

Theatre Awards 2011

NOMINEE ANNOUNCEMENT

Wellington's hard-working theatre critics have narrowed down the year's best and brightest theatre shows, performances, writers, composers, designers and directors from over 100 eligible professional productions to three nominees in each of the 18 award categories.

The **Mayors Award for Excellence** and the **Critic's Wild Card Award** will be announced on the night of the awards – **Sunday 4th December, at the Opera House.**

We welcome the Wellington theatre community; the greater NZ theatre whanau and all it's avid supporters to attend the **Chapman Tripp Theatre Award 2011.**

Event Passes for the Award Show and Light Supper + Beverages, are now on sale and can be purchased from Downstage Theatre for \$70. (www.downstage.co.nz)

Congratulations to the nominees, and all eligible 2011 productions for making this an exhilarating and exciting year of theatre!

* Nominees are listed alphabetically

Brancott Estate Award for Most Original Production of the Year

Hear to See - Capital E National Theatre for Children

The Spy Who Wouldn't Die Again - SEED Theatre Company in partnership with Downstage

This Rugged Beauty - Binge Culture Collective

Downstage Theatre Award for the Most Promising Male Newcomer of the Year

Simon K Leary - Mates & Lovers

James Tito - Awhi Tapu

Anthony Young - The Motor Camp

Circa Award Donated by TACT for the Most Promising Female Newcomer of the Year

Chelsea Bognuda – Eight

Lauren Gibson - August: Osage County

Florence Mulheron - The Motor Camp

Toi Whakaari: NZ Drama School & Victoria University of Wellington Award for Most Promising Director of the Year

Hannah Smith - The Engine Room

Jason Te Kare - I, George Nepia

Alison Walls - Fuddy Meers

for Costume Designer of the Year

Die Again

Dawa Bevereux - The Engine Room

Sheila Horton - When the Rain Stops Falling

Grouse Lighting Award for Lighting Designer of the Year

Jennifer Lal - Crossing Lines

Nathan McKendry - Awhi Tapu

Marcus McShane - When the Rain Stops Falling

Weta Workshop Award for Set Designer of the Year

Andrew Foster - The Lead Wait

John Hodgkins - When the Rain Stops Falling

Tony Rabbit - On The Upside-Down of The World

Park Road Post Production Sound Designer of the Year

Thomas Press - Awhi Tapu

Tane Upjohn-Beatson - The Engine Room

Chris Ward - The Lead Wait

Constance Scott Kirkcaldie Award for Outstanding Composer of Music

Gareth Hobbs - When the Rain Stops Falling

Miriama Ketu-McKenzie - I, George Nepia

Richard Nunns - Hear to See

Peter Harcourt Award for Outstanding New Playwright of the Year

Sponsored by Bats Theatre & Taki Rua Productions

Paul Baker - Meet the Churchills

Ralph McCubbin Howell - The Engine Room

Sophie Roberts and Chelsie Preston-Crayford - Broken China

The Playmarket / Capital E National Theatre for Children – Outstanding New New Zealand Play of the Year

I, George Nepia - Hone Kouka

Joseph and Mahina - Thomas Sainsbury

Slouching Toward Bethlehem - Dean Parker

The Orbit Corporate Travel Award for Supporting Actress of the Year

Erin Banks - The Engine Room

Sophie Hambleton - When the Rain Stops Falling

Jane Waddell - August: Osage County

Chapman Tripp Award for Supporting Actor of the Year

Christopher Brougham - When the Rain Stops Falling

Simon Vincent - Our Man in Havana

Jason Whyte - August: Osage County



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Emerging Artist Trust Wellington Accolade for Outstanding Performance

eCaster Accolade for Outstanding Performance

Chapman Tripp Theatre Award for Actress of the Year

The ProActors and Gail Cowan Management Award for Actor of the Year

Michelle Amas - August: Osage County

Laurel Devenie - On The Upside-Down of The World

Alex Greig - The Engine Room

Phil Grieve - Slouching Toward Bethlehem

Jennifer Ludlam - August: Osage County

Jarod Rawiri - I, George Nepia

Jason Whyte - When the Rain Stops Falling

The Museum Hotel Award for Director of the Year

David Lawrence - Slouching Toward Bethlehem

Leo Gene Peters - Ahwi Tapu

Jason Te Kare - I, George Nepia

Chapman Tripp Award for Production of the Year

Awhi Tapu - Taki Rua Productions

I, George Nepia - Tawata Productions

When the Rain Stops Falling - Circa Theatre

The Chapman Tripp Theatre Awards 2011

Opera House, Sunday 4th December, 7.00pm

BOOKINGS:

Downstage Theatre – 04 801 6946 or www.downstage.co.nz

The Chapman Tripp Theatre Award 2011 Critics are: Laurie Atkinson (Dominion Post), Uther Dean (The Salient and Lumiere), Lynn Freeman (Capital Times), Elspeth Sandys (The Listener), John Smythe (theatreview.co.nz)

– the Arbitrators are Michael Wray and Sharon Wray

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