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THE AURORA FOX ARTS CENTER NOMINATED FOR SIX HENRY AWARDS

AURORA, Colo. – June 30, 2016 – The 11th Annual Colorado Theatre Guild Henry Award nominations were announced in June. Named for long-time Denver theater icon Henry Lowenstein, The Henry’s honor outstanding achievements in the Colorado theater community in the last season, and are known locally as the Tony Awards of Denver. A Henry is the highest honor in Colorado Theater today, and The Aurora Fox Arts Center received six nominations.

The Aurora Fox received the following nominations:

- Outstanding Season for a Theatre Company
- Outstanding Production of a Musical for Jekyll and Hyde (El Armstrong, Director; Martha Yordy, Musical Direction)
- Outstanding Choreography for Catch Me If You Can (Piper Lindsay Arpan, Choreographer)
- Outstanding Actress in a Musical for Lauren Shealy, Jekyll and Hyde
- Outstanding Costume Design for Laura High, Little Women
- Outstanding Costume Design for Nikki Harrison, Catch Me If You Can

“How do you quantify the art of theatre?” asks Charles Packard, executive producer at The Aurora Fox. “The Outstanding Season Award is the closest thing to measuring this across the Denver area’s theatre companies, so we are very pleased to receive this nomination.”

The Henry Awards are produced by the Colorado Theatre Guild, a statewide theatre advocacy group. The number of nominated theatre groups this year is 31, with honored companies ranging from Colorado Springs to Dillon to Aspen to Creede. Like all of the theatre groups across Colorado, audiences and applause feed continued artistic achievements, and the Henry Award nominations are an extra accolade for those in the theatre business.

The Henry Awards adjudicates shows throughout the year by through a team of about 45 statewide theatre reporters, educators and assigned judges who score each show in all categories using a 50-point scale. A show must have been seen by six judges in order to be eligible. The total number of shows eligible for a 2015-16 Henry Award consideration totaled 196. The awards will take place Monday, July 18 at the PACE Center in Parker.

The Aurora Fox looks forward to another series of nominations for its upcoming 32nd season, running October 2016-May 2017 and featuring the spine-tingling “Dracula”, an operatic adaptation “Porgy and Bess”, the world premiere of “Myth”, the hilarious regional premiere of “Chinglish” and the regional premiere of the high-energy musical, “Priscilla, Queen of the Desert”. Tickets are on sale at aurorafoxartscenter.org or by calling (303) 739-1970.

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