



Award Recipients Announced at the 2022 Suzi Bass Awards

The 16th Suzi Awards Gala was held on November 14, 2022
at Southwest Arts Center in the City of South Fulton

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*Nominees announced from 24 categories and representing 10 professional companies and 32 productions
Full list of nominations and winners are contained within this release*

Atlanta, GA—November 15, 2022: After a hiatus of two years, Suzi Bass Awards hosted a live event revealing the winners for the 2021-2022 Atlanta professional theatre season last night, Monday, November 14, 2022, to patrons and industry artists. The Suzi Awards Ceremony were held at Southwest Arts Center in the City of South Fulton, 915 New Hope Road, Atlanta, GA 30331. The Suzi Nominations were announced at the nomination party on September 27, generously hosted at Synchronicity Theatre’s Annex Space.

Winners from among the nominated artists in this year’s twenty-four (24) categories took home the coveted award. Judges and Suzi members have chosen recipients in performance, direction, and design categories for plays and musicals.

The Ceremony also honored the recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award, the Spirit of Suzi Award, the Callboard Award, and the Volunteer of the Year Award.

The live ceremony included **music direction from Imani Quinones and performances from the musicals nominated in the Outstanding Production – Musical category:** *Mahalia* at Dominion Entertainment Group; *Marie and Rosetta* at Kenny Leon’s True Colors Theatre; *Darlin’Cory* at the Alliance Theatre; *Trading Places* at the Alliance Theatre; and *Ain’t Misbehavin’* at Georgia Ensemble Theatre. The ceremony also included **performances of scenes from the plays nominated in the Outstanding Production—Play category:** *Dream House* at the Alliance Theatre; *An Iliad* at Theatrical Outfit; *Toni Stone* at Alliance Theatre; *The Light* at Horizon Theatre; *Fannie: The Music and Life of Fannie Lou Hamer* at Kenny Leon’s True Colors Theatre and *Legacy of Light* at Synchronicity Theatre.

The evening’s ambassadors were students from the School of the Arts and Central Gwinnett High School.

The Winners List: Winners are highlighted in the Nominations list at the end of this release. WINNERS will also be posted to the Suzi website. Please note, this list of nominees includes a couple corrections to the nominees list sent with the previous release, in addition to the winners being highlighted.

WINNERS BY THE NUMBERS:

TOTAL AWARDS BY THEATRE COMPANY:

Alliance Theatre

14

Georgia Ensemble Theatre	4
Aurora Theatre	3
Horizon Theatre	2
Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company	2
Dominion Entertainment	1
Synchronicity Theatre	1
Theatrical Outfit	1

TOTAL AWARDS BY PRODUCTION:

Darlin' Cory	4
Ain't Misbehavin'	3
Trading Places	3
Bina's Six Apples	2
A Christmas Carol	2
The Light	2
Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella	2
Bright Half Life	1
Dream House	1
Fannie: The Music and Life of Fannie Lou Hamer	1
The New Black Fest's Hands Up	1
Legacy of Light	1
Mahalia: A Gospel Musical	1
Marie and Rosetta	1
Song and Dance	1
Toni Stone	1

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	7
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

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 24 performance categories, representing 10 companies and 32 productions. In addition, 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.

SPECIALTY AWARDS

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Jon Ludwig, Artistic Director, Center for Puppetry Arts

CALLBOARD AWARD

Emma Palmer McVey, Stage Manager

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Cherie Caldwell, Suzi Bass Awards, Interim Board Chair

SPIRIT OF SUZI AWARD

Amanda Perez, Georgia Ensemble Theatre and Alliance Theatre

2021-22 Suzi Bass Award Nominations

MUSICALS

Bold = Award recipient

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:

Bradley Bergeron	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

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'****Georgia Ensemble Theatre**

Darlin' Cory

Alliance Theatre

Mahalia: A Gospel Musical

Dominion Entertainment

Marie and Rosetta

Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company

Trading Places

Alliance Theatre

Outstanding Production of a Play (6 because of a tie)**Dream House****Alliance Theatre**

Fannie: The Music and Life of Fannie Lou Hamer

True Colors Theatre Company

An Iliad

Theatrical Outfit

Legacy of Light

Synchronicity Theatre

The Light

Horizon Theatre Company

Toni Stone

Alliance Theatre

Outstanding World Premiere Production

Bina's Six Apples

Alliance Theatre

Darlin' Cory

Alliance Theatre

Dream House

Alliance Theatre

The Pretty Pants Bandit

Georgia Ensemble Theatre

Trading Places**Alliance Theatre****Outstanding Social Justice Production**

Dream House

Alliance Theatre

Fannie: The Music and Life of Fannie Lou Hamer

Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company

The New Black Fest's Hands Up**Alliance Theatre**

The Light

Horizon Theatre Company

Toni Stone

Alliance Theatre

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- + Member, Stage Directors and Choreographers Society
- ^ Member, IATSE United Scenic Artists