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Awards

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The most necessary and important part of the Bettys Awards is the contribution of the Nomination Committee. Upon their shoulders rests the responsibility to organize their time, obtain tickets, attend shows, analyze productions, create documents, finalize their nominations and finally vote on the Final Ballot. The Betty's Board sends invitations to many diverse members of the theatre community and these are the wonderful people who accepted the challenge for the Bettys Awards 2023. Without their hard work and dedication to seeing over 80% of all this year's productions, this evening and these awards would not be possible. Our grateful thanks go out to the 2023 Nominating Committee.

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## OUTSTANDING ENSEMBLE

**Nevermore - The Imaginary Life and Mysterious Death of Edgar Allan Poe**

Vertigo Theatre & Catalyst Theatre

**The House of Bernarda Alba** - Sage Theatre

**Home for the Holidays** - Lunchbox Theatre

**Nightingale Alley** - One Yellow Rabbit

**Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express** - Vertigo Theatre

## OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING PERFORMANCE IN A DRAMA

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**Bernard Starlight** - The Ministry of Grace - Making Treaty 7 Cultural Society

**Elinor Holt** - Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express - Vertigo Theatre

**Stafford Perry** - The Ministry of Grace - Making Treaty 7 Cultural Society

**Valerie Planche** - Gaslight - Vertigo Theatre

**Daniela Vlaskalic** - Richard III - The Shakespeare Company and Hit & Myth

**Braden Griffiths** - Gaslight - Vertigo Theatre

## OUTSTANDING PROJECTION OR VIDEO DESIGN

**Andy Moro**

Hookman - Chromatic Theatre

**Scott Reid**

Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express - Vertigo Theatre

**Andy Moro**

The Extractionist - Vertigo Theatre

**Cindy Mochizuki (Video Design & animation), Sammy Chien/Chimerik Collective (Projection Design)**

Forgiveness - Theatre Calgary

**Wladimiro A. Woyno R.**

STRUCK - Ghost River Theatre





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**Kerem Çetinel** – STRUCK – Ghost River Theatre

**Bretta Gerecke** – Nevermore – The Imaginary Life and Mysterious Death of Edgar Allan Poe – Vertigo Theatre & Catalyst Theatre

**Shane Anderson** – The House of Bernarda Alba – Sage Theatre

**Alexandra Prichard** – Gaslight – Vertigo Theatre

**Lisa Floyd** – Countries Shaped Like Stars – Lunchbox Theatre

## OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING PERFORMANCE IN A COMEDY

**Luisa Jojic** – Little Red Warrior and His Lawyer – Theatre Calgary with Making Treaty 7 Cultural Society

**Valerie Planche** – The Importance of Being Earnest – Theatre Calgary

**Darcy Gerhart** – Cowgirl Up – Alberta Theatre Projects

**Kevin McNulty** – Little Red Warrior and His Lawyer – Theatre Calgary with Making Treaty 7 Cultural Society

**Anna Cummer** – Teenage Dick – Alberta Theatre Projects In association with the Shakespeare Company and Hit & Myth Productions

## OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING PERFORMANCE IN A MUSICAL

**Joel Schaefer** – Tick, Tick... Boom! – Forte Musical Theatre

**Michele Shuster** – Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville – Theatre Calgary

**Jessica Jones** – Tick, Tick... Boom! – Forte Musical Theatre

**Elinor Holt** – 9 to 5 – The Musical – Stage West Theatre Restaurant

**Kate Blackburn** – 9 to 5 – The Musical – Stage West Theatre Restaurant



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**Jacob Climer** - The (R)evolution of Steve Jobs - Calgary Opera

**Andy Moro** - The Extractionist - Vertigo Theatre

**Scott Reid** - Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express - Vertigo Theatre

**Scott Reid** - Misery - Vertigo Theatre

## OUTSTANDING COSTUME DESIGN

**Ralamy Kneeshaw** - The Importance of Being Earnest - Theatre Calgary

**Joanna Yu** - Forgiveness - Theatre Calgary

**Jeff Chief, Associate Costume Design by Jordan Wieben** - Gaslight - Vertigo Theatre

**Benjamin Toner** - One Hit Wonders - Stage West Theatre Restaurant Calgary

**Heather Moore** - Macbeth - Calgary Opera

## OUTSTANDING NEW PLAY

Sponsored by: University of Calgary

**Hiro Kanagawa** - Forgiveness - Theatre Calgary

**Eric Rose** - STRUCK - Ghost River Theatre

**Keshia Cheesman and Bianca Miranda** - The F Word - Alberta Theatre Projects presentation of a Downstage production, in association with Handsome Alice Theatre and Theatre Calgary

**Cayley Wreggitt & Alixandra Cowman** - Home for the Holidays - Lunchbox Theatre

**Michaela Jeffery** - The Extractionist - Vertigo Theatre



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**Dylan Thomas-Bouchier** - Teenage Dick - Alberta Theatre Projects In association with the Shakespeare Company and Hit & Myth Productions

**Garret Smith** - Cottagers & Indians - Lunchbox Theatre

**Michael Rolfe** - The Importance of Being Earnest - Theatre Calgary

## OUTSTANDING CHOREOGRAPHY OR FIGHT DIRECTION

**Laura Krewski** - Nevermore - The Imaginary Life and Mysterious Death of Edgar Allan Poe - Vertigo Theatre & Catalyst Theatre

**Tania Alvarado** - Cowgirl Up - Alberta Theatre Projects

**Julie Tomaino** - Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville - Theatre Calgary

**Karl Sine** - Misery - Vertigo Theatre

**Tim French** - One Hit Wonders - Stage West Theatre Restaurant Calgary

## OUTSTANDING SOUND DESIGN OR COMPOSITION

**Anton deGroot** - STRUCK - Ghost River Theatre

**Alixandra Cowman** - Home for the Holidays - Lunchbox Theatre

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## OUTSTANDING LEAD PERFORMANCE IN A MUSICAL

**Shakura Dickson** - Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill - Theatre Calgary

**Katie McMillan** - Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville - Theatre Calgary

**Anna Dalgleish** - Countries Shaped Like Stars - Lunchbox Theatre

**Julia Juhas** - 9 to 5 - The Musical - Stage West Theatre Restaurant

**Elena Belyea** - We're Gonna Die - Verb Theatre

## OUTSTANDING LEAD PERFORMANCE IN A DRAMA

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**Bruce Horak** - Richard III - The Shakespeare Company and Hit & Myth

**Haysam Kadri** - Misery - Vertigo Theatre

**Mike Tan** - Frankenstein - Jupiter Theatre

**Anna Cummer** - Misery - Vertigo Theatre

**Griffin Cork** - Forgiveness - Theatre Calgary

## OUTSTANDING MUSICAL DIRECTION

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**Miranda Martini & Kathryn Smith** - Countries Shaped Like Stars - Lunchbox Theatre

**Chris Tsujiuchi** - Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville - Theatre Calgary

**Ruth Alexander** - Nevermore - The Imaginary Life and Mysterious Death of Edgar Allan Poe - Vertigo Theatre & Catalyst Theatre

**Joe Slabe** - Tick, Tick... Boom! - Forte Musical Theatre

**Alixandra Cowman** - Home for the Holidays - Lunchbox Theatre

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## OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION OF A MUSICAL

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**Home for the Holidays** - Lunchbox Theatre

**Nightingale Alley** - One Yellow Rabbit

**Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville** - Theatre Calgary

**Tick, Tick... Boom!** - Forte Musical Theatre

**Macbeth** - Calgary Opera

## OUTSTANDING DIRECTION

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**Bronwyn Steinberg** - The Importance of Being Earnest - Theatre Calgary

**Jamie Dunsdon** - Misery - Vertigo Theatre

**Stafford Arima** - Forgiveness - Theatre Calgary

**Jonathan Christenson** - Nevermore - The Imaginary Life and Mysterious Death of Edgar Allan Poe - Vertigo Theatre & Catalyst Theatre

**Tara Beagan** - The Ministry of Grace - Making Treaty 7 Cultural Society

## OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION PLAY

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**The Importance of Being Earnest** - Theatre Calgary

**Little Red Warrior and His Lawyer** - Theatre Calgary with Making Treaty 7 Cultural Society

**Misery** - Vertigo Theatre

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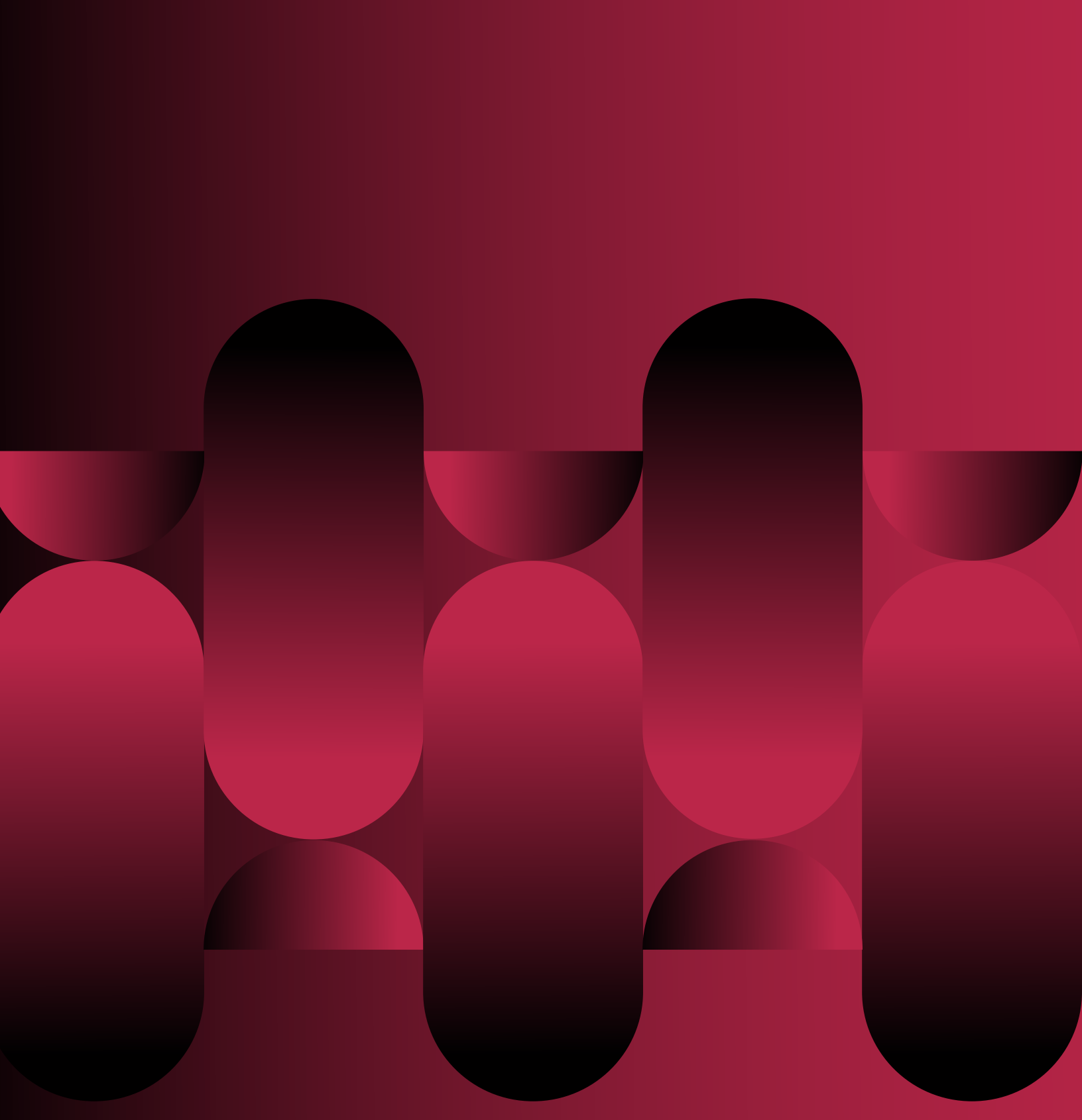
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