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CITADEL THEATRE HONOURED WITH 21 ELIZABETH STERLING HAYNES AWARD NOMINATIONS

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The Citadel's hit production *Crazy for You® The New Gershwin® Musical*, led all shows at this year's Elizabeth Sterling Haynes Award nominations. The elaborate co-production with Theatre Calgary earned eight nominations, including the Timothy Ryan Award for Outstanding Production of a Musical. **Andrew MacDonald-Smith** received a nod for Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role for his critically acclaimed turn as Bobby Child, a banker with Broadway dreams and a penchant for tap dancing. Set and Costume Designer **Cory Sincennes** has two nominations for his detailed work on *Crazy for You®*, including Outstanding Set Design and Outstanding Costume Design. Director and choreographer **Dayna Tekatch** and Fight Director **Jonathan Purvis** both received nods for Outstanding Choreography or Fight Direction. In the Outstanding Lighting Design category, **Gerald King** is nominated for his work on the musical, while **Don Horsburgh** is honoured with a nod for Outstanding Musical Direction.

The Citadel's madcap mounting of *Peter and the Starcatcher* earned another five nominations, including Outstanding Production of a Play, Outstanding Director (**James MacDonald**), Outstanding Costume Design (**Megan Koshka**), and Outstanding Musical Director (**Erik Mortimer**). **Farren Timoteo** captivated audiences with his standout comedic performance as Black Stache, a dramatic pirate desperate to be taken seriously. Timoteo's scene-stealing role in this Peter Pan prequel earned him a nomination for Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role.

The World Premiere of *Sense and Sensibility*, **Tom Wood's** stage adaptation of the popular Jane Austen novel, received several nominations. **Robin Craig** captured a nod for Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role for her turn as the nosy but well-meaning matchmaker Mrs. Jennings. **Leslie Frankish's** elaborate period costumes are honoured with a nomination for Outstanding Costume Design, and **Allan Gilliland's** beautiful score is up for an award for Outstanding Score of a Play or Musical.

The Citadel's other big musical of the 2016/17 season, *Million Dollar Quartet*, earned a nod for the Timothy Ryan Award for Outstanding Production of a Musical, as well as a nomination for **Bob Foster** in the Outstanding Musical Director category.

Citadel Theatre, along with Hope and Hell Theatre Company, is nominated for Outstanding Production of a Play for the tense political drama *Disgraced*, which appeared at the Citadel in January.

The Canadian Premiere of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, which opened the season, captured several nominations, including Outstanding Multi-Media Design (**Joel Adria**), and Outstanding Lighting Design (**T. Erin Gruber**).

Catalyst Theatre's production of *Fortune Falls*, which was a part of the Citadel's 2016/17 season, received a nomination for Outstanding Lighting Design (**Kerem Çetinel**).

The Citadel Theatre is especially proud of **Cheryl Hoover**, Citadel's Director of Production, for winning the Margaret Mooney Award for Outstanding Achievement in Administration. Hoover has worked at the Citadel for more than 20 years, and is an integral part of the theatre's ongoing success.

Another two members of the Citadel production team received nominations for Individual Achievement in Production: **Angie Sotiropoulos**, Props Builder, and **Molly Pearson**, Stage Manager.

The Citadel would like to congratulate all the nominees for their hard-earned nominations and outstanding contributions to the Edmonton theatre community.

“As part of my first year in Edmonton, I made a point to get out to see as much theatre as possible,” says **Daryl Cloran**, Artistic Director. “The calibre of work here in Edmonton is so high, and I am so excited that so many of the fantastic productions I saw are being celebrated with Sterling nominations. While we are incredibly proud of the nominations garnered by the Citadel productions and artists, we are also honoured to be part of a community of artists creating such innovative and exemplary work. Congratulations to all of the nominees - we look forward to celebrating with you on June 26th!”

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