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Boulder's Dinner Theatre nabs 20 Henry Award nominations

And 13 are for "Ragtime" alone

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Boulder's Dinner Theatre has earned 20 nominations for the Colorado Theatre Guild's second annual Henry Awards, including 13 for its musical "Ragtime," staged in an unofficial collaboration with the Shadow Theatre Company. Curious was close behind with 15 nominations. The Littleton Town Hall Arts Center nabbed 10.

The Henrys will have an unusual showdown: Both Jeffrey Nickelson and his planned, mid-run replacement, Leonard Barrett, were both nominated for best actor in a musical. Nickelson played Coalhouse Walker first, then gave way to Barrett. Castmate Wayne Kennedy, who played Tateh, was also nominated in that category.

Joanie Brosseau-Beyette pulled off an extraordinary trifecta: She was nominated for best lead actress in two musicals -- Country Dinner Playhouse's "Evita" and Boulder Dinner Theatre's "Sweet Charity" -- while also nabbing a nom for supporting actress in BDT's "Ragtime."

Nick Sugar was another triple-nominee: He was nominated for best actor in a musical (Town Hall's "Cabaret"), direction of a play (The Avenue's "Dog Sees God") and direction of a musical ("Cabaret").

Other multiple-nominee actors include John Arp, supporting actor in a play for the Aurora Fox's "Almost, Maine," and supporting actor in a musical for Town Hall Arts Center's "Cabaret." David Ambrosion was tapped for actor musical (Town Hall's "My Fair Lady") and supporting actor musical (Town Hall's "1776"). BDT's Wayne Kennedy was honored for actor musical ("Ragtime") and support actor musical ("Sweet Charity").

Colorado Theatre Guild president Charles Dean Packard was nominated four times for behind the scenes work: His lighting designs for Curious' "I Am My Own Wife" and the handicapped theater company PHAMALy's "The Wiz" (with Jennifer Orf); and his scenic designs for the Aurora Fox's "I Hate Hamlet" and Curious' "tempOdyssey."

Nominated for best season by a company were the Aurora Fox, Boulder's Dinner Theatre, Curious, Miners Alley Playhouse, Modern Muse and Paragon.

Costumer Linda Morken was twice-nominated, for BDT's "Ragtime" and Shadow's "Plenty of Time." Sound designer Brian Freeland was tapped for Curious' "tempOdyssey" and Modern Muse's "Turn of the Screw" (with Lorrin Dyer). Brian Mallgrave was honored for two set designs: the Arvada Center's "Do I Hear a Waltz?" and Town Hall's "My Fair Lady." Choreographers Alicia Dunfee and Kitty Skillman Hilsabeck nabbed four of the five slots between them; Dunfee for "Crazy for You" (with director Michael J. Duran) and "Ragtime"; Hilsabeck for the Country Dinner Playhouse's "Swing" and the Arvada Center's "Thoroughly Modern Mille."

Terry Dodd was selected for best direction of a play (the Victorian Playhouse's "The Weir"), and he was part of a trio of Henry-nominated directors from Score Marketing's "Urinetown" (the others are Dan Wiley and Cathy Reinking). In addition to Duran's co-choreography credit, he took two of the five best-director musical slots, for BDT's "Ragtime" and "Crazy For You."

Among the most disappointed must be the Arvada Center, the largest theater company in contention, for it took only five nominations; and Town Hall. Despite its 10 nominations, Town Hall was not among the nominees for best season by a company.

The nominations were decided by a panel of 10 judges who had to have seen a minimum of 50 productions opening between June 1, 2006, and May 31, 2007. Nominees have to be members of the Colorado Theatre Guild, the companies must be within the seven-county metro area, and individual nominees must have resided in Colorado for a minimum of six months during that time to be eligible.

Two weeks ago, after the first round of nominating voting had been completed but not yet announced, the Denver Center Theatre Company and its producing partner, Denver Center Attractions, withdrew from consideration, forcing a re-vote and a lengthy delay in the announcement of the nominees. The DCTC objected to the residency rule. Even with the DCTC's abrupt pullout, more than 150 plays and musicals qualified for consideration this year.

The Henry Awards are named for retired producer Henry Lowenstein.

The top five in each category advanced, plus ties -- which explains why some categories have up to seven nominees. Winners will be announced at a gala July 9 at the Aurora Fox, 9900 E. Colfax Ave. The entertainment and awards program begins at 7 p.m. Call 303-303-778-7724 for ticket information.

Supporting Actor in A Play

John Arp, "Almost, Maine," Aurora Fox

Steven J. Burge, "Dog Sees God," The Avenue

Jason Henning, "tempOdyssey," Curious Theatre

Cajardo Lindsey, "Lobby Hero," Miners Alley Playhouse

Seth Maisel, "No Sex, Please, We're British," Victorian Playhouse

Supporting Actress in A Play

Erica Sarzin-Borrillo, "The Price," Germinal

Elgin Kelley, "Dog Sees God," The Avenue Theatre

Billie McBride, "Over the Tavern," Arvada Center

Simone St. John, "A House with No Walls," Curious

Mare Trevathan, "Aphrodisiac," Curious

Sound Design

Brian Freeland and Lorrin Dyer, "The Turn of the Screw," Modern Muse

Brian Freeland, "tempOdyssey," Curious

Dave Johnson, "Dog Sees God," The Avenue

laedon Hovorka, "A House With No Walls," Curious

Patrick Selvage and Judson Webb, "Defiled," Theatre 13

Lighting Design

Nicholas Kargel, "Ragtime," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

Charles Dean Packard and Jennifer Orf, "The Wiz," PHAMALy

Charles Dean Packard, "I Am My Own Wife," Curious

Shannon McKinney, "tempOdyssey," Curious

Jacob M. Welch, "A House With No Walls," Curious

Costume Design

Kevin Copenhaver, "Seascape," Modern Muse Theatre

Nicole Harrison, "As You Like It," Colorado Shakespeare Festival

Linda Morken, "Ragtime," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

Linda Morken, "Plenty of Time," Shadow

Mallory Kay Nelson, "The Wiz," PHAMALy

Scenic Design

Amy Champion, "Crazy for You," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

Kent Homchick, "Over the Tavern," Arvada Center

Brian Mallgrave, "Do I Hear a Waltz?" Arvada Center

Brian Mallgrave, "My Fair Lady," Town Hall Arts Center

Charles Dean Packard, "I Hate Hamlet," Aurora Fox

Charles Dean Packard, "tempOdyssey," Curious

Christopher Wink, "Hedda Gabler," Paragon

Choreography

Juliana Black, "Urinetown," Score Marketing

Alicia Dunfee, Michael J. Duran, "Crazy for You," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

Alicia Dunfee, "Ragtime," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

Kitty Skillman Hilsabeck, "Swing," Country Dinner Playhouse

Kitty Skillman Hilsabeck, "Thoroughly Modern Millie," Arvada Center

Ensemble Performance

"Almost, Maine," Aurora Fox

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," Aurora Fox

"Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead," The Avenue

"Ragtime," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

"Winter in Graupel Bay," Buntport

"Something Is Rotten," Buntport

"Swing," Country Dinner Playhouse

New Play

"Something Is Rotten," Buntport

"Winter in Graupel Bay," Buntport

"Someone Else's Life," Conundrum

"tempOdyssey," Curious

"How We May Know Him," Paragon

Actor In A Play

Thomas Borrillo, "Frankie & Johnny," Paragon Theatre

Scott McLean, "Tuesdays With Morrie," Miners Alley Playhouse

Chris Reid, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," Aurora Fox

Erik Sandvold, "I Am My Own Wife," Curious

Roger L. Simon, "Tuesdays With Morrie," Miners Alley Playhouse

Actress In A Play

Barbra Andrews, "Hedda Gabler," Paragon

Dee Covington, "tempOdyssey," Curious

Emily Paton Davies, "Frankie and Johnny," Paragon

Diana Dresser, "Bad Dates," Modern Muse

Laura Norman, "The Weir," Victorian Playhouse

Terry Ann Watts, "Dead Man Walking," Victorian Playhouse

Actor In A Musical

David Ambroson, "My Fair Lady," Town Hall Arts Center

Leonard Barrett, "Ragtime," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

Wayne Kennedy, "Ragtime," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

Geoff Kent, "Urinetown," Score Marketing

Jeffrey Nickelson, "Ragtime," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

Nick Sugar, "Cabaret," Town Hall Arts Center

Actress In A Musical

Joanie Brosseau-Beyette, "Evita," Country Dinner Playhouse

Joanie Brosseau-Beyette, "Sweet Charity," Boulder Dinner Theatre

Michelle Merz, "Urinetown," Score Marketing

Shelley Cox-Robie, "Ragtime," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

Juliet Villa, "The Wiz," PHAMALy

Supporting Actor in a Musical

David Ambroson, "1776," Town Hall Arts Center

John Arp, "Cabaret," Town Hall Arts Center

Brandon Dill, "Ragtime," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

Wayne Kennedy, "Sweet Charity," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

Joel Sutcliffe, "1776," Town Hall Arts Center

Supporting Actress in a Musical

Genevieve Baer, "Urinetown," Score Marketing

Joanie Brosseau-Beyette, "Ragtime," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

Beth Flynn, "Thoroughly Modern Millie," Arvada Center

Barb Reeves, "Cabaret," Town Hall Arts Center

Reynelda Snell, "Ragtime," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

Production of a Play

"Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead," The Avenue

"Something Is Rotten," Buntport

"I Am My Own Wife," Curious

"How We May Know Him," Paragon

"Frankie and Johnny at the Claire de Lune," Paragon

Production of a Musical

"Ragtime," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

"Crazy For You," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

"Swing!" Country Dinner Playhouse

"The Wiz," PHAMALy

"Urinetown," Score Marketing

Direction of a Play

Terry Dodd, "The Weir," Denver Victorian Playhouse

Wendy Franz, "How We May Know Him," Paragon

Christy Montour-Larson, "I Am My Own Wife," Curious

Warren Sherrill, "Hedda Gabler," Paragon

Nick Sugar, "Dog Sees God," The Avenue

Direction of a Musical

Michael J. Duran, "Ragtime," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

Michael J. Duran, "Crazy For You," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

Nick Sugar, "Cabaret," Town Hall Arts Center

Bob Wells, "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," Town Hall Arts Center

Dan Wiley, Cathy Reinking and Terry Dodd, "Urinetown," Score Marketing

Christopher Willard, "My Fair Lady," Town Hall Arts Center

Season for a Theatre Company

Aurora Fox

Boulder's Dinner Theatre

Curious Theatre

Miners Alley Playhouse

Modern Muse

Paragon Theatre Company

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