

MONTREAL ENGLISH & THEATRE AWARDS

OUR NIGHT TO CELEBRATE

OCTOBER 26, 2015 at THE RIALTO THEATRE

A Word from the METAs Co-Chairs

In our city, it takes the support and ongoing participation of the whole METAs village to spotlight and celebrate our community's outstanding work. This 3rd Awards Ceremony proudly solidifies the METAs' significance on the Montreal horizon.



As we enter our fourth season, the METAs have involved over 65 jurors, assembled from across backgrounds and disciplines.

Their specialist knowledge, combined perspectives and critical discourse contribute to uncovering what *stands out* in our community, and embodies the METAs' overarching goal: to appreciate and inspire greater artistic accomplishment, with the rationale that "A rising tide lifts ALL boats".

The METAs are also the evolving result of the efforts of its coordinating Committee (METAC): the behind-the-scenes crew of multi-tasking volunteers who facilitate the jury process and produce the annual awards evening. We are all deeply indebted to our founding chair, Amanda Kellock, and retired Committee members (Alain Goulem and Leni Parker) for their energy and their dedication to initiating and fostering the METAs in the spirit of collaboration, transparency, learning and respect.

Now we pass the torch to new stewards, and encourage all METAs villagers to promote and share this important community endeavor. Enjoy the celebration and thank you for a wonderful season!

Jacynthe Lalonde

Peter Roberts

The Board and staff of the Quebec Drama Federation congratulate the METAs Committee and Juries, on successfully stewarding the theatre community through the year long process that goes into bringing this wondrous evening together.

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To all of the nominees, we say THANKYOU! Thank you for giving

work that inspires, that challenges, that motivates, and that seeds the next generation of theatre artists. This evening of celebration is well earned, and ultimately, it is we, your audience, that are the winners.

Anne Clark

President of the Board

Deborah Forde
Executive Director



Une pluralité de voix d'expression de notre dramaturgie se côtoie au Québec. Ces voix, chacune à leur façon, favorisent le dynamisme qui caractérise la création artistique québécoise. Les Montreal English Theatre Awards placent sous les projecteurs l'excellence du travail des artistes et artisans de productions anglophones.

Ces prix reconnaissent ainsi l'engagement de dramaturges, d'interprètes et de concepteurs reconnus ou émergents envers une nécessaire diversité dans la communauté théâtrale. Je remercie la Fédération d'art dramatique

du Québec qui, par son soutien aux artistes et artisans du théâtre de langue anglaise, multiplie les moments d'émotions et les heureuses découvertes de la vie culturelle québécoise.

Je salue également le dévouement et l'implication des organisateurs de cette soirée inoubliable. Ce rendez-vous festif offre l'occasion de mesurer la richesse de notre paysage culturel. J'exprime enfin mes plus chaleureuses félicitations et mes meilleurs vœux de succès aux lauréates, aux lauréats et à toutes les personnes en nomination.

Bon gala!



Hélène David, ministre de la Culture et des Communications et ministre responsable de la Protection et de la Promotion de la langue française





Le Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec (CALQ) est heureux d'appuyer les activités de la Fédération d'art dramatique du Québec (QDF) qui, depuis plus de quarante ans, rassemble les forces vives du milieu théâtral anglophone. En soutenant les artistes et les organismes artistiques qui œuvrent dans ce secteur, le CALQ poursuit son objectif d'appuyer la création et la production d'œuvres théâtrales de qualité.



La soirée des Montreal English Theatre Awards permet ainsi de célébrer l'excellence de ses créateurs, interprètes et artisans de toutes origines ainsi que le dynamisme et la diversité de ses organismes artistiques.

Je tiens à féliciter les organisateurs de ce gala qui contribue au développement de notre culture.

Bonne chance aux finalistes et toutes nos félicitations aux lauréats!

Stéphan La Roche, Président-directeur général Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec



Le Conseil des arts de Montréal est heureux d'appuyer la Quebec Drama Federation (QDF) depuis plusieurs années. Les Montreal English Theatre Awards (METAs) sont un exemple concret de la contribution de l'organisme au développement et au rayonnement de la communauté théâtrale montréalaise d'expression anglophone.

Nous sommes particulièrement heureux que cette troisième édition des METAs célèbre la diversité montréalaise sous toutes ses formes grâce au nouveau prix Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Le Conseil est persuadé



que ce genre d'initiatives encourage la vitalité culturelle de Montréal. Le Conseil des arts de Montréal est fier d'être associé à cet événement rassembleur et félicite tous les finalistes.

The Conseil des arts de Montréal is pleased to support the Quebec Drama Federation (QDF), which it has done for several years. The Montreal English Theatre Awards (METAs) are a perfect example of the organization's contribution to the development and visibility of Montreal's English-speaking theatre community.

We are especially pleased that this third edition celebrates Montreal's diversity in all its forms through the new Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Award. The Conseil is convinced that this type of initiative encourages and fosters the city's cultural vitality. The Conseil des arts de Montréal is proud to be associated with this unifying event, and congratulates each of the finalists.





Nathalie Maillé, Directrice générale - Executive Director Conseil des arts de Montréal

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CEREMONY PROGRAM

Welcome from your hosts Gitanjali Jain and James Loye

Elsa Bolam and Danny Brochu present

Outstanding Supporting Performance – Actor Outstanding Ensemble

Leslie Baker and Jesse Stong present

Outstanding New Text (Original or Adaptation)
Outstanding Sound Design

Anisa Cameron and France Rolland present

Outstanding Set Design
Outstanding Supporting Performance – Actress
sponsored by Canadian Actors Equity Association

Alisa Palmer and Jimmy Blais present

Outstanding Original Composition
Outstanding Contribution to Theatre

In Memoriam Tribute

Molly Maguire and Cathia Pagotto present

Outstanding Lighting Design
Unsung Hero of the Theatre Award (UHOT)

INTERMISSION 20 minutes

Sarah-Marie Langlois and Warona Setshwaelo present

Outstanding Community Production
Outstanding Lead Performance – Actor

Jill Thomson and David Francis present

Outstanding Costume Design
Outstanding Direction

METAC User Manual

Deena Aziz and Julie Tamiko Manning present

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Award (EDI)

Leni Parker and Vlad Alexis present

Outstanding Lead Performance – Actress Outstanding Emerging Artist

Jeanette Kelly and Guy Rodgers present

Outstanding Independent Production
Outstanding PACT Production

Thank you and Good Night!

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING PERFORMANCE - ACTOR

Julian Bailey – The Glass Menagerie (Hudson Village Theatre)

Adam Capriolo – Twelfth Night (Repercussion Theatre)

Davide Chiazzese – Hosanna (Tableau D'Hôte Theatre)

Chimwemwe Miller – Gas Girls (Black Theatre Workshop)

Paul Rainville – Twelfth Night (Repercussion Theatre)

OUTSTANDING ENSEMBLE

33 Variations – Ian Baird, Sean Curley, Marie-Noelle Dufour, Nir Guzinski, Bryan Libero, Stephanie McKenna, Emma McQueen & Joy Ross-Jones (Brave New Productions)

Don Quixote de Lac Brome – Davide Chiazzese, Mary Harvey & Mike Hughes (Theatre Lac Brome)

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde – Vanessa Carter, Lucas Chartier, Alex Goldrich, James Harrington, Martin Law & Allie Shapiro (Persephone Productions)

Forever Plaid – Chris Barillaro, Gab Desmond, Michael Daniel Murphy & Jonathan Patterson (Copa de Oro Productions & The Segal Centre for Performing Arts)

The Mighty Carlins – Chip Chuipka, Alain Goulem & Mike Hughes (ASM Performing Arts)

OUTSTANDING NEW TEXT - (ORIGINAL OR ADAPTATION)

Damien Atkins – We Are Not Alone (The Segal Centre for Performing Arts & Crow's Theatre)

Neil Bartram & Brian Hill – Belles Soeurs: The Musical (produced by Copa de Oro Productions, presented by The Segal Centre for Performing Arts)

Julie Tamiko Manning & Matt Miwa – The Tashme Project:

The Living Archives (Tashme Productions)

Marcus Youssef – Chloe's Choice The True But Not Entirely Reasonable Holiday Fable of Chloe Rebecca Ramadan, Aged 9 4/5 (Geordie Productions)

OUTSTANDING SOUND DESIGN

Peter Cerone – random (Black Theatre Workshop & Imago Theatre)

Rob Denton – Hosanna (Tableau D'Hôte Theatre)

Gabriella Hook & Harry Standjofski – The Invisible Man / L'homme invisible (Third Way-Troisième Voie & Théâtre de la Manufacture)

Thomas Ryder Payne – We Are Not Alone (The Segal Centre for Performing Arts & Crow's Theatre)

OUTSTANDING SET DESIGN

Jean Bard – Belles Soeurs: The Musical (produced by Copa de Oro Productions, presented by The Segal Centre for Performing Arts)

Julie Fox – We Are Not Alone (The Segal Centre for Performing Arts & Crow's Theatre)

Lara Kaluza – Hosanna (Tableau D'Hôte Theatre)

James Lavoie – The Tashme Project: The Living Archives (Tashme Productions)

Pierre-Étienne Locas – Travesties (The Segal Centre for Performing Arts)

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING PERFORMANCE - ACTRESS

Lisa Horner – Belles Soeurs: The Musical (produced by Copa de Oro Productions, presented by The Segal Centre for Performing Arts)

Chala Hunter – Travesties (The Segal Centre for Performing Arts)

Gitanjali Jain – Twelfth Night (Repercussion Theatre)

Cat Lemieux – Triplex Nervosa (Centaur Theatre Company)

Jennifer Roberts – Chloe's Choice The True But Not Entirely Reasonable Holiday Fable of Chloe Rebecca Ramadan, Aged 9 4/5 (Geordie Productions)

Jane Wheeler – The Graduate (The Segal Centre for Performing Arts)

OUTSTANDING ORIGINAL COMPOSITION

Devon Bate – Corpus (Teesri Duniya Theatre)

Matthew Barber & Justin Rutledge – The Graduate

(The Segal Centre for Performing Arts)

Rob Denton – Gas Girls (Black Theatre Workshop)

Gabriella Hook & Harry Standjofski – The Invisible Man / L'homme invisible (Third Way-Troisième Voie & Théâtre de la Manufacture)

Alan Menken – The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz: The Musical (The Segal Centre for Performing Arts)



OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THEATRE

George Allister & Patrick Andrew Boivin: Video Design –

The Tashme Project: The Living Archives (Tashme Productions)

Matthew Barber & Justin Rutledge: Live Music - The Graduate

(The Segal Centre for Performing Arts)

Nadine Desrochers: Translation – Billy (The Days of Howling)
(Talisman Theatre)

Zach Fraser: Puppet & Mask Design – The Nisei and the Narm (Persephone Productions)

Gabriella Hook & Harry Standjofski: Live Music – The Invis L'homme invisible (Third Way-Troisième Voie & Théâtre de la Manufact Noémi Poulin: Video Design – Corpus (Teesri Duniya Theatre)

OUTSTANDING LIGHTING DESIGN Zach Fraser: Puppet & Mask Design – The Nisei and the Narnauks

Gabriella Hook & Harry Standjofski: Live Music - The Invisible Man /

L'homme invisible (Third Way-Troisième Voie & Théâtre de la Manufacture)

Nicolas Descôteaux – Travesties (The Segal Centre for Performing Arts)

David Perrault Ninacs – The Tashme Project: The Living Archives

(Tashme Productions)

Kimberly Purtell – We Are Not Alone (The Segal Centre for Performing Arts & Crow's Theatre)

Martin Sirois – random (Black Theatre Workshop & Imago Theatre)

Peter Vatsis – The Glass Menagerie (Hudson Village Theatre)

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PRODUCTION

Disney's Beauty and the Beast – West Island Theatre Association (WISTA)

Hairspray the Broadway Musical – Côte Saint-Luc Dramatic Society (CSLDS)

The Mousetrap – Lakeshore Players

Not Now, Darling – Lakeshore Players

The Pirates of Penzance – Lakeshore Light Opera

OUTSTANDING LEAD PERFORMANCE - ACTOR

Eloi ArchamBaudoin – Hosanna (Tableau D'Hôte Theatre)

Damien Atkins – We Are Not Alone (The Segal Centre for Performing Arts & Crow's Theatre)

Greq Ellwand – Travesties (The Segal Centre for Performing Arts)

Matt Miwa – The Tashme Project: The Living Archives (Tashme Productions)

OUTSTANDING COSTUME DESIGN

Louise Bourret – Travesties (The Segal Centre for Performing Arts)

Mérédith Caron – Belles Soeurs: The Musical (produced by Copa de Oro Productions, presented by The Segal Centre for Performing Arts)

Evita Karasek & Michèle Gagné – Twelfth Night (Repercussion Theatre)

Noémi Poulin – Hosanna (Tableau D'Hôte Theatre)

Susana Vera – The Graduate (The Segal Centre for Performing Arts)

OUTSTANDING DIRECTION

Micheline Chevrier – random (Black Theatre Workshop & Imago Theatre)

René Richard Cyr – Belles Soeurs: The Musical (produced by Copa de Oro Productions, presented by The Segal Centre for Performing Arts)

Mike Payette – Hosanna (Tableau D'Hôte Theatre)

Jacob Tierney – Travesties (The Segal Centre for Performing Arts)

Matthew Tiffin – The Glass Menagerie (Hudson Village Theatre)

OUTSTANDING LEAD PERFORMANCE - ACTRESS

Lucinda Davis – random (Black Theatre Workshop & Imago Theatre)

Virgilia Griffith – Gas Girls (Black Theatre Workshop)

Julie Tamiko Manning – The Tashme Project: The Living Archives (Tashme Productions)

Brigitte Robinson – The Graduate (The Segal Centre for Performing Arts)

OUTSTANDING EMERGING ARTIST

Laurence Gagnon Lefebvre: Set Design – Corpus (Teesri Duniya Theatre)

Virgilia Griffith: Performance – Gas Girls (Black Theatre Workshop)

Donnub Jafarzadeh: Performance – Game Changers (Geordie Productions)

Marjolaine Provençal: Set Design – Twelfth Night (Repercussion Theatre)

Jennifer Roberts: Performance – Chloe's Choice The True But Not Entirely Reasonable Holiday Fable of Chloe Rebecca Ramadan, Aged 9 4/5 (Geordie Productions)

Charlotte Rogers: Performance – Chloe's Choice The True But Not Entirely Reasonable Holiday Fable of Chloe Rebecca Ramadan, Aged 9 4/5 (Geordie Productions)

OUTSTANDING INDEPENDENT PRODUCTION

Billy (The Days of Howling) – Talisman Theatre

The Dumb Waiter – Theatre Esperance

Hosanna – Tableau D'Hôte Theatre

The Mighty Carlins – ASM Performing Arts

The Tashme Project: The Living Archives – Tashme Production

OUTSTANDING PACT PRODUCTION

Belles Soeurs: The Musical – produced by Copa de Oro Productions, presented by The Segal Centre for Performing Arts

random – Black Theatre Workshop & Imago Theatre

Travesties – The Segal Centre for Performing Arts

We Are Not Alone – The Segal Centre for Performing Arts & Crow's Theatre

CREDITS & THANKYOUS

THE CEREMONY

The Hosts: Gitanjali Jain and James Loye

The Band: The METAfour: Shawn Campbell (Bass), Nick Carpenter (Musical Director/Composer and Piano), Glenn Roy (Trombone), Brett Watson (Drums)

The Presenters: Vlad Alexis, Leslie Baker, Jimmy Blais, Elsa Bolam, Danny Brochu, Anisa Cameron, David Francis, Jeanette Kelly, Sarah-Marie Langlois, Julie Tamiko Manning, Molly Maguire, Alisa Palmer, Cathia Pagotto, Leni Parker, Guy Rodgers, France Rolland, Warona Setshwaelo, Jesse Stong, Jill Thomson

In Memoriam Tribute Performers: Kenny Wong (Musical Director), Ian Baird (Piano), Performed by: Noelle Hannibal, Tina Mancini, Dayane Ntibarikure, Jonathan Patterson, Brandon Schwartz, Kenny Wong

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Director: Mike Payette

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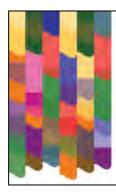
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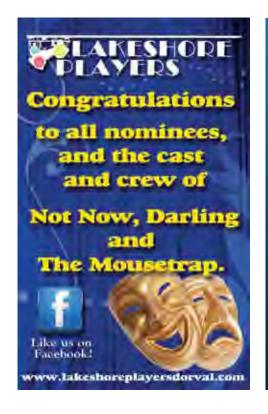
Congratulations Paul, Adam, Gitu, Marjolaine, Evita, and Michele, and to all the METAs nominees.

Thanks for a great 2014-2015 season!

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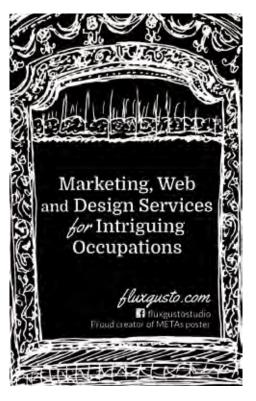




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Julian Bailey



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Chala Hunter



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Julie Tamiko Manning



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2014-2015 METAs Registered Productions

The Graduate

(The Segal Centre for Performing Arts)

Always a Bridesmaid

(Stone Soup Productions)

Bard Fiction

(Beyond the Mountain Productions)

The Invisible Man / L'homme invisible (Third Way-Troisième Voie & Théâtre de la

Manufacture)

Billy-The Days of Howling

(Talisman Theatre)

Gas Girls (Black Theatre Workshop)

Belles Soeurs: The Musical (produced by Copa de Oro Productions, presented by The Segal Centre for Performing Arts)

Social Studies (Centaur Theatre Company)

Corpus (Teesri Duniya Theatre)

After the End (Lifelong Productions)

Chloe's Choice The True But Not Entirely Reasonable Holiday Fable of Chloe Rebecca Ramadan, Aged 9 4/5 (Geordie

Productions)

The Nisei and the Narnauks (Persephone Productions)

Forever Plaid (Copa de Oro Productions & The Segal Centre for Performing Arts)

Red Light Winter (Lifelong Productions)

Game Changers (Geordie Productions)

We Are Not Alone (The Segal Centre for Performing Arts & Crow's Theatre)

The Goodnight Bird (Centaur Theatre Company, Kay Meek Centre)

Hosanna (Tableau D'Hôte Theatre)

The Dumb Waiter (Theatre Esperance)

Trout Stanley (AcidHawk Theatre)

 $random \, (Black \, Theatre \, Workshop \, \& \,$

Imago Theatre)

The Envelope (Centaur Theatre Company)

The Den of Thieves

(Last One Standing Productions)

The Mighty Carlins (ASM Performing Arts)

Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde

(Persephone Productions)

Travesties

(The Segal Centre for Performing Arts)

Triplex Nervosa

(Centaur Theatre Company)

EMOJI Girl (Doubl/e/space)

Fuddy Meers (inFurnace Theatre)

Danny & the Deep Blue Sea (Lifelong Productions)

The Tashme Project: The Living Archives

(Tashme Productions)

33 Variations (Brave New Productions)

The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz: the Musical (The Segal Centre for

Performing Arts)

Twelfth Night (Repercussion Theatre)

The Glass Menagerie (Hudson Village Theatre)

Don Quixote de Lac Brome

(Theatre Lac Brome)

The Pirates of Penzance (Lakeshore Light Opera)

Not Now, Darling (Lakeshore Players)

Disney's Beauty and the Beast (West Island Theatre Association)

Thank you for the Music – a tribute to ABBA (Hudson Music Club)

No Sex Please, We're British (Hudson Players Club)

La Chauve-Souris (Montreal West-End

Operatic Society)

The Mousetrap (Lakeshore Players)

Hairspray the Broadway Musical (Côte Saint-Luc Dramatic Society)

Sabrina Fair (Lakeshore Players)

The Montreal English Theatre Awards (METAs)

Mandate

The METAs recognize and celebrate outstanding artistic work in Montreal's English Theatre. Established in 2012, these peer-juried awards exist to:

- promote professional and emerging English theatre artists and companies, and heighten their visibility, both regionally and beyond;
- elevate the level of critical discourse about theatre in Montreal, amongst artists and with the community at large.

The METAs are managed by a volunteer committee (METAC) of theatre professionals, who serve a maximum 3-year term overseeing the Awards process and annual Ceremony, and ensuring the METAs' integrity as a project "by the community and for the community".

How It Works

Companies register eligible productions for METAs consideration one month prior to Opening. (For details about eligibility, visit www.metas.ca.) In the 2014-15 season, 45 productions were assessed across 17 awards categories. In addition, non-juried awards are bestowed each year, including the UHOT (Unsung Hero of the Theatre) Award, honouring production or administrative personnel, and the EDI (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) Award, recognizing practices of access and inclusion.

The Jury

The METAs Jury – comprised of more than 20 theatre artists from varied disciplines – convenes quarterly to discuss the merits of productions seen, generate a list of nominees, and ultimately select the winners by secret ballot. A separate Jury determines the Community Theatre Award. Voting is tabulated by an independent auditor, who retains the results until the Ceremony in October.

Who are these jurors? **They are you:** senior, mid-career and emerging professionals – directors, actors, designers, stage managers, writers and administrators – charged with the task of evaluating diverse artistic choices and accomplishments.

Why do they volunteer their time and expertise? They are committed to sharing that expertise to recognize outstanding work, to foster pride in this community, and to develop the critical awareness of its practitioners.

Their contribution to the process is priceless.

The METAC invites you and *needs you* to get involved. Each year we assemble a new jury, so consider being part of something outstanding, and express your interest at *info@metas.ca*.



CONGRATULATIONS

TO ALL THE METAS PARTICIPANTS, VOLUNTEERS, NOMINEES AND WINNERS.

ENJOY YOUR CELEBRATION!



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