

Okanagan Zone Report

It has been a very busy year for the relationship between Ozones and Shuswap Theatre! The largest being Shuswap Theatre hosting the 2019 Okanagan Zone Festival! We welcomed 7 productions from around the zone from May 17- 24th and our Opening Night Gala was raved about by all! A HUGE thank you to all those who were involved in making this Festival a success!

Shuswap Theatre performed to a sold out house and performed exceptionally well. Adjudicator James Fagan Tait presented Theatre Kelowna's Production of "Late Company" with Best Production, and Shuswap Theatre's "Lend Me A Tenor" winning Best Production Runner Up!

Congratulations also go to Julia Body who won Best Director, Chris Iversen for Best Actor, Elizabeth Ann Skelhorne for Best Supporting Actress and Set Designer Loretta Shipmaker who received an Adjudicator's Special Award for Best Doors in a Farce, Ever!

The host for the 2020 Okanagan Zone Festival will be Theatre Kelowna with dates being Saturday, May 16 - Saturday, May 23rd, 2020 at the Rotary Centre for the Arts.

Theatre BC's Mainstage Festival was held in Port Alberni from July 5 - 13, 2019. Congratulations to Theatre Kelowna Society who won Best Performance by a Youth or Newcomer, Best Actor, Best Director, and Best Production. Powerhouse Theatre won Best Program (Specific Production) in the Graphic Competition for "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike." Huge wins once again for the Okanagan Zone!

Mainstage 2020 will once again be in Port Alberni from July 3 - 11, 2020. Adjudicator will be Fran Gebhard.

A lot of work over the year has gone into preparing for the Okanagan Zone New Logo Competition which opens October 1, 2019! There is prize of \$500 to be won by the winner!

We continue to encourage youth and those going back to school to grow their Theatre Arts education to apply for Scholarships through Ozone and TheatreBC. Secondary Students who want to attend Mainstage are encourage to apply for a MainStage Scholarship.

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