

Okanagan Zone Participation Report - 2018

Powerhouse Theatre's production of "Calendar Girls" won this year's Zone Festival at the Powerhouse Theatre in Vernon (May 19-25). Shuswap Theatre's entry was "Perfect Pie" by Judith Thompson. The adjudicator, Andrew McIlroy, awarded Meaghan Delaney an honourable mention for her performance as Marie. Shuswap Theatre won the "Best Backstage Cooperation Award".

The Vernon and District Performing Arts Centre was the venue for Theatre BC's "Mainstage" province-wide festival, held June 29 – July 7, which was won by Powerhouse Theatre's "Calendar Girls". It was a good year for OZone.

A host has yet to be found for the 2019 Okanagan Zone Festival. This is a top priority for the OZone meeting in September.

"Mainstage" in 2019 and 2020 will start the second weekend of July in Port Alberni. Okanagan Zone will provide some funding for the OZone winning production to attend. In addition, Theatre BC and North Island Zone, the "Mainstage" host, are working on ferry discounts.

The OZone Board is developing a multi-year schedule of clubs that will host the annual Zone Festival. It is hoped that it will be easier to recruit host clubs if they have two or more years notice.