

2018 EQUITY JEFF AWARD NOMINEES

PRODUCTION - PLAY - LARGE

"All My Sons" - Court Theatre
"Father Comes Home From the Wars (Parts 1, 2 & 3)" - Goodman Theatre
"Guess Who's Coming To Dinner" - Court Theatre
"Macbeth" - Chicago Shakespeare Theater
"A View from the Bridge" - Goodman Theatre

PRODUCTION - PLAY - MIDSIZE

"The Cake" - Rivendell Theatre Ensemble
"Jitney" - Congo Square Theatre Company
"Machinal" - Greenhouse Theater Center in association with North Central College
"Southern Gothic" - Windy City Playhouse
"Traitor" - A Red Orchid Theatre

PRODUCTION - MUSICAL OR REVUE - LARGE

"Cabaret" - Paramount Theatre
"Five Guys Named Moe" - Court Theatre
"Fun Home" - Victory Gardens Theater
"Million Dollar Quartet" - Paramount Theatre
"Ragtime" - Marriott Theatre

PRODUCTION - MUSICAL - MIDSIZE

"Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story" - American Blues Theater
"Hair" - Mercury Theater Chicago
"Memphis" - Porchlight Music Theatre

ENSEMBLE - PLAY

"Father Comes Home From the Wars (Parts 1, 2 & 3)" - Goodman Theatre
"Jitney" - Congo Square Theatre Company
"Machinal" - Greenhouse Theater Center in association with North Central College
"Southern Gothic" - Windy City Playhouse
"Support Group For Men" - Goodman Theatre
"The Taming of the Shrew" - Chicago Shakespeare Theater
"Traitor" - A Red Orchid Theatre
"The Wolves" - Goodman Theatre

ENSEMBLE - MUSICAL OR REVUE

"Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story" - American Blues Theater
"Five Guys Named Moe" - Court Theatre
"Forever Plaid" - Theatre At The Center
"Hair" - Mercury Theater Chicago
"Million Dollar Quartet" - Paramount Theatre

NEW WORK

Dan Collins and Julianne Wick Davis - "Trevor the Musical" - Writers Theatre
Ellen Faurey - "Support Group For Men" - Goodman Theatre
Minita Gandhi - "Muthaland" - 16th Street Theater
Keith Huff - "Six Corners" - American Blues Theater
Boo Killebrew - "Lettie" - Victory Gardens Theater
Aline Lathrop - "The Hero's Wife" - 16th Street Theater
Leslie Liautaud, Carl Menninger, and Amy Rubenstein - "Southern Gothic" - Windy City Playhouse
Novid Parsi - "Through The Elevated Line" - Silk Road Rising

NEW ADAPTATION

Jennifer Blackmer - "Alias Grace" - Rivendell Theatre Ensemble
Robert Falls - "An Enemy Of The People" - Goodman Theatre
Barbara Gaines and Ron West - "The Taming of the Shrew" - Chicago Shakespeare Theater
David Kersner and Althos Low - "20,000 Leagues Under The Seas" - Lookingglass Theatre Company
Brett Neveu - "Traitor" - A Red Orchid Theatre

DIRECTOR - PLAY - LARGE

Dexter Bullard - "Mies Julie" - Victory Gardens Theater
Niegel Smith - "Father Comes Home From the Wars (Parts 1, 2 & 3)" - Goodman Theatre
Vanessa Stalling - "The Wolves" - Goodman Theatre
Ivo Van Hove - "A View from the Bridge" - Goodman Theatre
Chay Yew - "Lettie" - Victory Gardens Theater

DIRECTOR - PLAY - MIDSIZE

David H. Bell - "Southern Gothic" - Windy City Playhouse
Cheryl Lynn Bruce - "Jitney" - Congo Square Theatre Company
Jacob Harvey - "Machinal" - Greenhouse Theater Center in association with North Central College
Michael Shannon - "Traitor" - A Red Orchid Theatre
Lauren Shouse - "The Cake" - Rivendell Theatre Ensemble

DIRECTOR - MUSICAL OR REVUE - LARGE

Nick Bowling - "Ragtime" - Marriott Theatre
Marc Bruni - "Trevor the Musical" - Writers Theatre
Gary Griffin - "Fun Home" - Victory Gardens Theater
Michael Heitzman - "42nd Street" - Drury Lane Productions
Ron OJ Parson - "Five Guys Named Moe" - Court Theatre

DIRECTOR - MUSICAL - MIDSIZE

Daryl Brooks - "Memphis" - Porchlight Music Theatre
Lili-Anne Brown - "Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story" - American Blues Theater
Brenda Didier - "Hair" - Mercury Theater Chicago

PERFORMER IN A PRINCIPAL ROLE - PLAY

Ian Bedford (Eddie) - "A View from the Bridge" - Goodman Theatre
Janet Ulrich Brooks (Queen Elizabeth II) - "The Audience" - TimeLine Theatre Company
Heather Chrisler (Young Woman) - "Machinal" - Greenhouse Theater Center in association with North Central College
Edward Gero (U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia) - "The Originalist" - Court Theatre
John Judd (Joe Keller) - "All My Sons" - Court Theatre
Tara Mallen (Della) - "The Cake" - Rivendell Theatre Ensemble
Caroline Neff (Lettie) - "Lettie" - Victory Gardens Theater
Geno Walker (Terry Kilbourn) - "To Catch A Fish" - TimeLine Theatre Company
Alex Weisman (Jordan) - "Significant Other" - Theater Wit and About Face Theatre
Larry Yando (Dodge) - "Buried Child" - Writers Theatre

PERFORMER IN A PRINCIPAL ROLE - MUSICAL

Dawn Bless (Patti) - "A New Attitude: In Tribute To Patti LaBelle" - Black Ensemble Theater
Matt Crowle (Charley Kringas) - "Merrily We Roll Along" - Porchlight Music Theatre
Jason Grimm (The Suspects) - "Murder For Two" - Marriott Theatre
Rob Lindley (Bruce Bechdel) - "Fun Home" - Victory Gardens Theater
Liam Quealy (Huey Calhoun) - "Memphis" - Porchlight Music Theatre
Nathaniel Stampley (Coalhouse Walker, Jr.) - "Ragtime" - Marriott Theatre
Zachary Stevenson (Buddy Holly) - "Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story" - American Blues Theater
Eli Tokash (Trevor) - "Trevor the Musical" - Writers Theatre
Tiffany Topol (Girl) - "Once" - Paramount Theatre
Kathy Voytko (Mother) - "Ragtime" - Marriott Theatre

SOLO PERFORMANCE

Janet Ulrich Brooks (Eppie Lederer aka Ann Landers) - "The Lady With All The Answers" - Theatre At The Center
Kate Fry (Emily Dickinson) - "The Belle of Amherst" - Court Theatre
Minita Gandhi (Solo Performer) - "Muthaland" - 16th Street Theater
Stacy Keach (Ernest Hemingway) - "Pamplona" - Goodman Theatre
James Leaming (Solo Performer) - "This Wonderful Life" - American Blues Theater

PERFORMER IN A SUPPORTING ROLE - PLAY

Sydney Charles (Matilda "Tillie" Binks) - "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner" - Court Theatre
Shannon Cochran (Lady Bracknell) - "The Importance of Being Earnest" - Writers Theatre
Matt DeCaro (Winston Churchill/Harold Wilson/Tony Blair/Archbishop) - "The Audience" - TimeLine Theatre Company
Matt DeCaro (Big Daddy) - "Cat On A Hot Tin Roof" - Drury Lane Productions
Deanna Dunagan (Nancy Reagan, First Lady of the United States) - "Blind Date" - Goodman Theatre
Jason Grimm (Various Roles) - "Bunny Bunny: Gilda Radner, A Sort of Love Story" - Mercury Theater Chicago
Anthony Irons (Steve) - "How To Use A Knife" - Shattered Globe Theatre
Anthony Irons (Turnbo) - "Jitney" - Congo Square Theatre Company
Keith Kupferer (Flynt) - "Cal in Camo" - Rivendell Theatre Ensemble
Andrus Nichols (Beatrice) - "A View from the Bridge" - Goodman Theatre

PERFORMER IN A SUPPORTING ROLE - MUSICAL

Jenna Coker-Jones (Amy) - "Company" - Mercury Theater Chicago
Matt Crowle (Luther Billis) - "South Pacific" - Drury Lane Productions
Shanésia Davis (Mrs. Wilkinson) - "Billy Elliot the Musical" - Porchlight Music Theatre
Sean Fortunato (Dad) - "Billy Elliot the Musical" - Porchlight Music Theatre
Veronica Garza (Roz) - "9 To 5: The Musical" - Firebrand Theatre
Hollis Resnik (Fraulein Schneider) - "Cabaret" - Paramount Theatre
Gavin Rohrer (Jerry Lee Lewis) - "Million Dollar Quartet" - Paramount Theatre
Hannah Starr (Medium Alison) - "Fun Home" - Victory Gardens Theater
Katherine Thomas (Sarah) - "Ragtime" - Marriott Theatre
Aaron Umsted (Will Parker) - "Oklahoma!" - Marriott Theatre

PERFORMER IN A REVUE

Yando Lopez (Jinx) - "Forever Plaid" - Theatre At The Center
Lorenzo Rush, Jr. (Big Moe) - "Five Guys Named Moe" - Court Theatre
Jasbir Singh Vazquez (Ensemble) - "Gaslight District" - The Second City e.t.c.

SCENIC DESIGN - LARGE

Scott Davis - "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner" - Court Theatre
Kevin Depinet - "The Taming of the Shrew" - Chicago Shakespeare Theater
Courtney O'Neill - "Plantation!" - Lookingglass Theatre Company
Todd Rosenthal - "20,000 Leagues Under The Seas" - Lookingglass Theatre Company
Todd Rosenthal - "The Doppelgänger" - Steppenwolf Theatre Company

SCENIC DESIGN - MIDSIZE

Jeff Bauer - "How To Use A Knife" - Shattered Globe Theatre
Scott Davis - "Southern Gothic" - Windy City Playhouse
José Manuel Díaz-Soto - "The Explorers Club" - Citadel Theatre
Angela Weber Miller - "Mary's Wedding" - First Folio Theatre
Arnel Sancianco - "The Cake" - Rivendell Theatre Ensemble

COSTUME DESIGN - LARGE

Mara Blumenfeld - "The Importance of Being Earnest" - Writers Theatre
Linda Cho - "Schiller's Mary Stuart" - Chicago Shakespeare Theater
Theresa Ham - "Ragtime" - Marriott Theatre
Susan E. Mickey - "The Taming of the Shrew" - Chicago Shakespeare Theater
Alison Siple - "In the Next Room or the Vibrator Play" - TimeLine Theatre Company

COSTUME DESIGN - MIDSIZE

Paul Kim - "The Explorers Club" - Citadel Theatre
Robert Kuhn - "Hair" - Mercury Theater Chicago
Emily McConnell - "Hatfield & McCoy" - The House Theatre of Chicago
Bill Morey - "Memphis" - Porchlight Music Theatre
Bill Morey - "Merrily We Roll Along" - Porchlight Music Theatre
Mieka van der Ploeg - "The Skin of Our Teeth" - Remy Bumppo Theatre Company

SOUND DESIGN - LARGE

Robert E. Gilmartin - "Murder For Two" - Marriott Theatre
Ray Nardelli - "Skeleton Crew" - Northlight Theatre
André Pluess - "Hard Times" - Lookingglass Theatre Company
André Pluess - "Macbeth" - Chicago Shakespeare Theater
Rick Sims - "20,000 Leagues Under The Seas" - Lookingglass Theatre Company

SOUND DESIGN - MIDSIZE

Christopher Kriz - "The 39 Steps" - Buffalo Theatre Ensemble
Christopher Kriz - "The Heavens Are Hung in Black" - Shattered Globe Theatre
Christopher Kriz - "Mary's Wedding" - First Folio Theatre
Jeffrey Levin - "Machinal" - Greenhouse Theater Center in association with North Central College
Jeffrey Levin - "Welcome to Jesus" - American Theater Company
Stephen Ptacek - "The Skin of Our Teeth" - Remy Bumppo Theatre Company

LIGHTING DESIGN - LARGE

Brian Sidney Bembridge - "Hard Times" - Lookingglass Theatre Company
Christine Binder - "20,000 Leagues Under The Seas" - Lookingglass Theatre Company
Jesse Klug - "Million Dollar Quartet" - Paramount Theatre
Yael Lubetzky - "Cabaret" - Paramount Theatre
Thom Weaver - "Macbeth" - Chicago Shakespeare Theater

LIGHTING DESIGN - MIDSIZE

Nick Belley - "Hair" - Mercury Theater Chicago
Cat Davis - "De Troya" - Halcyon Theatre
Denise Karczewski - "Billy Elliot the Musical" - Porchlight Music Theatre
Lee Keenan - "Hatfield & McCoy" - The House Theatre of Chicago
Rachel Levy - "Welcome to Jesus" - American Theater Company
Eric Watkins - "Machinal" - Greenhouse Theater Center in association with North Central College
Cat Wilson - "The Wolf at the End of the Block" - 16th Street Theater

CHOREOGRAPHY

Christopher Carter - "Memphis" - Porchlight Music Theatre
Jared Grimes - "42nd Street" - Drury Lane Productions
Josh Prince - "Trevor the Musical" - Writers Theatre
Alex Sanchez - "Newsies" - Marriott Theatre
Alex Sanchez - "Oklahoma!" - Marriott Theatre

ORIGINAL MUSIC IN A PLAY

Justin Ellington - "Father Comes Home From the Wars (Parts 1, 2 & 3)" - Goodman Theatre
Christopher Kriz - "Mary's Wedding" - First Folio Theatre
Shawn Pfautsch and Matt Kahler - "Hatfield & McCoy" - The House Theatre of Chicago
André Pluess - "Hard Times" - Lookingglass Theatre Company
André Pluess - "Macbeth" - Chicago Shakespeare Theater

MUSIC DIRECTION

Jermaine Hill - "Memphis" - Porchlight Music Theatre
Michael Mahler - "Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story" - American Blues Theater
Doug Peck - "Fun Home" - Victory Gardens Theater
Abdul Hamid Royal - "Five Guys Named Moe" - Court Theatre
Tom Vendafreddo - "Once" - Paramount Theatre

PROJECTION DESIGN

Joseph A. Burke - "Elf the Musical" - Paramount Theatre
Joseph A. Burke - "Women Laughing Alone With Salad" - Theater Wit
Anthony Churchill - "Merrily We Roll Along" - Porchlight Music Theatre
Stephan Mazurek - "Lettie" - Victory Gardens Theater
Mark "Trace" Umstatted - "De Troya" - Halcyon Theatre

ARTISTIC SPECIALIZATION

Christopher Carter - Movement/Musical Staging - "Five Guys Named Moe" - Court Theatre
Matt Hawkins - Fight Choreography - "Macbeth" - Chicago Shakespeare Theater
Eleanor Kahn - Properties Design - "Southern Gothic" - Windy City Playhouse
Elizabeth Margolius - Movement Direction - "Machinal" - Greenhouse Theater Center in association with North Central College