

## 54th annual Fleur du Cap Theatre Awards winners announced

The country's leading theatre practitioners were applauded for their acting, directing, staging and technical abilities at 54th annual Fleur du Cap Theatre Awards, which was held at the Artscape Opera House in Cape Town on 10 March 2019. The winners were selected from productions performed at professional theatre venues in and around Cape Town.

A total of 87 productions from the year under review were eligible for consideration. The awards, considered in 26 different categories, include an Award for Lifetime Achievement, which went to Saul Radomsky and the Award for Innovation in Theatre which was handed to the Theatre Arts Admin Collective. These special awards were presented by the legendary David Kramer and trail-blazer Amy Jephta respectively.



Stefan Lombard, Saul Radomsky, Louis Fouche'

The event was hosted by Africa Melane who was supported by various co-presenters, all former recipients of the Award for Innovation in Theatre and the Encore Award: Ameera Conrad, Bongile Mantsai, Cleo Raatus, Hugo Theart, Jennie Reznick, Mandisi Sindo, Mandla Mbothwe, Marsanne Neethling, Megan Furniss, Paul Griffiths, Sihle Mngqazana, Tankiso Mamabolo, Thami Mbongo and Zoleka Helesi. The audience included theatre-makers, producers, actors, past award recipients, dignitaries and Fleur du Cap wine brand representatives.



Fahiem Stellenboom, Sylvaine Strike, Derek Lubner

The awards ceremony was directed by Mbongeni N Mtshali, Fleur du Cap Theatre Award recipient for Best New Director in 2016. The entertainment on stage unfolded under the musical direction of José Dias who performed with Nomfundo Xaluva, Dr Dizu Plaatjies, Sibonele Dance Group, the Township Opera Company, the University of Stellenbosch Jazz Band and Zip Zap Circus.



Sibonele Dance Group

The judging process for 2018 was chaired by non-voting chairperson Melanie Burke and the judges for the 2018 productions were Melane, Dr Beverley Brommert, Eugene Yiga, Lwando Scott, Marina Griebenow, Maurice Carpede, Peggy Mongoato, Tracey Saunders and Dr Wayne Muller. Voting is done by secret ballot, and all processes are strictly overseen and audited by Distell Internal Audit and the legal firm Cluver Markotter Inc.



And the nominees for the 54th Fleur du Cap Theatre Awards are...

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## The full list of winners is as follows:

### ***Award For Most Promising Student***

Nancy Sekhokoane (AFDA)

### ***Best Theatre Production For Children And Young People***

*Vlooi en die Musieksfabriek/Kipper and the Music Factory* (Marinda Engelbrecht & Margit Meyer-Rödenbeck)

### ***Best New South African Script***

*Kudu* by Lwanda Sindaphi



Lwanda Sindaphi

### ***Best New Director***

Lwanda Sindaphi



**Best Performance In A Revue, Cabaret Or One-Person Show**

Rehane Abrahams in *Womb of Fire* in various roles

**Best Performance By A Supporting Actor in A Musical or Music Theatre Show**

Msizi Njapha in *Tsotsi the Musical* as Boston

**Best Performance By A Supporting Actress In A Musical or Music Theatre Show**

Bethany Dickson in *Matilda the Musical* as Miss Honey

**Best Performance By An Ensemble**

The cast of *Kudu*



Kudu Ensemble

**Best Performance By A Lead Actor In A Musical or Music Theatre Show**

Ryan de Villiers in *Matilda the Musical* as Miss Trunchbull

**Best Performance By A Lead Actress In A Musical or Music Theatre Show**

Carmen Pretorius in *The Sound of Music* as Maria Rainer

**Best Lighting Design**

Gareth Hewitt Williams for *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*

**Best Set Design**

Rob Howell for *Matilda the Musical*

**Best Puppetry Design**

Janni Younge for the Baby in *Tsotsi the Musical*

**Best Costume Design**

Andrea van der Kuil and Sue Steele for *Curse of the Starving Class*

**Best Sound Design, Original Music Composition or Original Score**

Lukhanyiso Skosana for *Womb of Fire* for original music performance

***Best Performance In An Opera – Male***

Bongani Kubheka as Don Pasquale in *Don Pasquale*

***Best Performance In An Opera – Female***

Janelle Visagie as Elle in *La Voix Humaine*

***Best Performance By A Supporting Actor in A Play***

Richard September in various roles in *Swerfgoed*

***Best Performance By A Supporting Actress in A Play***

Nicole Holm as Aegistha in *Swerfgoed*

***Best Performance By A Lead Actress in A Play***

Anna-Mart van der Merwe as Esta in *Swerfgoed*

***Best Performance By A Lead Actor in A Play***

Andrew Buckland as Hamm in *Endgame*

***Best Director***

Sylvaine Strike for *Endgame*

***Best Production***

*Endgame* – Baxter Theatre and Derek Lubner

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