

Media Release

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Central West theatre companies win nine CAT Theatre Awards

The Telstra Countrywide Canberra Area Theatre (CAT) Awards were announced at the Canberra Theatre on Saturday February 23.

Nine central west productions received 41 nominations for these awards that recognise the achievements of community theatre groups in southern NSW.

Graham Sattler of Orange Theatre Company was honored with the Telstra Country Wide Gold CAT for outstanding achievement simultaneously in many categories including acting, singing and musical direction. Sattler is also Director of the Orange Regional Conservatorium.

Other award winners were:

Best Lighting Designer

Orange Theatre Company - Jekyll & Hyde -Peter Telford

Best Actress in A Leading Role in a School or Youth Musical

Kinross Wolaroi School - The Sound of Music - Katherine Johnston (role: Maria)

In the Spirit of the Community Award

Billican Productions, Billimari

Best Actress in A Supporting Role In A Musical

Orange Theatre Company – Cats - Marianne Bankovic (Victoria)

Best Actress in A Leading Role In A Play

Orange Theatre Company - Educating Rita - Melinda Farrell (Rita White)

Best Musical Director

Parkes M&D Society -Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat - Neil Westcott

Best Director of a Musical or Variety Show

Orange Theatre Company - Jekyll and Hyde - Trevor Carroll

Best Actress in a Leading Role in a Musical

Orange Theatre Company - Jekyll & Hyde - Helen Barnett (Emma Carew)

For details on the awards go to: www.catawards.com.au

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