# 2018 Ceremony (for works presented in 2017)

# Recipients/Winners marked in bold

#### **CABARET**

#### **Artiste**

- Maverick Newman Finding Felix (Maverick Newman, The Butterfly Club)
- Gillian Cosgriff 8 Songs in 8 Weeks (Gillian Cosgriff, The Butterfly Club as part of Melbourne International Comedy Festival)
- Jude Perl Roommates: The Musical (Hot Mess Productions, The Coopers Malthouse as part
  of Melbourne International Comedy Festival) and Let's Hang Out (Hot Mess Productions, The
  Butterfly Club)
- Dolly Diamond The Lady Is A Tramp (Dolly Diamond, Chapel Off Chapel as part of Melbourne Cabaret Festival)
- Betty Grumble Love & Anger (or Sex Clown Saves The World AGAIN!) (Betty Grumble, The Butterfly Club)
- Ash Flanders Ash Flanders is Nothing (Ash Flanders, Hares and Hyenas)

#### Ensemble

- Fringe Wives Club: Glittery Clittery Rowena Hutson, Victoria Falconer-Pritchard and Tessa Waters (Fringe Wives Club as part of Melbourne International Comedy Festival)
- Lady Sings It Better: Story Time Maeve Marsden, Libby Wood, Anna Martin, Fiona Pearson, Hayden Barltrop and Lauren Allison (Lady Sings It Better, The Butterfly Club as part of Melbourne International Comedy Festival)
- The Lady Is A Tramp Dolly Diamond, Shanon Whitelock, Darren Steel, Dave George, Tash York, Justin Clausen and Sue Taylor (Dolly Diamond, Chapel Off Chapel as part of Melbourne Cabaret Festival)
- YUMMY Valerie Hex, Karen From Finance, Tanzer, James Andrews, Beni Lola, Hannie Heldsen, Benjamin Hancock and Zelia Rose (YUMMY, Melba Spiegeltent as part of Melbourne International Comedy Festival)

# Writing

- Gillian Cosgriff 8 Songs in 8 Weeks (Gillian Cosgriff, The Butterfly Club as part of Melbourne International Comedy Festival)
- Maverick Newman Finding Felix (Maverick Newman, The Butterfly Club)
- Cameron Taylor Pisca (Cameron Taylor, Chapel Off Chapel as part of Melbourne Cabaret Festival)
- Jude Perl *Roommates: The Musical* (Hot Mess Productions as part of Melbourne International Comedy Festival)

# **Original Songs**

- Dusty Limits and Michael Roulston Dusty Limits: Grin (Dusty Limits, The Butterfly Club)
- Jude Perl Roommates: The Musical (Hot Mess Productions, The Coopers Malthouse as part of Melbourne International Comedy Festival) and Let's Hang Out (Hot Mess Productions, The Butterfly Club)
- Maverick Newman Finding Felix (Maverick Newman, The Butterfly Club)
- Gillian Cosgriff 8 Songs in 8 Weeks (Gillian Cosgriff, The Butterfly Club as part of Melbourne International Comedy Festival)

# **Musical Direction**

- Mark Jones Cyrens (Melissa Langton, Amanda Harrison and Chelsea Gibb, Chapel Off Chapel as part of Melbourne Cabaret Festival)
- Ned Dixon *Play Nice* (Ilana Charnelle, The Butterfly Club)
- Andrew Kroenert Ugly Duckling (Karla Hillam, The Butterfly Club as part of Melbourne Fringe Festival)
- Shanon Whitelock The Lady is a Tramp (Dolly Diamond, Chapel Off Chapel as part of Melbourne Cabaret Festival)

#### **Production**

- Finding Felix (Maverick Newman, The Butterfly Club)
- 8 Songs in 8 Weeks (Gillian Cosgriff, The Butterfly Club as part of Melbourne International Comedy Festival)
- Pisca (Cameron Taylor, Chapel Off Chapel as part of Melbourne Cabaret Festival)
- The Lady is a Tramp (Dolly Diamond, Chapel Off Chapel as part of Melbourne Cabaret Festival)
- YUMMY (YUMMY, Melba Spiegeltent as part of Melbourne International Comedy Festival)

# **Outstanding Contribution to Cabaret**

Ron and Margaret Dobell

#### **CONTEMPORARY AND EXPERIMENTAL PERFORMANCE**

#### **Performer or Ensemble**

- wãni Le Frère Tales of an Afronaut
- Ensemble Chasing Smoke
- Richard Bradshaw Two Old Pros
- Tristan Meecham, Bec Reid & Ensemble Fun Run
- Ensemble *Junk*

#### **Sound Performance**

Between 8 and 9 (Chengdu Teahouse Project)

 — Chamber Made Opera and Sichuan
 Conservatory of Music, co-presented by Castlemaine State Festival and Melbourne Recital
 Centre for Asia TOPA

#### Design

- For the Ones Who Walk Away Emily Barrie, Michael Carmody, Jethro Woodward, Richard Vabre
- Rooman Fleur Elise Noble and collaborators
- Life is a Carousel Gonzalo Varela, Lachlan Plain, Pedro Fuente

# **Curatorial Contribution**

- July Series Season 2 2017 Arts House
- Asia TOPA Asia-Pacific Triennial of Performing Arts
- Yirramboi First Nations Arts Festival
- Melbourne Festival of Puppetry Lemony S Puppet Theatre & La Mama Theatre
- A.C.C.A live-performance programming A.C.C.A.

#### **Contemporary Circus**

- Junk Flying Fruit Fly Circus
- Chasing Smoke Circus Oz BLAKFlip Program

#### **Community Collaboration**

- Body of Work (Congress, Coming Back out Ball, Fun Run) All the Queens Men
- We are Lightning Joseph O'Farrel & Sam Halmarack
- *Vessel* Outer Urban Projects
- We All Know What's Happening Samara Hersch & Lara Thoms
- Chasing Smoke Circus Oz BLAKFlip Program

#### Puppetry

- Life is a Carousel Magic Lantern Theatre & Sanctum Theatre
- A Quarreling Pair Aphids & The A Quarreling Pair Company
- Two Old Pros Richard Bradshaw & Murphy's Puppets

#### **Work for Young Audiences**

- Only a Year Sarah Austin and Co.
- Cerita Anak Polyglot Theatre & Paper Moon Puppet Theatre
- Journey to the Centre of the Earth Mark Penzak
- Junk Flying Fruit Fly Circus

#### **Production**

- Bunny Luke George and Daniel Kok
- Wank Bank Masterclass Rural Ranga
- Tales of an Afronaut wani Le Frère
- We All Know What's Happening Samara Hersch & Lara Thoms
- Between 8 and 9 (Chengdu Teahouse Project) Chamber Made (Presented as part of Asia TOPA by Castlemaine State Festival and Melbourne Recital Centre).
- Fun Run All The Queens Men

#### DANCE

#### **Female Performer**

- Marlo Benjamin Anti-Gravity (Chunky Move)
- Lilian Steiner (Year's work)
- Melanie Lane Split (Lucy Guerin Inc)
- Tara Jade Samaya Be Yourself (Australian Dance Theatre)
- Samantha Hines (Year's work)

#### **Male Performer**

- Kevin Jackson (Year's work)
- Kimball Wong Be Yourself (Australian Dance Theatre)
- Jack Ziesing Pile of Bones (Stephanie Lake)
- Beau Dean Riley Smith Bennelong (Bangarra Dance Theatre)
- Harrison Ritchie-Jones *Pile of Bones* (Stephanie Lake)

# **Ensemble, Duo or Trio**

- Split (Lucy Guerin Inc)
- Between Tiny Cities (Nick Power)
- Bennelong (Bangarra Dance Theatre)
- Ever (Phillip Adams BalletLab)

# Visual Design

- Fausto Brusamolino (Light & Mist Design), Boris Morris Bagattini (Video & Light Design), Victoria Hunt (Object Design, Costume Design), Clare Britton (Object Design), Annemaree Dalziel (Costume Design), Justine Shih Pearson (Costume Design)
   - Tangi Wai ... the cry of water (Victoria Hunt)
- Prue Lang (Concept), Jenny Hector (Lighting Design), Fozia Akalo (Costume Design) Stellar Project (Prue Lang)

- Ben Cobham (Set & Light Design) In Plan (Michelle Heaven)
- Ben 'Bosco' Shaw (Light Design) Attractor (Dance North, Gideon Obarzanek and Lucy Guerin Inc)

# **Composition/Sound Design**

- Scanner (composition) and Robin Fox (Sound Design) Split (Lucy Guerin Inc)
- James Brown (Sound Design) Tangi Wai ... the cry of water (Victoria Hunt)
- Senyawa (Rully Shabara, Wukir Suryadi) Attractor (Dance North, Gideon Obarzanek and Lucy Guerin Inc)
- (((20hz))) *Number of the Machine* (Antony Hamilton)

# Shirley McKechnie Award for Excellence in Choreography

- Lucy Guerin *Split* (Lucy Guerin Inc)
- Phillip Adams Ever (Phillip Adams BalletLab)
- Alice Topp *Little Atlas as part of Symphony in C* (The Australian Ballet)

# **Concept and Realisation**

- Split (Lucy Guerin Inc)
- Tangi Wai ... the cry of water (Victoria Hunt)
- Number of the Machine (Antony Hamilton)
- In Plan (Michelle Heaven)

#### **INDEPENDENT THEATRE**

#### Performer (2 awarded)

- Paul Blenheim Merciless Gods (Little Ones Theatre in association with Darebin Arts Speakeasy)
- Lyall Brooks Spencer (Lab Kelpie in association with Chapel off Chapel)
- Emily Goddard This is Eden (fortyfivedownstairs)
- John Jacobs Waiting for Godot (Wit's End)
- Marnie Kerridge The Vagina Monologues (Deafferent Theatre, as part of Melbourne Fringe Festival)
- Sapidah Kian *Merciless Gods* (Little Ones Theatre in association with Darebin Arts Speakeasy)
- Jillian Murray The Chairs (La Mama)
- Eryn Jean Norvill Niche (Elbow Room in association with Darebin Arts Speakeasy)
- Dushan Philips Angels in America (Cameron Lukey and Dirty Pretty Theatre in association with fortyfivedownstairs)

• Jennifer Vuletic – *Merciless Gods* (Little Ones Theatre in association with Darebin Arts Speakeasy)

#### **Ensemble**

- Book of Exodus Part II (Fraught Outfit in association with Theatre Works)
- Let's Get Practical! Live (The Very Good Looking Initiative, as part of Melbourne Fringe)
- Looking Glass (New Working Group in association with fortyfivedownstairs)
- Song For A Weary Throat (Rawcus in association with Theatre Works)
- The Age of Bones (La Mama as part of Asia TOPA)

# **Lighting Design**

- Kris Chainey The Absence of Knowing: Four Men & Dog Play (La Mama)
- Jenny Hector Book of Exodus Part II (Fraught Outfit in association with Theatre Works)
- Amelia Lever-Davidson Looking Glass (New Working Group in association with fortyfivedownstairs)
- Katie Sfetkidis The Happy Prince (Little Ones Theatre in association with La Mama)
- Emma Valente *Joan* (The Rabble in association with Theatre Works)

#### **Set/Costume Design**

- Kate Davis Looking Glass (New Working Group in association with fortyfivedownstairs)
- Marg Horwell *Big Heart* (Dee & Cornelius in association with Theatre Works)
- Eugyeene Teh Book of Exodus Part II (Fraught Outfit in association with Theatre Works)
- Eugyeene Teh The Happy Prince (Little Ones Theatre in association with La Mama)
- Moira Finucane and sculptors William Eicholtz & Catherine Lane; visual artists Arts Projects
  Australia; couturiers Anastasia La Fey, Gun Shy Designs, Keon Couture, Kate Durham, Isaac
  Lummis & Bryn Meredith; and food artist Andrea Brabazon The Rapture (Finucane & Smith
  in association with fortyfivedownstairs)

#### **Music Composition and Sound Design**

- Robert Jordan (Sound Design and Composition) The Sky Is Well Designed (Fabricated Rooms in association with Darebin Arts Speakeasy, as part of Melbourne Fringe)
- Max Lyandvert (Composition) *Book of Exodus Part II* (Fraught Outfit in association with Theatre Works)
- Ian Moorhead (Sound Design) *Looking Glass* (New Working Group in association with fortyfivedownstairs)
- Daniel Nixon (Sound Design) The Happy Prince (Little Ones Theatre in association with La Mama)

• Jethro Woodward (Sound Design), Jethro Woodward and Gian Slater (Musical Direction and Composition) – Song For A Weary Throat (Rawcus in association with Theatre Works)

# Writing

- Patricia Cornelius *Big Heart* (Dee & Cornelius in association with Theatre Works)
- Dan Giovannoni after Christos Tsiolkas Merciless Gods (Little Ones Theatre in association with Darebin Arts Speakeasy)
- Jane Miller *Cuckoo* (15 Minutes from Anywhere)
- Chi Vu Coloured Aliens (La Mama, as part of Melbourne International Comedy Festival)
- Katy Warner Spencer (Lab Kelpie in association with Chapel off Chapel)

#### Direction

- Susie Dee *Big Heart* (Dee & Cornelius in association with Theatre Works)
- Susie Dee Looking Glass (New Working Group in association with fortyfivedownstairs)
- Jenny Kemp *The Chairs* (La Mama)
- Stephen Nicolazzo The Happy Prince (Little Ones Theatre in association with La Mama)
- Kate Sulan Song For A Weary Throat (Rawcus in association with Theatre Works)

#### **Production**

- Big Heart (Dee & Cornelius in association with Theatre Works)
- Looking Glass (New Working Group in association with fortyfivedownstairs)
- Merciless Gods (Little Ones Theatre in association with Darebin Arts Speakeasy)
- Song For A Weary Throat (Rawcus in association with Theatre Works)
- The Happy Prince (Little Ones Theatre in association with La Mama)

# **MUSIC THEATRE**

#### **Female Lead**

- Anna O'Byrne My Fair Lady (Opera Australia & John Frost)
- Marina Prior Hello, Dolly! (The Production Company)
- Christie Whelan Browne Vigil (Commissioned by Adelaide Cabaret Festival and presented by Arts Centre Melbourne)
- Genevieve Kingsford *Brigadoon* (The Production Company)

#### Male Lead

- Charles Edwards My Fair Lady (Opera Australia & John Frost)
- Grant Piro Hello, Dolly! (The Production Company)
- Joel Granger *Ordinary Days* (Pursued By Bear)

- Ainsley Melham Aladdin The Musical (Disney Theatrical Productions)
- Michael James Scott *Aladdin The Musical* (Disney Theatrical Productions)

# **Female In A Supporting Role**

- Robyn Nevin My Fair Lady (Opera Australia & John Frost)
- Verity Hunt-Ballard *Hello, Dolly!* (The Production Company)
- Nancye Hayes *Brigadoon* (The Production Company)

# Male In A Supporting Role

- Reg Livermore My Fair Lady (Opera Australia & John Frost)
- Glenn Hill *Hello, Dolly!* (The Production Company)
- Michael Cormick Jesus Christ Superstar (The Production Company)
- Aljin Abella *Aladdin The Musical* (Disney Theatrical Productions)
- Luke Joslin *Brigadoon* (The Production Company)

# **Lighting Design**

- Richard Pilbrow My Fair Lady (Opera Australia & John Frost)
- Trent Suidgeest *Jesus Christ Superstar* (The Production Company)
- Chris Petridis Vigil (Commissioned by Adelaide Cabaret Festival and presented by Arts Centre Melbourne)
- Natasha Katz Aladdin The Musical (Disney Theatrical Productions)

# **Set Design**

- Oliver Smith My Fair Lady (Opera Australia & John Frost)
- Christina Smith *Brigadoon* (The Production Company)
- Bob Crowley Aladdin The Musical (Disney Theatrical Productions)
- Owen Phillips Vivid White (Melbourne Theatre Company)

# **Costume Design**

- Cecil Beaton recreated by John David Ridge My Fair Lady (Opera Australia & John Frost)
- Isaac Lummis *Hello, Dolly!* (The Production Company)
- Gregg Barnes Aladdin The Musical (Disney Theatrical Productions)

# **Sound Design**

- Michael Waters My Fair Lady (Opera Australia & John Frost)
- Kelvin Gedye, Julian Spink & John Scandrett (System Sound) Hello, Dolly! (The Production Company)
- Ken Travis Aladdin The Musical (Disney Theatrical Productions)

# **Music Direction/Supervision**

- Guy Simpson My Fair Lady (Opera Australia & John Frost)
- Vanessa Scammell *Hello, Dolly!* (The Production Company)
- Joe Chindamo Vigil (Commissioned by Adelaide Cabaret Festival and presented by Arts Centre Melbourne)
- Geoffrey Castles Aladdin The Musical (Disney Theatrical Productions)
- Michael Tyack *Brigadoon* (The Production Company)

# **Betty Pounder Award For Excellence In Choreography**

- Kirsten King *Hello, Dolly!* (The Production Company)
- Casey Nicholaw Aladdin The Musical (Disney Theatrical Productions)

#### Direction

- Gary Young Hello, Dolly! (The Production Company)
- Tyran Parke Ordinary Days (Pursued By Bear)
- Andy Packer Vigil (Commissioned by Adelaide Cabaret Festival and presented by Arts Centre Melbourne)
- Jason Langley *Brigadoon* (The Production Company)

#### **Production**

- My Fair Lady (Opera Australia & John Frost)
- Hello, Dolly! (The Production Company)
- Vigil (Commissioned by Adelaide Cabaret Festival and presented by Arts Centre Melbourne)
- Aladdin The Musical (Disney Theatrical Productions)
- Brigadoon (The Production Company)

# **OPERA**

#### **Female Lead**

- Lorina Gore King Roger (Opera Australia)
- Anna Princeva Pagliacci (Opera Australia)
- Helena Dix *Roberto Devereux* (Melbourne Opera)
- Danielle Calder *Roberto Devereux* (Melbourne Opera)

#### **Male Lead**

- Michael Honeyman King Roger (Opera Australia)
- Arthur Espiritu King Roger (Opera Australia)
- José Carbó Cavalleria Rusticana / Pagliacci (Opera Australia)

- Dmytro Popov Carmen (Opera Australia)
- Alexander Lewis *The Merry Widow* (Opera Australia)

# Female in a Supporting Role

- Dominica Matthews Cavalleria Rusticana (Opera Australia)
- Jane Ede *Carmen* (Opera Australia)
- Sarah Sweeting *Lohengrin* (Melbourne Opera)

# Male in a Supporting Role

- James Egglestone King Roger (Opera Australia)
- David Gould *H.M.S Pinafore* (Melbourne Opera)
- Carlos E. Bárcenas *The Sleeping Beauty* (Victorian Opera)
- Benjamin Rasheed *The Merry Widow* (Opera Australia)

# **Lighting Design**

- Trudy Dalgleish *Cunning Little Vixen* (Victorian Opera)
- Jon Clark King Roger (Opera Australia)
- Alessandro Carletti Cavalleria Rusticana / Pagliacci (Opera Australia)
- Phillip Lethlean *The Sleeping Beauty* (Victorian Opera)

# **Set/Costume Design**

- Roger Kirk AM (Costumes) *Cunning Little Vixen* (Victorian Opera)
- Joe Blanck (Puppet Design) *The Sleeping Beauty* (Victorian Opera)
- Steffen Aarfing (Set) King Roger (Opera Australia)
- Paolo Fantin (Set) Cavalleria Rusticana / Pagliacci (Opera Australia)
- Yandell Walton (Video Projections) Lohengrin (Melbourne Opera)

#### Conductor

- Phoebe Briggs *The Sleeping Beauty* (Victorian Opera)
- Andrea Molino King Roger (Opera Australia)
- Vanessa Scammell *The Merry Widow* (Opera Australia)
- Andrea Licata Cavalleria Rusticana / Pagliacci (Opera Australia)

#### Direction

- Kasper Holten *King Roger* (Opera Australia)
- Damiano Michieletto Cavalleria Rusticana / Pagliacci (Opera Australia)

#### **Production**

- Cavalleria Rusticana / Pagliacci (Opera Australia)
- King Roger (Opera Australia)

#### **THEATRE COMPANIES**

#### **Female Performer**

- Kate Mulvany Richard III (Bell Shakespeare)
- Heather Mitchell Away (Malthouse Theatre and Sydney Theatre Company)
- Alex Aldrich *The Moors* (Red Stitch Actors Theatre)
- Melita Jurisic *John* (Melbourne Theatre Company)
- Diana (Xiaojie) Lin Little Emperors (Malthouse Theatre in association with Asia TOPA)

#### Male Performer

- Paul Blackwell Faith Healer (A Belvoir Production presented at Melbourne Theatre Company)
- Daniel Monks The Real And Imagined History Of The Elephant Man (Malthouse Theatre)
- Kelton Pell The Season (Tasmania Performs)
- Mitchell Butel *The Merchant Of Venice* (Bell Shakespeare)
- Tyler Coppin *Born Yesterday* (Melbourne Theatre Company)

#### **Ensemble**

- The Season (Tasmania Performs)
- Wild Bore (Malthouse Theatre)
- Melbourne Talam (Melbourne Theatre Company)
- Revolt. She Said. Revolt Again (Malthouse Theatre)
- Trapper (Arena Theatre Company)

# **Set and Costume Design**

- Richard Roberts *The Season* (Tasmania Performs)
- Dale Ferguson Away (Malthouse Theatre and Sydney Theatre Company)
- Chloe Greaves Incognito (Red Stitch Actors Theatre)
- Marg Horwell The Real And Imagined History Of The Elephant Man (Malthouse Theatre)
- Zoë Atkinson Black Rider: The Casting Of The Magic
  Bullets (Malthouse Theatre and Victorian Opera in association with Melbourne Festival)

# **Lighting Design**

 Rachel Burke – Melbourne Talam (Melbourne Theatre Company) & The Season (Tasmania Performs)

- Paul Jackson Away (Malthouse Theatre and Sydney Theatre Company) & The Testament Of Mary (Malthouse Theatre)
- Katie Sfetkidis *The Moors* (Red Stitch Actors Theatre)
- Paul Lim *Trapper* (Arena Theatre Company)
- Richard Vabre *John* (Melbourne Theatre Company)

# **Music Composition/Sound Design**

- Ben Grant (Sound Design) *The Season* (Tasmania Performs)
- J. David Franzke (Composition and Sound Design) Away (Malthouse Theatre and Sydney Theatre Company)
- Jethro Woodward (Soundscape Design) and Jim Atkins (Sound Design) Black Rider: The
  Casting Of The Magic Bullets (Malthouse Theatre and Victorian Opera in association with
  Melbourne Festival)
- Jethro Woodward (Composition & Sound Design) *The Real And Imagined History Of The Elephant Man* (Malthouse Theatre)
- Darius Kedros (Composition & Sound Design) Melbourne Talam (Melbourne Theatre Company)

# **New Writing For The Australian Stage**

- John Harvey *Heart Is A Wasteland* (Malthouse Theatre and Brown Cab Productions)
- Rashma N. Kalsie *Melbourne Talam* (Melbourne Theatre Company)
- Nathan Maynard The Season (Tasmania Performs)
- Tom Wright The Real And Imagined History Of The Elephant Man (Malthouse Theatre)
- Zoë Coombs Marr, Ursula Martinez and Adrienne Truscott Wild Bore (Malthouse Theatre)

# Direction

- Isaac Drandic The Season (Tasmania Performs)
- Petra Kalive *Melbourne Talam* (Melbourne Theatre Company)
- Margaret Harvey Heart Is A Wasteland (Malthouse Theatre and Brown Cab Productions)
- Matthew Lutton Away (Malthouse Theatre and Sydney Theatre Company)
- Stephen Nicolazzo The Moors (Red Stitch Actors Theatre)

#### **Production**

- The Season (Tasmania Performs)
- Away (Malthouse Theatre and Sydney Theatre Company)
- *The Moors* (Red Stitch Actors Theatre)

- Black Rider: The Casting Of The Magic Bullets (Malthouse Theatre and Victorian Opera in association with Melbourne Festival)
- Richard III (Bell Shakespeare)

# **Geoffrey Milne Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution to Independent Theatre**

Candy Bowers

# **Lifetime Achievement Award**

• Sue Giles

# Technical Achievement Award (Proudly Sponsored by ARUP)

• Jethro Woodward