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CITADEL THEATRE HONOURED WITH MULTIPLE ELIZABETH STERLING HAYNES AWARDS

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The Citadel's hit production *Crazy for You*® *The New Gershwin*® Musical, was one of the big winners at the Elizabeth Sterling Haynes Awards last night, with eight nominations and four wins. The elaborate co-production with Theatre Calgary received one of the top honours of the night, the Timothy Ryan Award for Outstanding Production of a Musical, plus Outstanding Costume Design (**Cory Sincennes**), Outstanding Musical Director (**Don Horsburgh**), and Outstanding Choreography or Fight Direction (**Dayna Tekatch**).

The award for Outstanding Lighting Design went to **T. Erin Gruber** for the Canadian Premiere of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, which opened the Citadel's 2016/17 season.

The Citadel's Artistic Director, **Daryl Cloran**, along with **Margaret Mooney** herself, presented **Cheryl Hoover**, Director of Production, with 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.

A Citadel faculty member and alumnae were also recognized for their contributions to the Edmonton theatre scene. **Dave Horak**, a former Foote Theatre School instructor and current faculty member for Citadel's Young Company program, received the award for Outstanding Director for Edmonton Actors Theatre's production of *Stupid F**king Bird*. Former Citadel Young Company member **Stephanie Bahniuk** won the award for Outstanding Set Design for her work on *Stupid F**king Bird*.

With 21 nominations and five wins, plus Hoover's achievement award, this year's Elizabeth Sterling Haynes Awards ceremony was a testament to the Citadel's strong season. "Our congratulations to all of the nominees and winners, including all of the fantastic artists involved in Citadel productions this season," says Mr. Cloran. "And a special congratulations to our Director of Production, Cheryl Hoover, for receiving the Margaret Mooney Award. As I was

onstage last night with Margaret presenting Cheryl with her award, it became so clear to me the incredible legacy of theatre professionals here in Edmonton - people that have dedicated their lives to creating theatre in Edmonton. The Edmonton theatre community is absolutely incredible, and we are proud to be a part of it.”

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