

## **ACT-CO FESTIVAL AWARDS**

### **AWARD CATEGORIES**

#### COMEDIES, DRAMAS, AND MUSICALS:

(One award shall be given in each category)

1. Best Production
2. Best Direction
3. Best Performance by an Individual in a Leading Male Role
4. Best Performance by an Individual in a Leading Female Role
5. Best Performance by an Individual in a Supporting Male Role
6. Best Performance by an Individual in a Supporting Female Role
7. Best Lighting Design
8. Best Set Design
9. Best Costume Design
10. Best Sound Design
11. Best Stage Management
12. Best Ensemble
13. Best Hair & Makeup
14. Best Newcomer or Best Youth Under 25 (Acting or Design)
12. 1 Adjudicator Award (Any Category)

#### MUSICALS:

(One award shall be given for Musicals in each category:)

13. Best Choreography
14. Best Musical Direction

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Adjudicators shall nominate three individuals or collaborative (e.g. a set designed by two individuals counts as a single nomination shared by both designers) for each award. For acting, the adjudicators shall nominate three individuals (there is no collaborative).
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 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 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 Production" 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": If 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 so that every named individual may have a single trophy that symbolizes the achievement. Refer to the ACT-CO Website for the supplementary Thea form.
8. If a Youth Production is entered into Festival, there will be no distinction made in selection criteria for a Youth vs. Adult production. In other words, there is no concession made for youth productions.