

Okanagan Zone Report

Once again, Shuswap Theatre fared well at the Ozone Festival!

Festival was held in Oliver and hosted by the South Okanagan Amateur Players Club (SOAP). Productions were adjudicated by Katrina Dunn, a well-known, award winning dramaturg in Canadian theatre. This year saw two new club entries to the festival, Red Dot Players and Playliterate Productions. Interest has been expressed by the Kootenay Zone to join the Okanagan Zone.

This year's entries included; *Goodnight Desdemona (Goodmorning Juliet)* - presented by SOAP, *West Moon* - presented by Playliterate Productions, *Marion Bridge* - presented by Red Dot Players, *Alice in Wonderland* - presented by Powerhouse Theatrical Society, *Punch Up* - presented by Asparagus Community Theatre, and *The Book of Will* - presented by Shuswap Theatre.

Our production of *The Book of Will*, directed by Julia Body took home multiple awards. Including Best Director (Julia Body), Best Backstage Cooperation, Best Lighting Design (Jim Clayton), and Best Performance in a Leading Male Role (Howard DeLong). *The Book of Will* also received a nod as Runner Up for Best Production. Congratulations to all involved!!

Best Production was taken home by Playliterate Productions with their presentation of *West Moon*, which they carried on to Mainstage in Vernon.

Current Ozone Representative is Amanda Maygard, with Nedine Scott sharing the role of Ozone Chair with Carrie Shogan of SOAP. Richard Kerton of Powerhouse remains Treasurer. Cara Nunn of Powerhouse/Asparagus remains Secretary.

Ozone Festival 2027 is set to be held in Armstrong.

Next Zone meeting set for October 4/26. Location to be determined.

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