

## **Nominees Announced for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Suzi Bass Awards**

**Atlanta, GA—August 27, 2018:** The Suzi Bass Awards revealed nominations for the 2017-2018 Atlanta professional theatre season on Monday evening, August 27, to patrons and industry artists. The Suzi Nomination Party was generously hosted by Synchronicity Theatre, at 7:30pm, One Peachtree Pointe, 1545 Peachtree St. NE #102, Atlanta.

### **ABOUT THE SUZI BASS AWARDS**

The Suzi Bass Awards were founded in 2003 by Gene-Gabriel Moore and a small group of industry professionals to celebrate outstanding work in live theatre and the artists who produce it. This season, The Suzi Bass Awards volunteer judges chose nominees and recipients in thirty performance categories. In addition, the annual Spirit of Suzi Award honors a person or organization for their long-time dedication to Atlanta theatre; the Gene-Gabriel Moore Playwriting Award recognizes Atlanta's talented local playwrights through special notice of a recently produced play; the Audience Choice Award recognizes one theatre's entire season through voting by the general public; and the Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes an individual or group with long-time volunteer contributions to a particular theatre.

### **OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION - MUSICAL**

*Blackberry Daze* at Horizon Theatre  
*Cabaret* at Serenbe Playhouse  
*Candide* at the Alliance Theatre  
*The Color Purple* at Actor's Express  
*The Hunchback of Notre Dame* at Aurora Theatre/Theatrical Outfit

### **OUTSTANDING DIRECTION - MUSICAL**

Justin Anderson for *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* at Aurora Theatre/Theatrical Outfit  
Justin Anderson for *Mamma Mia!* at Aurora Theatre  
Brian Clowdus for *Cabaret* at Serenbe Playhouse  
David Koté for *The Color Purple* at Actor's Express  
Thomas W. Jones II for *Blackberry Daze* at Horizon Theatre

### **OUTSTANDING MUSIC DIRECTION**

S. Renee Clark for *Blackberry Daze* at Horizon Theatre  
Ann-Carol Pence for *Mamma Mia!* at Aurora Theatre  
Ann-Carol Pence for *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* at Aurora Theatre/Theatrical Outfit  
Robert Spano for *Candide* at Alliance Theatre  
Amanda Wansa Morgan for *The Color Purple* at Actor's Express

### **OUTSTANDING CHOREOGRAPHY**

Ricardo Aponte for *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* at Aurora Theatre/Theatrical Outfit  
Ricardo Aponte for *Mamma Mia!* at Aurora Theatre  
Bubba Carr for *Cabaret* at Serenbe Playhouse  
Meredith Moore for *The Color Purple* at Actor's Express  
Cindy Mora Reiser for *Tarzan* at Atlanta Lyric Theatre

### **OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTOR/FEMALE - MUSICAL**

Naomi Lavette\* for *Blackberry Daze* at Horizon Theatre  
Kristin Markiton for *Mamma Mia!* at Aurora Theatre  
Latrice Pace for *The Color Purple* at Actor's Express  
Ayanna Reed for *Blackberry Daze* at Horizon Theatre  
Julissa Sabino\* for *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* at Aurora Theatre/Theatrical Outfit

### **OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTOR/MALE - MUSICAL**

Aaron Blake\* for *Candide* at The Alliance Theatre  
Brian Clowdus for *Cabaret* at Serenbe Playhouse  
Stanley Allyn Owen\* for *Tarzan* at Atlanta Lyric Theatre  
Haden Rider for *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* at Aurora Theatre/Theatrical Outfit  
Juan Unzueta for *Little Shop of Horrors* at Actor's Express

**OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTOR/FEMALE - MUSICAL**

Kandice Arrington for *Little Shop of Horrors* at Actor's Express  
Deborah Bowman\* for *The Little Mermaid* at Serenbe Playhouse  
Christy Clark\* for *Blackberry Daze* at Horizon Theatre  
Kayce Grogan-Wallace for *The Color Purple* at Actor's Express  
Jasmyne Hinson for *The Color Purple* at Actor's Express

**OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTOR/MALE - MUSICAL**

Kevin Harry for *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* at Aurora Theatre/Theatrical Outfit  
Lamont Hill for *The Color Purple* at Actor's Express  
Christian Magby for *Blackberry Daze* at Horizon Theatre  
Commodore Primous for *Tarzan* at Atlanta Lyric Theatre  
Robert Wayne for *Cabaret* at Serenbe Playhouse

**OUTSTANDING ACTING ENSEMBLE - MUSICAL**

The cast of *Always... Patsy Cline* at Atlanta Lyric Theatre  
(Laura Hodos and Karen Howell\*)  
The cast of *Breath and Imagination* at ART Station  
(Theresa Hightower, Marcellis Cutler\*, Patrick Hutchinson, Tony Hayes)  
The cast of *Million Dollar Quartet* at Legacy Theatre  
(Janine DeMichele Baggett, Daniel Black, Daniel Burns, Ross Griffin, Bert Groover, Stephen Hardy, Edward La Cardo, David Perry)  
The cast of *The Followers* at 7 Stages  
(Ofir Nahari, Lowery Brown, Diany Rodriguez\*, Stephen Devillers, Nicolette Emanuelle)  
The cast of *The World Goes 'Round* at Atlanta Lyric Theatre  
(Deborah Bowman\*, Jeff McKerley\*, Adrianna Trachell\*, Brad Raymond\*, Mary Nye Bennett, Chloe Cordle, Cansler McGhee, Brian Jordan, Grace Joo)

**OUTSTANDING COSTUME DESIGN - MUSICAL**

Nyrobi Moss for *Blackberry Daze* at Horizon Theatre  
Nyrobi Moss for *The Color Purple* at Actor's Express  
Erik Teague for *Cabaret* at Serenbe Playhouse  
Amanda Edgerton West for *Tarzan* at Atlanta Lyric Theatre  
Alan Yeong for *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* at Aurora Theatre/Theatrical Outfit

**OUTSTANDING LIGHTING DESIGN - MUSICAL**

Andre C. Allen for *The Color Purple* at Actor's Express  
Kevin Frazier for *Cabaret* at Serenbe Playhouse  
Kevin Frazier for *Mamma Mia!* at Aurora Theatre  
Maria Cristina Fuste for *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* at Aurora Theatre/Theatrical Outfit  
Mary Parker for *Tarzan* at Atlanta Lyric Theatre

**OUTSTANDING SCENIC DESIGN - MUSICAL**

Isabel & Moriah Curley-Clay for *Little Shop of Horrors* at Actor's Express  
Isabel and Mariah Curley-Clay for *Once on this Island* at Georgia Ensemble Theatre  
Daniel Pattillo for *Tarzan* at Atlanta Lyric Theatre  
Julie Ray for *Mamma Mia!* at Aurora Theatre  
Shannon Robert for *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* at Aurora Theatre/Theatrical Outfit

**OUTSTANDING SOUND DESIGN - MUSICAL**

Rob Brooksher for *Mamma Mia!* at Aurora Theatre  
Angela Bryant for *The Color Purple* at Actor's Express  
Preston Goodson for *Tarzan* at Atlanta Lyric Theatre  
Daniel Pope for *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* at Aurora Theatre/Theatrical Outfit  
Mike Sal for *Blackberry Daze* at Horizon Theatre

**OUTSTANDING PROJECTION DESIGN - MUSICAL**

Robbie Hayes for *Blackberry Daze* at Horizon Theatre  
Bobby Johnston for *Holler If Ya Hear Me* at True Colors Theatre Company  
Bobby Johnston for *The Ballad of Klook and Vinette* at Horizon Theatre  
Sven Ortel for *Candide* at the Alliance Theatre

**OUTSTANDING WORLD PREMIERE**

*The Flower Room* at Actor's Express  
*Hospice and Pointing at the Moon* at The Alliance Theatre  
*Il Etait Une Fois (Once Upon A Time)* at Theatre du Reve  
*Morningside* at Georgia Ensemble Theatre  
*Sheltered* at the Alliance Theatre

**OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION - PLAY**

*Abigail/1702* at Aurora Theatre  
*Angels in America* at Actor's Express  
*Boy* at Theatrical Outfit  
*Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley* at Theatrical Outfit  
*Perfect Arrangement* at Theatrical Outfit

**OUTSTANDING DIRECTION - PLAY**

Jeff Adler, Jennifer Alice Acker, Lisa Adler for *Citizens Market* at Horizon Theatre  
Freddie Ashley and Martin Wilkins for *Angels in America* at Actor's Express  
Carolyn Cook\* for *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley* at Theatrical Outfit  
Melissa Foulger for *Boy* at Theatrical Outfit  
Leora Morris for *Crossing Delancey* at The Alliance Theatre

**OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTOR/FEMALE - PLAY**

Terry Burrell\* for *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill* at Theatrical Outfit  
Taylor Dooley for *Throw Me on the Burnpile and Light Me Up* at Aurora Theatre  
Mary Lynn Owen\* for *Crossing Delancey* at The Alliance Theatre  
Courtney Patterson\* for *Maytag Virgin* at Aurora Theatre  
Diany Rodriguez\* for *Abigail/1702* at Aurora Theatre

**OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTOR/MALE - PLAY**

Andrew Benator\* for *Crossing Delancey* at The Alliance Theatre  
Brad Brinkley\* for *Maytag Virgin* at Aurora Theatre  
Clifton Guterman\* for *Boy* at Theatrical Outfit  
Lee Osorio\* for *The Life and Death of Richard the Second* at Atlanta Shakespeare Company  
Ben Thorpe\* for *Hand to God* at The Alliance Theatre

**OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTOR/FEMALE - PLAY**

Carolyn Cook\* for *Citizens Market* at Horizon Theatre  
Galen Crawley\* for *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley* at Theatrical Outfit  
Sarah Newby Halicks for *The Christians* at Actor's Express  
Tess Malis Kincaid\* for *Shakespeare in Love* at The Alliance Theatre  
Diany Rodriguez\* for *Between Riverside and Crazy* at True Colors Theatre Company

**OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTOR/MALE - PLAY**

Allen Edwards\* for *Citizens Market* at Horizon Theatre  
Tom Key\* for *Boy* at Theatrical Outfit  
Enoch King\* for *The Christians* at Actor's Express  
Lee Osorio\* for *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley* at Theatrical Outfit  
Sam Younis\* for *Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo* at 7 Stages

### **OUTSTANDING ACTING ENSEMBLE – PLAY**

The cast of *Angels in America* at Actor's Express  
(Grant Chapman\*, Joe Sykes\*, Louis Gregory, Cara Mantella, Robert Bryan Davis, Thandiwe DeShazor, Carolyn Cook\*, Parris Sarter)

The cast of *Il Etait Une Fois (Once Upon A Time)* at Theatre du Reve  
(Natalie Karp, Eliana Marianes, Jennifer Schottstaedt)

The cast of *Morningside* at Georgia Ensemble Theatre  
(Shelly McCook, Ann Wilson, Ellen McQueen\*, Keena Redding Hunt, Gina Rickicki, Kate Donadio\*, Stacy Melich, Kelly Criss, Lala Cochran)

The cast of *Perfect Arrangement* at Theatrical Outfit  
(Joe Knezevich\*, Ann-Marie Gideon\*, Clifton Guterman\*, Courtney Patterson\*, Stacy Melich, Kevin Stillwell, Ann Wilson)

The cast of *Sense and Sensibility* at Synchronicity Theatre  
(Marcello Audino, Shelli Delgado, Robert Lee Hindsman, Rachel Mewbron\*, Marcie Millard, Michelle Pokopac, J.L. Reed, Jennifer Schottstaedt, Bryant Smith\*, Justin Walker)

### **OUTSTANDING COSTUME DESIGN - PLAY**

Anne Carole Butler for *The Life and Death of Richard the Second* at Atlanta Shakespeare Company

Angela Balogh Calin for *Shakespeare in Love* at The Alliance Theatre

Linda Patterson for *Perfect Arrangement* at Theatrical Outfit

Elizabeth Rasmusson for *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley* at Theatrical Outfit

Jennifer Schottstaedt for *Il Etait Une Fois (Once Upon A Time)* at Theatre du Reve

### **OUTSTANDING LIGHTING DESIGN - PLAY**

Maranda DeBusk for *Throw Me on the Burnpile and Light Me Up* at Aurora Theatre

Rob Dillard for *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill* at Theatrical Outfit

Liz Lee for *Hand to God* at The Alliance Theatre

Joseph P. Monaghan for *Angels in America* at Actor's Express

Ben Rawson for *Abigail/1702* at Aurora Theatre

### **OUTSTANDING SCENIC DESIGN - PLAY**

Isabel and Moriah Curley-Clay for *Abigail/1702* at Aurora Theatre

Isabel and Moriah Curley-Clay for *Between Riverside and Crazy* at True Colors Theatre

Isabel and Moriah Curley-Clay for *Citizens Market* at Horizon Theatre

Isabel and Moriah Curley-Clay for *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill* at Theatrical Outfit

Isabel and Moriah Curley-Clay for *Maytag Virgin* at Aurora Theatre

Elizabeth Jarrett for *Throw Me on the Burnpile and Light Me Up* at Aurora Theatre

### **OUTSTANDING SOUND DESIGN - PLAY**

Marc Gwinn for *Abigail/1702* at Aurora Theatre

Jake Harbour for *Throw Me on the Burnpile and Light Me Up* at Aurora Theatre

Stowe Nelson for *Hand to God* at The Alliance Theatre

Daniel Terry for *Maytag Virgin* at Aurora Theatre

Ed Thrower for *Angels in America* at Actor's Express

### **OUTSTANDING PROJECTION DESIGN - PLAY**

Bradley Bergeron for *Project Dawn* at Horizon Theatre

Matt Brohammer for *The Taming* at Synchronicity Theatre

Barrett Doyle and Joel Coady for *Boy* at Theatrical Outfit

Jared Mezzochi for *Ripe Frenzy* at Synchronicity Theatre

Ed Thrower for *Il Etait Une Fois (Once Upon A Time)* at Theatre du Reve

### **OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION - TYA**

*Heidi* at Synchronicity Theatre

*The Jungle Book* at Georgia Ensemble Theatre

*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* at Synchronicity Theatre

*Mother Goose* at Center for Puppetry Arts

*Winnie the Pooh* at the Alliance Theatre

### **OUTSTANDING DIRECTION - TYA**

*Heidi* at Synchronicity Theatre

Director: Julie Skrzypek

*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* at Synchronicity Theatre

Director: Mira Hirsch

*Mother Goose* at Center for Puppetry Arts

Director: Amy Sweeney

*Polkadots, the Cool Kids Musical* at the Legacy Theatre

Director: Mark Smith

*Winnie the Pooh* at the Alliance Theatre

Director: Leora Morris

### **OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE/ENSEMBLE - TYA**

The cast of *Heidi* at Synchronicity Theatre

(Taryn Carmona, Jessenia Ingram, Jake Krakovsky, Robert Owenby, Emily Parrish Stenbridge, Julie Trammel, Alex Van, Patrick Wade)

The cast of *The Jungle Book* at Georgia Ensemble Theatre

(Erik Poger Abrahamsen, Shelli Delgado, Robert Lee Hindsman, Asia Howard, JD Myers, Angelica K. Spence)

The cast of *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* at Synchronicity Theatre

(Josh Brook, Jimmica Collins, Caitlin Hargraves, Justin Walker)

The cast of *Mother Goose* at Center for Puppetry Arts

(Jimmica Collins, Luis R Hernandez)

The cast of *Winnie the Pooh* at the Alliance Theatre

(Isake Akanke, Caleb Baumann, Grant Chapman, CJ Cooper, Maria Rodriguez-Sager, Joe Sykes, Mabel Tyler)

### **OUTSTANDING DESIGN – TYA**

The design team of *Heidi* at Synchronicity Theatre

(Scenic Design: Elizabeth Jarrett; Costume and Puppet Design: Derrick Vanmeter; Lighting Design: Elisabeth Cooper; Sound Design: Rob Brooksher; Music Direction: Christopher Cannon; Choreography: Ricardo Aponte)

The design team of *The Jungle Book* at the Alliance Theatre

(Scenic Design: Kat Conley; Costume Design: Sydney Roberts; Lighting Design: Steven Love; Sound Design: Clay Benning; Composer and Musical Direction: S. Renee Clark; Choreographer: Jen McQueen; Puppet Consultant: Jason Hines)

The design team of *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* at Synchronicity Theatre

(Scenic Designer: Jon Nooner; Costume Designer: Linda Patterson; Lighting Design: Chris Crawford; Sound Design: Dan Baumann; Properties Design: Jillian Haughey)

The design team of *Mother Goose* at Center for Puppetry Arts

(Scenic Design: Ryan Sbaratta; Costume Design: Erik Teague; Lighting Design: Gregory Montague; Sound Design: Dolph Amick; Puppet Design: Jason Hines)

The design team of *Winnie the Pooh* at the Alliance Theatre

(Scenic Design: Mariana Sanchez; Costume Design: Fabian Fidel Aguilar; Lighting Design: Steven Love; Sound Design: Clay Benning; Music Director: Dylan Frederick)