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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

*Suzi Bass Awards Nominations*

*Nominees announced from 24 categories and representing 10 professional companies and 32 productions*

*Full list of nominations and tally breakdown at the end of this release*

**Atlanta, GA—September 29, 2022:** The Suzi Bass Awards will reveal the winners for the 2021-2022 Atlanta professional theatre season on Monday evening, November 14, 2022, to patrons and industry artists. The Suzi Awards Ceremony will be held at Southwest Arts Center in the City of South Fulton at 915 New Hope Road, Atlanta, GA 30331. The Suzi Nominations were announced at the nomination party on September 27, generously hosted by Synchronicity Theatre at their Annex Space.

**Members of the media** are invited to attend as guests of the Suzi Bass Awards. Journalists may receive up to **two complimentary tickets**. Please reply to this email ([kate.warner@thesuzis.org](mailto:kate.warner@thesuzis.org)) to reserve your press ticket(s). There are a very limited number of press tickets, so please respond quickly!

Tickets to the general public will go on sale soon.

The evening includes awards, performances, red carpet looks and a big outdoor bash.

**NOMINEES BY THE NUMBERS**

**Total nominations by theatre company:**

Alliance Theatre	62
Aurora Theatre	15
Actor's Express	15
Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company	12
Horizon Theatre Company	9
Theatrical Outfit	8
Dominion Entertainment	5
Georgia Ensemble Theatre	5
Synchronicity Theatre	4

**Total nominations by production:**

Trading Places	Alliance Theatre	15
Darlin' Cory	Alliance Theatre	11
A Christmas Carol	Alliance Theatre	9
Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella	Aurora Theatre	9
Toni Stone	Alliance Theatre	8
Marie and Rosetta	Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company	7
The New Black Fest's Hands Up	Alliance Theatre	7
Song and Dance	Aurora Theatre	6
Bina's Six Apples	Alliance Theatre	6
Dream House	Alliance Theatre	6

The Light	Horizon Theatre Company	6
Fannie: The Life and Times of Fannie Lou Hamer	Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company	5
Mahalia: A Gospel Musical	Dominion Entertainment	5
Heathers: The Musical	Actor's Express	4
Red Speedo	Actor's Express	4
Ain't Misbehavin'	Georgia Ensemble Theatre	3
Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery	Theatrical Outfit	3
Bootycandy	Actor's Express	3
Legacy of Light	Synchronicity Theatre	3
Roe	Horizon Theatre Company	3
Bright Half Life	Theatrical Outfit	2
Hometown Boy	Actor's Express	2
An Iliad	Theatrical Outfit	2
Intimate Apparel	Actor's Express	2
The Bluest Eye	Synchronicity Theatre	1
The Pretty Pants Bandit	Georgia Ensemble Theatre	1
Vanity Fair	Georgia Ensemble Theatre	1
The Wolf at the End of the Block	Theatrical Outfit	1

A full list of categories and corresponding nominees is attached. Please note, any spelling errors or errors in the nominees list is the fault of this author, not the organization. Please feel free to send any corrections to [kate.warner@thesuzis.org](mailto:kate.warner@thesuzis.org)

Lifetime Achievement Award, Spirit of Suzi Award, Volunteer of the Year, Callboard Award and Gene-Gabriel Moore Playwriting Award will be announced closer to the event.

#### **ABOUT THE SUZI BASS AWARDS**

The Suzi Bass Awards were founded in 2003 by Gene-Gabriel Moore and a small group of industry professionals to celebrate outstanding work in live theatre and the artists who produce it. This season, The Suzi Bass Awards volunteer judges chose nominees and recipients in twenty-four performance categories. In addition, the annual Spirit of Suzi Award honors a person or organization for their long-time dedication to Atlanta theatre; the Gene-Gabriel Moore Playwriting Award recognizes Atlanta's talented local playwrights through special notice of a recently produced play; the Audience Choice Award recognizes one theatre's entire season through voting by the general public; and the Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes an individual or group with long-time volunteer contributions to a particular theatre.

#### **2021-22 Suzi Bass Award Nominations**

##### **MUSICALS**

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#### **Choreography:**

Ricardo Aponte	Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella	Aurora Theatre
Angela Harris+	Song and Dance	Aurora Theatre
Morgan Hawkins	The New Black Fest's Hands Up	Alliance Theatre
Dell Howlett+	Toni Stone	Alliance Theatre
Fatima Robinson	Trading Places	Alliance Theatre

#### **Costume Design:**

Kara Harmon^	Darlin' Cory	Alliance Theatre
Jordan Hermitt	Song and Dance	Aurora Theatre
Emilio Sosa	Trading Places	Alliance Theatre
Emmie Tuttle	Heathers: The Musical	Actor's Express
Alan Yeong^	Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella	Aurora Theatre

**Direction:**

Ricardo Aponte	Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella	Aurora Theatre
Susan V. Booth+	Darlin' Cory	Alliance Theatre
S. Renee Clark*	Ain't Misbehavin'	Georgia Ensemble Theatre
Kenny Leon+	Trading Places	Alliance Theatre
Patdro Harris+	Mahalia: A Gospel Musical	Dominion Entertainment

**Ensemble**

Fenner Eaddy, Jaymyria Etienne, Lawrence Flowers, Melodie Fort, and Latrice Pace	Ain't Misbehavin'	Georgia Ensemble Theatre
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**Featured performer (10 nominees, 2 awards):**

Marcello Audino as Jean-Michel	Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella	Aurora Theatre
Jewl Carney* as Alex Crow	Darlin' Cory	Alliance Theatre
Shameka Dwight as Piano Player/Mildred	Mahalia: A Gospel Musical	Dominion Entertainment
Marc Kudisch* as Mortimer Duke	Trading Places	Alliance Theatre
Josh Lamon* as Mr. Beeks	Trading Places	Alliance Theatre
Michael Longoria* as Phil Lopez	Trading Places	Alliance Theatre
Marcie Millard as Madame	Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella	Aurora Theatre
Maria Rodriguez-Sager* as Cass Crow	Darlin' Cory	Alliance Theatre
Don Stephenson* as Coleman	Trading Places	Alliance Theatre
Emily Whitley as Heather Chandler	Heathers: The Musical	Actor's Express

**Lighting Design:**

Adam Honoré^	Trading Places	Alliance Theatre
Mike Morin	Song and Dance	Aurora Theatre
Xavier V. Pierce^	Darlin' Cory	Alliance Theatre
Ben Rawson^	Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella	Aurora Theatre
Toni Sterling	Marie and Rosetta	Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company

**Music Direction:**

S. Renee Clark*	Marie and Rosetta	Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company
Rick Edinger	Trading Places	Alliance Theatre
Greg Matteson	A Christmas Carol	Alliance Theatre
Ann-Carol Pence	Song and Dance	Aurora Theatre
Morgan Stevenson	Fannie: The Music and Life of Fannie Lou Hamer	Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company

**Principal Performer (10 nominees, 2 awards):**

Jeremy Aggers* as Bailey	Darlin' Cory	Alliance Theatre
Jasmine Renee Ellis* as Marie Knight	Marie and Rosetta	Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company
Amitria Fanae* as Rosetta Tharpe	Marie and Rosetta	Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company
Aneesa Folds* as Billie Rae Valentine	Trading Places	Alliance Theatre
Jackson Hurt as Prince Topher	Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella	Aurora Theatre
Alexandria Joy* as Veronica	Heathers: The Musical	Actor's Express
Maiesha McQueen* as Mahalia	Mahalia: A Gospel Musical	Dominion Entertainment
Bryce Pinkham* as Louis Winthorpe III	Trading Places	Alliance Theatre
Gillian Rabin as Clara	Darlin' Cory	Alliance Theatre
India Tyree as Emma	Song and Dance	Aurora Theatre

**Projection Design:**

Crystal Power	Marie and Rosetta	Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company
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**Scenic Design:**

MeJah Balams	Marie and Rosetta	Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company
Beowulf Boritt^	Trading Places	Alliance Theatre
Kat Conley^	Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella	Aurora Theatre
Jon Nooner	Heathers: The Musical	Actor's Express
Todd Rosenthal^	Darlin' Cory	Alliance Theatre

**Sound Design:**

Clay Benning^	Darlin' Cory	Alliance Theatre
Jeremiah Davison	Song and Dance	Aurora Theatre
Jeremiah Davison & Chris Lane	Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella	Aurora Theatre
Thomas Jones	Mahalia: A Gospel Musical	Dominion Entertainment
John Shivers^	Trading Places	Alliance Theatre

**PLAYS**

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**Costume Design:**

Jordan Jaked Carrier	Legacy of Light	Synchronicity Theatre
Junghyun Georgia Lee^	Bina's Six Apples	Alliance Theatre
Pamela Rodriguez Montero	The New Black Fest's Hands Up	Alliance Theatre
Marie Quintero	Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery	Theatrical Outfit
Mariann Verheyen^	A Christmas Carol	Alliance Theatre

**Direction:**

Lisa Adler	Roe	Horizon Theatre Company
Keith Arthur Bolden+ and Alexis Woodard	The New Black Fest's Hands Up	Alliance Theatre
Marguerite Hannah and Lydia Fort+	The Light	Horizon Theatre Company
Tinashe Kajese-Bolden+	Toni Stone	Alliance Theatre
Leora Morris+	A Christmas Carol	Alliance Theatre

**Ensemble (6 because of a tie):**

Robin Bloodworth\*, LaLa Cochran, John Keabler\*, Gina Rickici, Katie Tkel\*  
 Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery Theatrical Outfit

Dionna D. Davis, Tanya Freeman, Dai'Sean L. Garrett, Kerri Garrett, Brittany Deneen Hines, Ebony Jerry, Enoch King\*, David Koté,  
 Niara Simone Robinson, Aminah Williams

The Bluest Eye Synchronicity Theatre

Park Krausen\*, Candy McLellan\* Bright Half Life Theatrical Outfit

Brandon Burditt, Marlon Andrew Burnley, London Carlisle\*, Sean M. Dale, Charence Higgins, Marcus Hopkins-Turner\*, Jessenia  
 Ingram, Kala Ross\*, Josh Turner

The New Black Fest's Hands Up Alliance Theatre

Tatyana Arrington, Robin Bloodworth\*, Chelcy Cutwright, Eric Lang, Christina Leidel, Tamil Periasamy\*, Mark Pitt, Roz Sullivan-Lovett  
 Vanity Fair Georgia Ensemble Theatre

Anthony S. Goolsby\*, Mark Kincaid\*, Matt Mercurio, Erika Miranda, Maria Rodriguez-Sager\*  
 The Wolf at the End of the Block Theatrical Outfit

**Featured performer (11 nominees because of a tie, 2 awards):**

Sun Mee Chomet* as Mother/Merchant	Bina's Six Apples	Alliance Theatre
Caleb Clark* as Actor Five	Bootycandy	Actor's Express
Rob Cleveland* as Coach	Red Speedo	Actor's Express
Neal Ghant* as Tom Watkins/Mr. Fezziwig/Topper/Ensemble	A Christmas Carol	Alliance Theatre
Valeka Jessica* as Mayme	Intimate Apparel	Actor's Express
Enoch King* as Millie/Ensemble	Toni Stone	Alliance Theatre
Daniel Parvis* as Collin	Hometown Boy	Actor's Express
Asia Rogers* as Alice/Fan/Ensemble	A Christmas Carol	Alliance Theatre
Parris Sarter as Actor Three	Bootycandy	Actor's Express
Charlie Thomas as Actor Four	Bootycandy	Actor's Express
Geoffrey D. Williams* as Spec/Ensemble	Toni Stone	Alliance Theatre

**Lighting Design:**

Jiyoun Chang^	Bina's Six Apples	Alliance Theatre
Greg Hofmann^	A Christmas Carol	Alliance Theatre
Mary Parker	Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery	Theatrical Outfit
Benjamin Rawson^	The New Black Fest's Hands Up	Alliance Theatre
Thom Weaver^	Toni Stone	Alliance Theatre

**Principal Performer:**

Cynthia D. Barker* as Genesis	The Light	Horizon Theatre Company
Andrew Benator* as Ebenezer Scrooge	A Christmas Carol	Alliance Theatre
Marlon Andrew Burnley as Ray	Red Speedo	Actor's Express
Enoch King* as Rashad	The Light	Horizon Theatre Company
Olivia Lampert* as Bina	Bina's Six Apples	Alliance Theatre
Robin McGee as Fannie Lou Hamer	Fannie: The Music and Life of Fannie Lou Hamer	Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company
Rhyn McLemore* as Norma McCorvey	Roe	Horizon Theatre Company
Lee Osorio* as The Poet	An Iliad	Theatrical Outfit
Kedren Spencer* as Toni Stone	Toni Stone	Alliance Theatre
Vallea E. Woodbury as Esther	Intimate Apparel	Actor's Express

**Projection Design:**

Bradley Bergeron	Fannie: The Music and Life of Fannie Lou Hamer	Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company
Kimberly Binns	Legacy of Light	Synchronicity Theatre
Kimberly Binns	Roe	Horizon Theatre Company
Milton Cordero & Ryan Bradburn	The New Black Fest's Hands Up	Alliance Theatre
Mark Holthusen	Dream House	Alliance Theatre

**Scenic Design:**

Seamus Bourne^	Red Speedo	Actor's Express
Stephanie Osin Cohen^	Dream House	Alliance Theatre
Isabel & Moriah Curley-Clay^	Hometown Boy	Actor's Express
Isabel & Moriah Curley-Clay^	The Light	Horizon Theatre Company
Todd Rosenthal^	A Christmas Carol	Alliance Theatre

**Sound Design:**

Clay Benning^	A Christmas Carol	Alliance Theatre
Mikaela Fraser	Red Speedo	Actor's Express
Chris Lane	Bright Half Life	Theatrical Outfit
Fabian Obispo^	Bina's Six Apples	Alliance Theatre
Paul James Prendergast^	Dream House	Alliance Theatre

**Outstanding Production of a Musical**

Ain't Misbehavin'

Darlin' Cory

Mahalia: A Gospel Musical

Marie and Rosetta

Trading Places

Georgia Ensemble Theatre

Alliance Theatre

Dominion Entertainment

Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company

Alliance Theatre

**Outstanding Production of a Play (6 because of a tie)**

Dream House

Fannie: The Music and Life of Fannie Lou Hamer

An Iliad

Legacy of Light

The Light

Toni Stone

Alliance Theatre

True Colors Theatre Company

Theatrical Outfit

Synchronicity Theatre

Horizon Theatre Company

Alliance Theatre

**Outstanding World Premiere Production**

Bina's Six Apples

Darlin' Cory

Dream House

The Pretty Pants Bandit

Trading Places

Alliance Theatre

Alliance Theatre

Alliance Theatre

Georgia Ensemble Theatre

Alliance Theatre

**Outstanding Social Justice Production**

Dream House

Fannie: The Music and Life of Fannie Lou Hamer

The New Black Fest's Hands Up

The Light

Toni Stone

Alliance Theatre

Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company

Alliance Theatre

Horizon Theatre Company

Alliance Theatre

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