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Boulder's Dinner Theatre hauls in seven Henry Awards

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Boulder's Dinner Theatre won seven of the Colorado Theatre Guild's 20 Henry Awards at a gala celebration held Monday at the Aurora Fox, including "best season by a company."

BDT won its other six awards for "Ragtime," an unprecedented collaboration with Shadow Theatre Company on a massive stage adaptation of the E.L. Doctorow epic novel looking at three vastly different groups of Americans at the turn of the 20th century.

In addition to best musical, "Ragtime" awards

included for best actor and actress (Shelly Cox-Robie and Wayne Kennedy), supporting actor (Brandon Dill) and director (Michael J. Duran).

BDT had been nominated for a leading 20 awards, including 13 for "Ragtime."

Monday was also a big night for the Paragon and The Avenue theaters. Both companies won four Henrys each.

Paragon won the best play award for "Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune." Real-life couple Thomas Borrillo and Emily Paton Davies netted best actor and actress awards for the same play. Christopher Wink won for scenic design ("Hedda Gabler").

The Avenue's "Dog Sees God, Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead" won for best ensemble, best supporting actress (Elgin Kelley), best director of a play (Nick Sugar) and sound design (Dave Johnson).

Curious won two awards while Country Dinner Playhouse, Buntport and Score Marketing won one each. It was a particularly tough night for Curious, which had been nominated for 15 awards, and for the Arvada Center. The state's second-largest theater had only five nominations and was shut out from any wins.

The Henry Awards are named after retired producer Henry Lowenstein. CTG member

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companies located within the seven-county metro area were eligible.

The Denver Center Theatre Company chose not to participate in this year's awards in protest of a residency rule that required individual nominees to have lived in Colorado for at least half of the year.

The winners were determined by a vote of 11 judges, including Denver Post theater critic John Moore. Each of the judges had to have seen at least 50 eligible productions from June 1, 2006-May 31, 2007.

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2007 Henry Award winners

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Play: **Jason Henning**, "tempOdyssey," Curious Theatre Company

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Play: **Elgin Kelley**, "Dog Sees God," The Avenue Theater

Outstanding Sound Design: **Dave Johnson**, "Dog Sees God," The Avenue Theater

Outstanding Lighting Design: **Shannon McKinney**, "tempOdyssey," Curious Theatre

Company

Outstanding Costume Design: **Linda Morken**, "Ragtime," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

Outstanding Scenic Design: **Christopher Wink**, "Hedda Gabler," Paragon Theatre

Outstanding Choreography: **Kitty Skillman Hilsabeck**, "Swing," Country Dinner Playhouse

Outstanding Ensemble Performance: **"Dog Sees God,"** The Avenue Theater

Outstanding New Play: **"Something is Rotten,"** Buntport Theatre

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical: **Brandon Dill**, "Ragtime," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

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Emily Paton Davies won best actress in a play for "Frankie and Johnny." (Paragon Theatre)

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Supporting Actress in a Musical: **Genevieve Baer**, "Urinetown," Score Marketing

Outstanding Direction of a Play: **Nick Sugar**, "Dog Sees God," The Avenue Theater

Outstanding Direction of a Musical: **Michael J. Duran**, "Ragtime," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

Outstanding Actor in a Play: **Thomas Borrillo**, "Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune," Paragon Theatre

Outstanding Actress in a Play: **Emily Paton Davies**, "Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune," Paragon Theatre




Outstanding Actor in a Musical: **Wayne Kennedy**, "Ragtime," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

Outstanding Actress in a Musical: **Shelley Cox-Robie**, "Ragtime," Boulder's Dinner Theatre

Outstanding Production of a Play: **"Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune,"** Paragon Theatre

Outstanding Production of a Musical: **"Ragtime,"** Boulder's Dinner Theatre

Outstanding Season for a Theatre Company: **Boulder's Dinner Theatre**

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