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2020 TOM HENDRY  
AWARDS

*Celebrating Playwrights*

THE AWARDS NIGHT  
OCTOBER 25 - 30, 2020  
7:30PM EST

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# 2020 TOM HENDRY AWARDS

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SHARON ENKIN  
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# **2020 Tom Hendry Awards**

## **Sharon Enkin TYA Award Night**

### **Opening Statements**

Playwrights Guild of Canada

Robin Sokoloski

**“Why I Became A Playwright.  
Why I Write.”**

**(In order of appearance)**

John Lazarus, Tom Slater,  
Marcia Johnson, Kevin Land,  
Josh MacDonald, & Herbie Barnes

**Sharon Enkin TYA Award  
Presenters**

Natalie & Marshall Telfer

# Sharon Enkin TYA Award Jury

Pablo Felices-Luna

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David Woods

## Short List of Nominees

**Herbie Barnes – "Bent Boy"**

When a small native village learns of a danger approaching they must send out Bent Boy to seek out an ancient treasure to protect the village. The only problem is the village disagrees with the choice the chief makes so in secret they send out their choice to follow Bent Boy. The two must learn to work together even though neither wants the other to be there in order to save the future of the village.

## Josh MacDonald – "#IAMTHECHEESE"

#IAMTHECHEESE is a reimagining of the 1977 novel for young adults, originally written by American author Robert Cormier.

In the play, now set in 2019, a badly traumatized teenager named ADAM FARMER struggles to recall deeply suppressed memories of his past, through a series of interviews with a female analyst named BRINT. Beginning with just a wisp of a children's nursery rhyme—"The Farmer in the Dell"—Adam begins to reassemble his sense of self, bit by bit. Eventually, Adam remembers the social stigma of his preteen years, when his parents inexplicably banned the use of the internet: no cellphones, no computer, no wifi, etc.: But Adam dares to begin a relationship with a girl from his school named AMY HERTZ, and it's a relationship which blooms in cyberspace (via public access computers at the library).

The more that Adam remembers about Amy, however, and about his own parents, the closer the boy comes to recognizing that a massive, faceless danger might be surrounding him still...

## Jared Mallard – "A Year In The Stars and Rain"

Chloe and Stan are social pariahs. Gradually, little by little, through conversations in the summer rain and an ever-growing pile of Lord of The Rings books, Chloe and Stan fall for each other. They fall in love the way you do the first time, when you're impractical and dizzy, and you feel as if you have everything because of this one person.

A Year in The Stars and Rain is a portrait of young love itself, the tiny moments, and new feelings. It is a story of how your first love can affect your life, no matter how old you grow. It is a story of sorrow, bravery and beauty that will stay with you forever.

# Production

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