

The **2012 Robert Merritt Awards** for Theatre were handed out at a celebration at The Schooner Room in Casino Nova Scotia on March 26th.

ACTRA Maritimes members dominated the performance categories. Several members were also nominated in categories as diverse as Outstanding Direction, Outstanding Sound Design/Original Score, Outstanding Musical Direction, Outstanding Set Design and Outstanding New Play by a Nova Scotian Playwright. This illustrates the amazing versatility and talent of our membership.

Congratulations to the wonderful Marguerite MacNeil who was honored with the Legacy Award for her lifelong contribution to Nova Scotia Theatre.

ACTRA Maritimes members nominated were: (winners in bold)

Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role

Name	Character	Production	Company
John Beale	Paul "Nurk" Kenney	Bingo!	Mulgrave Road Theatre
John Beale	Algernon Swinburne	Brightest Red To Blue	Forerunner Playwrights' Theatre
Walter Borden	Hoke	Driving Miss Daisy	Valley Summer Theatre
Brian Heighton	Scheffler	The Ugly One	DMV Theatre

Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role

Name	Character	Production	Company
Martha Irving	Marie-Louise Faucon	The (Post) Mistress	Ship's Company Theatre
Heather Rankin	Kathy "Bitsy" Cameron	Bingo!	Mulgrave Road Theatre

Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role

Name	Character	Production	Company
Martin Burt	Victor Hugo/Variou	The Passion of Adèle Hugo	Eastern Front Theatre
Martin Burt	Dougie "Dookie" Duke	Bingo!	Mulgrave Road Theatre
Sebastien Labelle	Louis	When It Rains	2b Theatre Company

Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role

Name	Character	Production	Company
Emmy Alcorn	Laura "Boots" Boutilier	Bingo!	Mulgrave Road Theatre
Francine Deschepper	Sybil	When It Rains	2b Theatre Company
Alexis Milligan	Sissa	Beowulf	Two Planks and a Passion Theatre

Outstanding Direction

Name	Production	Company
Anthony Black	When It Rains	2b Theatre Company
Ann-Marie Kerr	The Debacle	Zuppa Theatre Co.
Daniel MacIvor	Bingo!	Mulgrave Road Theatre

Outstanding Set Design

Name	Production	Company
Anthony Black & Nick Bottomley	When It Rains	2b Theatre Company
Ann-Marie Kerr & Susan Leblanc-Crawford	The Debacle	Zuppa Theatre Co.

Outstanding Sound Design/Original Score

Name	Production	Company
Christian Barry	When It Rains	2b Theatre Company

Outstanding New Play by a Nova Scotian Playwright

Name	Production	Company
Anthony Black	When It Rains	2b Theatre Company
Ann-Marie Kerr & Susan Leblanc-Crawford	The Debacle	Zuppa Theatre Co.
Daniel MacIvor	Bingo!	Mulgrave Road