

## ***Special Awards***

### ***The Spirit of Suzi Bass Award***

Each season, the Suzi Awards Board of Directors solicits nominations from the professional theatre community.

The Board will choose a recipient of the Spirit of Suzi Award from among those nominated.

The Spirit Award will be presented, and the recipient profiled during the Suzi Awards Event in November. The recipient will be a person or organization that demonstrates qualities reflecting Suzi Bass herself. Such qualities might include:

- Dedication to increasing the level of professionalism in the Atlanta Theatre Community;
- Selfless service to the Atlanta theatrical community through the development and support of theatre companies, professional artists, students of theatre, or new audiences;
- Consistent striving to better the working conditions of theatre artists, the support of audiences for theatre, or the environment for a strong and vibrant theatre community;
- True commitment to the joy of theatre as an avenue for self-expression, community empowerment, global connection, or cultural enrichment;
- Dedication to the belief that theatre can make a difference in Atlanta, and Atlanta theatre can make a difference in the world.

### ***Volunteer of the Year Award***

Each season the current Voting Members of The Suzi Bass Awards will vote to award a special prize to a person from the greater Atlanta theatre community. This award is intended to recognize the long-term, intensive, or extraordinary work of a volunteer for a Suzi Participating Theatre. Nominees for this award will have contributed significant time and talent to their chosen organization. Since the support of volunteers is so vital to the functioning of theatre organizations in the Atlanta community, this award strives to recognize the contribution of all volunteers by highlighting a few.

- Nominations for the Volunteer of the Year Award are submitted by the Administrative Personnel of Participating Theatres using the Special Award Consideration Form.

Possible examples:

- 1) A long-time volunteer who fills a staff position that must otherwise be budgeted;
- 2) A dedicated board or committee member who has personally spearheaded a successful major campaign or initiative;
- 3) A volunteer who has remained consistently involved through difficult times or over a long period;

4) A volunteer that your audiences or staff have come to recognize as part of your organization, and who actively contributes to your successful operation.

Since volunteer jobs are as varied as those that fill them, the possibilities are endless!

- Each organization may nominate one volunteer each year (an individual or a couple) by applying via the Suzi Website <https://www.thesuzis.org/awards/>.
- Before the Awards Event in November, a ballot with nominating statements will be sent to the Voting Members of the Suzi Awards, who will determine a winner. (Any tie will be re-balloted, resulting in only one winner each year.) Members will vote by internet/email only, and the results will be confidential.
- The Volunteer Award may be presented at an opening night or other special event at the nominating theatre, and the winner recognized during the Suzi Awards Event in November.
- Previous Volunteer of the Year winners may not be re-nominated for a period of ten (10) years.

### ***Callboard Award***

Each season, the current Voting Members of The Suzi Bass Awards will award a special prize to a person from the greater Atlanta theatre community. This award is intended to recognize the work of a stage manager or other technical crew, front-of-house staff, or production staff of a Suzi Participating Theatre. Anyone working on a production but not fitting into regular “Suzi” categories may be nominated by any Suzi Member, or by the administration of a participating theatre.

Nomination is submitted via a Special Awards nomination form <https://www.thesuzis.org/awards/>,

Before the awards event in November, a ballot with nominating statements will be sent to the Voting Members of the Suzi Awards, and tabulated results will be confidential.

(Any tie will be re-balloted, resulting in no more than one winner each year.)

### ***Lifetime Achievement Award***

From time to time the Board of Directors of the Suzi Bass Awards may choose to recognize a member of the Metro Atlanta theatre community with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

- Unlike the Spirit of Suzi Bass Award, which focuses on a person or organization that demonstrates qualities embodied by Suzi Bass herself, this Award will focus on a body of work having a significant and long-term effect on the theatre community.
- Anyone may submit candidates for this award via <https://www.thesuzis.org/awards/>.

Please include a short statement about the candidate's achievements.

- The Recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award will be notified prior to the Awards Ceremony in November, and the award may be presented at a connected theatre or organizational event, with a profile and announcement at the Suzi Awards Ceremony.

**Anyone may submit a nomination for the four special awards above by filling out the online form found at <https://www.thesuzis.org/awards/>,**

**With each form, we request that you "make a case" for why your nominee is a great choice. We will share this information with the appropriate group choosing the award. We may use part of your nomination wording on the Suzi website or Facebook and Twitter platforms, for promotional purposes.**