Musical/Opera/Pageant – Professional (tie)

Erica Hanrahan-Ball – BABY - Coachella Valley Repertory

Morgana Corelli - The Music Man - Palm Canyon Theatre

The Bill Groves Award for Outstanding Juvenile

Bennett Creighton - Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, Part 1 - Green Room Theatre Company

Nick Wass – Expressions - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

REVUE/CABARET/VARIETY SHOW

Outstanding Production Revue/Cabaret/Variety

Boys' Night Out - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

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

Jerome Elliott - Boys' Night Out - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

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

Wayne Abravanel - "A Musical" - Sun City Palm Desert

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

Al Greco - "A Musical" - Sun City Palm Desert

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

Charles Herrera - Boys' Night Out - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

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

Keisha D - They All Sang My Song - 100 Miles From Hollywood

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

Jerome Elliott - Boys' Night Out - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

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

Karen Schmitt - "A Musical" - Sun City Palm Desert

COMEDY

Outstanding Production-Comedy

Clybourne Park - DeZart Performs

Outstanding Director of a Comedy (tie)

Steve Fisher – Southern Baptist Sissies – Desert Rose Productions

Bonnie Grace – Lend Me a Tenor – Sun City Palm Desert

Outstanding Director of a Comedy - Professional

Michael Shaw - Clybourne Park - DeZart Performs

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy

Joseph Tanner Paul - Southern Baptist Sissies - Desert Rose Productions

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy - Professional

Loren Freeman - Coma/Vampire Lesbians of Sodom - Desert Rose Productions

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy
Theresa Jewett - Clybourne Park - DeZart Performs

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy - Professional
Yo Younger - Sordid Lives - Palm Canyon Theatre

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy
Nicholas Sloan - Biloxi Blues - College of the Desert

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy - Professional
Milt Oberman - Lend Me A Tenor - Sun City Palm Desert

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy
Melanie Blue - Clark Gable Slept Here - Desert Rose Productions

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy - Professional
Jannae Kleban – APRONS - Sun City Shadow Hills

OVERALL PRODUCTION-ONE ACTS
For Whom The Southern Belle - Tolls Sun City Palm Desert

DIRECTOR-ONE ACTS
June August - For Whom The Southern Belle Tolls - Sun City Palm Desert

LEAD ACTOR-ONE ACTS
Bill Stephens - Wanda's Visit - Sun City Palm Desert

LEAD ACTRESS-ONE ACTS
Alden West - For Whom The Southern Belle Tolls - Sun City Palm Desert

SUPPORTING ACTRESS-ONE ACTS
Karen Schmitt - For Whom The Southern Belle Tolls - Sun City Palm Desert

STAGED READING

Outstanding Production-Staged Reading
Final Arrangements - Script2Stage2Screen

Outstanding Director of a Staged Reading
Janelle Kaufman - Our American Cousin - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Director of a Staged Reading - Professional
Gina Bikales - Final Arrangements - gree

Outstanding Lead Male Performer in a Staged Reading
Miguel Arballo - The Marriage of Figaro - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Lead Male Performer in a Staged Reading - Professional (tie)
Arnie Kelban - Life Without - Script2Stage2Screen
Arnie Kelban - Glengary Glen Ross - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Lead Female Performer in a Staged Reading (tie)
Keisha D. - Final Arrangements - Script2Stage2Screen
Rose Mallet - Final Arrangements - Script2Stage2Screen

Outstanding Lead Female Performer in a Staged Reading - Professional
Cooper Gillespie Grounded Hi-Desert Cultural Center

Outstanding Supporting Male Performer in a Staged Reading
John Alex Houlton - Our American - Cousin Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Supporting Male Performer in a Staged Reading - Professional
Don Cilluffo - The Exit Strategy Club - Script2Stage2Screen

Outstanding Supporting Female Performer in a Staged Reading (tie)
Pamala Cole - The Exit Strategy Club - Script2Stage2Screen
Desiree Clarke - Our American Cousin - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Supporting Female Performer in a Staged Reading - Professional
June August - The Fox in the Hen House - Script2Stage2Screen

The Bill Groves Award for Outstanding Original Writing
Shawn Abramowitz – Expressions - Desert Ensemble Theatre Co.

TECHNICAL AWARDS

Outstanding Set Design
Rory Pratt – Annie - Palm Springs High School

Outstanding Set Design - Professional
Josh Clabaugh - Six Dance Lessons In Six Weeks - Coyote StageWorks

Outstanding Sound Design
Brian Alec Thom/Tanner Lieser - War of the Worlds - Radio Play - Desert Theatreworks

Outstanding Sound Design - Professional
David Engel - Six Dance Lessons In Six Weeks - Coyote StageWorks

Outstanding Lighting Design
Nayli Jimenez – Annie - Palm Springs High School

Outstanding Lighting Design - Professional
Moira Wilkie-Whitaker - Six Dance Lessons In Six Weeks - Coyote StageWorks

Outstanding Costume Design
Stacey Wessman - Disney's 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

The Ron Hamm Award for Outstanding Hair and Makeup Design

Toni Molano - Coma/Vampire Lesbians of Sodom - Desert Rose Productions

The Ron Hamm Award for Outstanding Hair and Makeup Design - Professional
James Geier - Casa Valentina - DeZart Performs

Outstanding Props and Special Effects
Mary Brown/Sharon Deady - The Game's Afoot - Shadow Hills High School

Outstanding Props and Special Effects - Professional
Chuck Yates - Six Dance Lessons In Six Weeks - Coyote StageWorks

The Lifetime Achievement Award
Alden West

The Michael Grossman Award
Jeanette Knight

The Sidney Harmon Award
Gary Daigneault

The Joan Woodbury Mitchell Award
Don Cilluffo

The Bill Kuhlman Award
Kathryn Ferguson