

# Tom Hendry Awards

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Celebrating Playwrights Across Canada

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### OUR HOST Jamie Robinson



Jamie has been a Toronto-based artist for over 25 years as an actor, director, producer, teacher and writer. Select director credits include: A Midsummer Night's Dream (Canadian Stage), Stag and Doe (Capitol Theatre), 1184 (Phoenix Arts/The Aga Khan), Madness with Rocks (Obsidian Theatre/CBC Gem), Copy That (Tarragon Theatre), Scotian Journey (Black Theatre Workshop), She Stoops to Conquer and Romeo & Juliet (Guild Festival Theatre).

Theatre acting credits include: Four seasons with the Stratford Festival of Canada, *Much Ado About Nothing* and *Measure for Measure* (Canadian Stage), *Risky Phil* (Young People's Theatre. Dora Award Winner, Outstanding Performance), *Gas Girls* (New Harlem Productions. Dora Award Nomination), *Richard III* (Metachroma Theatre. METAward nomination). Film/TV acting credits include: *Brilliant Minds* (Ambleside), *Skymed* (Paramount), *Condor* (AT&T), *Believe Me* (Showcase), *Hudson & Rex* (Rogers), *Expanse* (SyFy), *Murdoch Mysteries* (Shaftesbury), *Celeste in the City* (ABC). Jamie is a Playwrights Guild of Canada board member, and a Professor of Acting & Directing for York University's School of Arts, Media, Performance and Design, where he is also co-chair of the Decolonization, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion committee.

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### **COMEDY AWARD**

FINALISTS:

JURY:

*Heratio* by **Genevieve Adam** *The Square* by **Pat Kiely** *Innocents* by **Rose Napoli** 

Debbie Patterson (Chair), Louise Casemore, and Kat Maclean.

 PRESENTER:
 Andrea Donaldson

 Artistic Director, Nightwood Theatre

### **ROBERT BEARDSLEY AWARD**

FINALISTS:

JURY:

PRESENTER:

*Ships in the Night* by **Ameer Idreis** 

Book of Magdalene by Valentine Leger

Days Since Bo's Been Gone by **Miriam Sossin** 

Diana Tso (Chair), Lucy Coren, and Dalbir Singh.

Marianne Fedunkiw President, The Arts & Letters Club of Toronto Foundation

### JOHN PALMER AWARD

JURY: Caroline Azar (Chair), Carmen Aguirre, and Keith Barker. PRESENTERS: Mark Palmer & Franco Boni

### DOROTHY LEES-BLAKEY THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES AWARD

FINALISTS: *Truth* by Kanika Ambrose

Patty Picker by Evan Bawtinheimer

Recipe for Change by Makambe K. Simamba

JURY:

PRESENTER:

Heather Cant (Chair), Rachel Mutombo, and Anita Majumdar.

Herbie Barnes Artistic Director,Young People's Theatre

### RBC EMERGING PLAYWRIGHT AWARD

FINALISTS:

Heavens! by Judith Cockman

Gringas by Mercedes Isaza Clunie

Love the Sinner by Rachel Renaud

JURY:

Ashlie Corcoran (Chair), Elio Zarillo, and Mona'a Malik.

Joelle Peters PRESENTER: Artistic Director, Native Earth Performing Arts

### THE HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AWARD

JURY: PGC Board of Directors

PRESENTER: Vice President, Marquis Entertainment

# DRAMA AWARDFINALISTS:Deepwater by Dan Bray

For François by Brian Drader

Wharf by Ryan Griffith

JURY:

PRESENTER:

Cheryl Foggo (Chair), Berni Stapleton, and Melissa Mullen.

Mike Payette Artistic Director,Tarragon Theatre

### DAN SCHOOL OF DRAMA & MUSIC MUSICAL AWARD

FINALISTS:

*Mind the Light* by **Gabrielle Papillon Strasfeld** 

Beautiful Scars by **Tom Wilson (Tehohàhake)** & Shaun Smyth

> Soft Magical Tofu Boys by **Kevin Wong**

Wesley Colford (Chair), Violette Kay, and Sara Farb. Mary Francis Moore Artistic Director,Theatre Aquarius

JURY: PRESENTER:

### **CAROL BOLT AWARD**

FINALISTS:

Shorelines by **Mishka Lavigne** 

*Diggers* by **Donna-Michelle St. Bernard** 

*Mizushōbai – The Water Trader* by **Julie Tamiko Manning** 

JURY:

PRESENTER:

Colleen Murphy (Chair), Tara Taylor, and Murdoch Schon.

Brendan Healy Artistic Director, Canadian Stage

### **MUSICAL PERFORMANCES**

Musical Performance from *Beautiful Scars* Performed by **Tom Wilson**, Thompson Wilson and Jesse O'Brien

Musical Performance from *Mind the Light* Performed by **Gabrielle Papillon Strasfeld** and Simon Honeyman

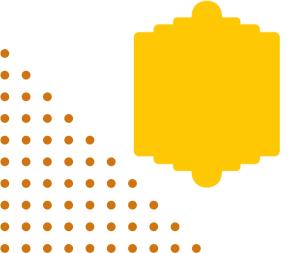
> Musical Performance from *Soft Magical Tofu Boys* Performed by **Kevin Wong**



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