

ACT-CO FESTIVAL AWARDS

AWARD CATEGORIES

COMEDIES, DRAMAS, AND MUSICALS:

(One award shall be given in each of Comedies, Dramas and Musicals for each of the following categories:)

1. Best Production
2. Best Direction
3. Best Performance by a Male in a Leading Role
4. Best Performance by a Female in a Leading Role
5. Best Performance by a Female in a Supporting Role
6. Best Performance by a Male in a Supporting Role
7. Best Lighting Design
8. Best Set Design
9. Best Costume Design
10. Best Sound Design
11. Four Adjudicator's Awards

MUSICALS:

(One award shall be given for Musicals for each of the following categories:)

12. Best Choreography
13. Best Musical Direction

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Number of Nominations in a Category:
 - If there are 12 or fewer productions in a category, adjudicators shall nominate **three** individuals or collaboratives (e.g. a set designed by two individuals counts as a single nomination shared by both designers as a collaborative) for each award
 - If there are 13 to 19 productions in a category, adjudicators shall nominate **four** individuals or collaboratives for each award
 - If there are 20 or more productions in a category, the adjudicator shall nominate **five** individuals or collaboratives for each award
2. The nominations and awards shall be provided by the adjudicator in the format requested by ACT-CO.
3. With each award, the adjudicator shall include a statement for publication to explain why this particular achievement was chosen as the award recipient (what made it particularly worthy.)
4. Number of Nominees in a Single Nomination: No more than **four persons** shall be named individually or as members of a collaborative. If the achievement that is being recognized was completed by more than four persons, the nomination shall be for a single collective (e.g. for "The Ensemble of...")
5. Adjudicator's Awards are for achievements in the public presentation of the play, given as either a single award for a unique achievement, or as

an "award category" not covered by the other awards. If nominations are used they are subject to the same rules regarding nominations as outlined in #1.

6. "Best Presentation" is presented to the Producer(s) of a production.
7. Only one trophy is presented by ACT-CO for each award. Additional trophies are available, under the terms of ACT-CO's "Supplementary Award Policy": In the event that more than one person is named explicitly as the recipient of a single Festival award (as outlined in #4), each of those named shall be eligible to purchase supplementary Thea trophies to a maximum that every named individual may have a single trophy that symbolizes the achievement. This policy does not apply to the awards for "Best Presentation" except for a situation where the show had co-producers.