

2024 Robert Merritt Award nominations

Outstanding Performance in a Leading Role

Name	Role	Production	Producing Company
Emma Vickers	Little Girl	<i>The Adventures of the Little Girl and the Wind</i>	Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre
Jackson Seib	The Suspect	<i>Murder For Two</i>	Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre
Samatha Hill	Kathleen Piper, Ensemble	<i>Fall on Your Knees</i>	A Neptune Theatre, National Arts Centre, Vita Brevis Arts, Canadian Stage, Grand Theatre production
Jenny L. Wright	Mercedes Piper, Jeanna Lacroix	<i>Fall on Your Knees</i>	A Neptune Theatre, National Arts Centre, Vita Brevis Arts, Canadian Stage, Grand Theatre production
Deborah Hay	Francis Piper, Ensemble	<i>Fall on Your Knees</i>	A Neptune Theatre, National Arts Centre, Vita Brevis Arts, Canadian Stage, Grand Theatre production
Jeff Schwager	Robert Grove	<i>The Play That Goes Wrong</i>	Neptune Theatre
Ryan Brown	Prince Charmin	<i>Cinderella</i>	Neptune Theatre
Daniel MacIvor	Peter	<i>Let's Run Away</i>	reWork Productions and 2b theatre company
Zach Faye	Aaron	<i>Downed Hearts</i>	Ship's Company Theatre & Eastern Front Theatre in association with Matchstick Theatre
Geneviève Steele	Albertine	<i>A Beginner's Guide to the Night Sky</i>	The Villains Theatre



Outstanding Performance in a Supporting Role

Name	Role	Production	Producing Company
Janelle Cooper	Adelaide Taylor, Sweet Jessie, Hogan, Ensemble	<i>Fall on Your Knees</i>	A Neptune Theatre, National Arts Centre, Vita Brevis Arts, Canadian Stage, Grand Theatre production
Eva Foote	Lily Piper, Ensemble	<i>Fall on Your Knees</i>	A Neptune Theatre, National Arts Centre, Vita Brevis Arts, Canadian Stage, Grand Theatre production
Nicola Lipman	Grandma	<i>Billy Elliot the Musical</i>	Neptune Theatre
Patricia Zentilli	Mrs. Wilkinson	<i>Billy Elliot the Musical</i>	Neptune Theatre
Dan Bray	Elsworth/Gorman Roach	<i>Rain on the Parade</i>	The Villains Theatre
Wally MacKinnon	Stuart MacPhail	<i>The New Canadian Curling Club</i>	Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre
Sherry Smith	Pearl	<i>Downed Hearts</i>	Ship's Company Theatre & Eastern Front Theatre in association with Matchstick Theatre
Elm Reyes	Lucas	<i>Downed Hearts</i>	Ship's Company Theatre & Eastern Front Theatre in association with Matchstick Theatre
Chris Vergara	Boutons	<i>Cinderella</i>	Neptune Theatre
Becca Guiderson	Deetah	<i>Cinderella</i>	Neptune Theatre



Outstanding Choreography

Name	Production	Producing Company
Sarah Prosper	<i>Jack and the Beanstalk - A Musical Comedy Pantomime</i>	Highland Arts Theatre
Ray Hogg	<i>Billy Elliot the Musical</i>	Neptune Theatre
Stephanie Graham	<i>Cinderella</i>	Neptune Theatre
Jade Douris-O'Hara	<i>Pinocchio</i>	Shakespeare by the Sea
Liliona Quarmyne	<i>The Movements</i>	Zuppa

Outstanding Costume Design

Name	Production	Producing Company
Diego Cavedon Dias	<i>The Adventures of the Little Girl and the Wind</i>	Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre
Judith Bowden	<i>Fall on Your Knees</i>	A Neptune Theatre, National Arts Centre, Vita Brevis Arts, Canadian Stage, Grand Theatre production
Tea Stewart	<i>Pinocchio</i>	Shakespeare by the Sea
Oliver Dorais-Fleming	<i>Rain on the Parade</i>	The Villains Theatre
Diego Cavedon Dias	<i>Wind in the Willows</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre



Outstanding Direction

Name	Production	Producing Company
Alisa Palmer	<i>Fall on Your Knees</i>	A Neptune Theatre, National Arts Centre, Vita Brevis Arts, Canadian Stage, Grand Theatre production
Ann-Marie Kerr	<i>In Lieu of Flowers</i>	Highland Arts Theatre & Neptune Theatre
Jeremy Webb	<i>The Play That Goes Wrong</i>	Neptune Theatre
Jesse MacLean	<i>Pinocchio</i>	Shakespeare by the Sea
Samatha Wilson	<i>Downed Hearts</i>	Ship's Company Theatre & Eastern Front Theatre in association with Matchstick Theatre

Outstanding Lighting Design

Name	Production	Producing Company
Ingrid Risk	<i>The Adventures of the Little Girl and the Wind</i>	Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre
Leigh Ann Vardy	<i>Fall on Your Knees</i>	A Neptune Theatre, National Arts Centre, Vita Brevis Arts, Canadian Stage, Grand Theatre production
Jessica Lewis	<i>Billy Elliot the Musical</i>	Neptune Theatre
Alison Crosby	<i>Downed Hearts</i>	Ship's Company Theatre & Eastern Front Theatre in association with Matchstick Theatre
Jessica Lewis	<i>The Movements</i>	Zuppa



Outstanding New Nova Scotia Adaptation (Playwright)

Name	Production	Producing Company
Zoë Comeau	<i>F*cking Trans Women</i>	F*cking Theatre Co.
Wesley J. Colford	<i>Jack and the Beanstalk - A Musical Comedy Pantomime</i>	Highland Arts Theatre
Hannah Moscovitch	<i>Fall on Your Knees</i>	A Neptune Theatre, National Arts Centre, Vita Brevis Arts, Canadian Stage, Grand Theatre production
William Shakespeare, Adapted by Drew Douris-O'Hara	<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	Shakespeare by the Sea
Allen Cole and Ken Schwartz	<i>Wind in the Willows</i>	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre

Outstanding New Nova Scotia Play (Playwright)

Name	Production	Producing Company
Wesley J. Colford	<i>The Beloved</i>	Highland Arts Theatre
Alison Crosby	<i>In Lieu of Flowers</i>	Highland Arts Theatre & Neptune Theatre
Daniel MacIvor	<i>Let's Run Away</i>	reWorks Productions and 2b theatre company
Catherine Banks	<i>Downed Hearts</i>	Ship's Company Theatre & Eastern Front Theatre in association with Matchstick Theatre
Colleen MacIssac	<i>A Beginner's Guide to the Night Sky</i>	The Villains Theatre



Outstanding Musical Direction

Name	Production	Producing Company
Sean Mayes	<i>Fall on Your Knees</i>	A Neptune Theatre, National Arts Centre, Vita Brevis Arts, Canadian Stage, Grand Theatre production
Paul de Gurse	<i>Billy Elliot the Musical</i>	Neptune Theatre
Garry Williams	<i>Pinocchio</i>	Shakespeare by the Sea
Lisa St Clair	<i>Cinderella</i>	Neptune Theatre
Avery-Jean Brennan	<i>Murder For Two</i>	Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre

Outstanding Score

Name	Production	Producing Company
Sean Mayes	<i>Fall on Your Knees</i>	A Neptune Theatre, National Arts Centre, Vita Brevis Arts, Canadian Stage, Grand Theatre production
Garry Williams	<i>Pinocchio</i>	Shakespeare by the Sea
Garry Williams and Evan Brown	<i>Rain on the Parade</i>	The Villains Theatre
Jenny Trites & Colleen MacIsaac	<i>A Beginner's Guide to the Night Sky</i>	The Villains Theatre
Stewart Legere	<i>The Movements</i>	Zuppa

Outstanding Ensemble

Name	Production	Producing Company
Ensemble	<i>The New Canadian Curling Club</i>	Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre
Ensemble	<i>Fall on Your Knees</i>	A Neptune Theatre, National Arts Centre, Vita Brevis Arts, Canadian Stage, Grand Theatre production
Ensemble	<i>Billy Elliot the Musical</i>	Neptune Theatre
Ensemble	<i>The Play That Goes Wrong</i>	Neptune Theatre
Ensemble	<i>Downed Hearts</i>	Ship's Company Theatre & Eastern Front Theatre in association with Matchstick Theatre



Outstanding Production

Production	Producing Company
<i>Murder for Two</i>	Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre
<i>The New Canadian Curling Club</i>	Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre
<i>Fall on Your Knees</i>	A Neptune Theatre, National Arts Centre, Vita Brevis Arts, Canadian Stage, Grand Theatre production
<i>The Play That Goes Wrong</i>	Neptune Theatre
<i>Downed Hearts</i>	Ship's Company Theatre & Eastern Front Theatre in association with Matchstick Theatre

Outstanding Independent Production

Production	Producing Company
<i>The Crevice: Season 2</i>	Bus Stop Theatre
<i>F*cking Trans Women</i>	F*cking Theatre Co.
<i>The Beloved</i>	Highland Arts Theatre
<i>Half-Cracked: The Legend of Sissy Mary</i>	Theatre Baddeck
<i>A Beginner's Guide to the Night Sky</i>	The Villains Theatre

Outstanding Projection Design

Name	Production	Producing Company
Stevey Hunter	<i>MACRO Series: ISOLATIONS (GENTLY, SOFTLY, NOW)</i>	Eastern Front Theatre
Matt Downey	<i>Billy Elliot the Musical</i>	Neptune Theatre
Christian Ludwig Hansen and Anna Sheppard	<i>The Movements</i>	Zuppa
Victoria Ryan & Matthew Downey	<i>F*cking Trans Women</i>	F*cking Theatre Co.
MacKenzie Cornfield	<i>Downed Hearts</i>	Ship's Company Theatre & Eastern Front Theatre in association with Matchstick Theatre



Outstanding Scenic Design

Name	Production	Producing Company
Sue LePage with assistance from Brenda Duran	<i>Downed Hearts</i>	Ship's Company Theatre & Eastern Front Theatre in association with Matchstick Theatre
Andrea Evans	<i>Half-Cracked: The Legend of Sissy Mary</i>	Theatre Baddeck
Vickie Marston	<i>The Adventure of the Little Girl and the Wind</i>	Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre
Zach Faye	<i>The Crevice: Season 2</i>	Bus Stop Theatre
John Dinning	<i>The Play That Goes Wrong</i>	Neptune Theatre

Outstanding Sound Design

Name	Production	Producing Company
Deanna H. Choi	<i>Cinderella</i>	Neptune Theatre
Jackson Fairfax-Perry	<i>Downed Hearts</i>	Ship's Company Theatre & Eastern Front Theatre in association with Matchstick Theatre
Brian Kenny	<i>Fall on Your Knees</i>	A Neptune Theatre, National Arts Centre, Vita Brevis Arts, Canadian Stage, Grand Theatre production
Deanna H. Choi	<i>Let's Run Away</i>	reWorks Productions and 2b theatre company
Stewart Legere with Thomas Rice	<i>The Movements</i>	Zuppa

Announced at the Gala:

- Outstanding Technician
- Outstanding Stage Manager
- Theatre Nova Scotia Scholarship
- Neptune RBC Chrysalis Emerging Artist Award
- Theatre Nova Scotia Outstanding Accessibility Award
- Theatre Nova Scotia Legacy Award