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## **2020 EQUITY JEFF AWARD NOMINEES**

### **PRODUCTION - PLAY - LARGE**

“Bug” - Steppenwolf Theatre Company  
“The First Deep Breath” - Victory Gardens Theater  
“King Hedley II” - Court Theatre  
“The King’s Speech” - Chicago Shakespeare Theater  
“Oslo” - TimeLine Theatre Company  
“Stick Fly” - Writers Theatre

### **PRODUCTION - PLAY - MIDSIZE**

“The Boys in the Band” - Windy City Playhouse  
“Grey House” - A Red Orchid Theatre  
“His Shadow: A Parable” - 16th Street Theater  
“The Leopard Play, or Sad Songs for Lost Boys” - Steep Theatre Company  
“Sheepdog” - Shattered Globe Theatre

### **PRODUCTION - MUSICAL OR REVUE - LARGE**

“An American in Paris” - Drury Lane Productions  
“Beauty and the Beast” - Paramount Theatre  
“The Color Purple” - Drury Lane Productions  
“Duke Ellington’s Sophisticated Ladies” - Porchlight Music Theatre  
“Into the Woods” - Writers Theatre  
“Something Rotten!” - Marriott Theatre

### **PRODUCTION - MUSICAL - MIDSIZE**

“Always...Patsy Cline” - Firebrand Theatre  
“Monty Python’s Spamalot” - Mercury Theater Chicago  
“Verböten” - The House Theatre of Chicago

### **ENSEMBLE - PLAY**

“The Boys in the Band” - Windy City Playhouse  
“The First Deep Breath” - Victory Gardens Theater  
“Grey House” - A Red Orchid Theatre  
“How to Defend Yourself” - Victory Gardens Theater  
“Kill Move Paradise” - TimeLine Theatre Company  
“The Leopard Play, or Sad Songs for Lost Boys” - Steep Theatre Company  
“Stick Fly” - Writers Theatre

**ENSEMBLE - MUSICAL OR REVUE**

“An American in Paris” - Drury Lane Productions  
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**NEW WORK**

Lee Edward Colston II - “The First Deep Breath” - Victory Gardens Theater  
Steven Dietz - “How a Boy Falls” - Northlight Theatre  
Gordon Greenberg and Steve Rosen, Michael Mahler and Alan Schmuckler- “The Secret of My Success” - Paramount Theatre  
Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon - “The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley” - Northlight Theatre  
Levi Holloway - “Grey House” - A Red Orchid Theatre  
Jason Narducy and Brett Neveu - “Verböten” - The House Theatre of Chicago  
Douglas Post - “Howards End” - Remy Bumppo Theatre Company  
Fouad Teymour - “Twice, Thrice, Frice...” - Silk Road Rising in association with International Voices Project  
Loy A. Webb - “His Shadow: A Parable” - 16th Street Theater

**DIRECTOR - PLAY - LARGE**

Nick Bowling - “Oslo” - TimeLine Theatre Company  
Wardell Julius Clark - “Kill Move Paradise” - TimeLine Theatre Company  
David Cromer - “Bug” - Steppenwolf Theatre Company  
Ron OJ Parson - “King Hedley II” - Court Theatre  
Vanessa Stalling - “Roe” - Goodman Theatre

**DIRECTOR - PLAY - MIDSIZE**

Laura Alcalá Baker - “The Leopard Play, or Sad Songs for Lost Boys” - Steep Theatre Company  
Wardell Julius Clark - “His Shadow: A Parable” - 16th Street Theater  
Wardell Julius Clark - “Sheepdog” - Shattered Globe Theatre  
Carl Menninger - “The Boys in the Band” - Windy City Playhouse  
Shade Murray - “Grey House” - A Red Orchid Theatre  
Nick Sandys - “Howards End” - Remy Bumppo Theatre Company  
Randy White - “Midsummer (A Play with Songs)” - The Greenhouse Theater Center

**DIRECTOR - MUSICAL OR REVUE - LARGE**

Lili-Anne Brown - “The Color Purple” - Drury Lane Productions  
Brenda Didier & Florence Walker-Harris - “Duke Ellington’s Sophisticated Ladies” - Porchlight Music Theatre  
Gary Griffin - “Into the Woods” - Writers Theatre  
Lynne Kurdziel-Formato - “An American in Paris” - Drury Lane Productions  
Scott Weinstein - “Something Rotten!” - Marriott Theatre

**DIRECTOR - MUSICAL - MIDSIZE**

Nathan Allen - “Verböten” - The House Theatre of Chicago  
Brigitte Ditmars - “Always...Patsy Cline” - Firebrand Theatre  
L. Walter Stearns - “Monty Python’s Spamalot” - Mercury Theater Chicago

**PERFORMER IN A PRINCIPAL ROLE - PLAY**

Carrie Coon (Agnes White) - “Bug” - Steppenwolf Theatre Company  
Chaon Cross (Helena) - “Midsummer (A Play with Songs)” - The Greenhouse Theater Center  
Charles Andrew Gardner (Teeny) - “His Shadow: A Parable” - 16th Street Theater  
Harry Hadden-Paton (Bertie) - “The King’s Speech” - Chicago Shakespeare Theater  
Patrick Mulvey (Bob) - “Midsummer (A Play with Songs)” - The Greenhouse Theater Center  
Kelvin Roston, Jr. (Hedley) - “King Hedley II” - Court Theatre  
Leslie Ann Sheppard (Amina) - “Sheepdog” - Shattered Globe Theatre  
Julia Siple (Jenny) - “Mosquitoes” - Steep Theatre Company  
Namir Smallwood (Peter Evans) - “Bug” - Steppenwolf Theatre Company  
Eliza Stoughton (Margaret Schlegel) - “Howards End” - Remy Bumppo Theatre Company  
Bri Sudia (Mona Juul) - “Oslo” - TimeLine Theatre Company

**PERFORMER IN A PRINCIPAL ROLE - MUSICAL**

Josh Drake (Jerry Mulligan) - "An American in Paris" - Drury Lane Productions  
Leigh-Ann Esty (Lise Dassin) - "An American in Paris" - Drury Lane Productions  
Lucy Godinez (Nancy) - "Oliver!" - Marriott Theatre  
Beth Stafford Laird (Belle) - "Beauty and the Beast" - Paramount Theatre  
Eben K. Logan (Celie) - "The Color Purple" - Drury Lane Productions  
Emilie Lynn (Mary Poppins) - "Mary Poppins" - Drury Lane Productions  
Alex Prakken (Jack Kelly) - "Disney's Newsies" - Paramount Theatre  
Hollis Resnik (Norma Desmond) - "Sunset Boulevard" - Porchlight Music Theatre  
Billy Harrigan Tighe (Brantley Foster) - "The Secret of My Success" - Paramount Theatre  
Jonah D. Winston (King Arthur) - "Monty Python's Spamalot" - Mercury Theater Chicago

**SOLO PERFORMANCE**

Deirdre O'Connell (Dana H.) - "Dana H." - Goodman Theatre  
Rebecca Spence (Narrator) - "Every Brilliant Thing" - Windy City Playhouse

**PERFORMER IN A REVUE**

Harmony France / Christina Hall (Patsy Cline / Louise Seger) - "Always...Patsy Cline" - Firebrand Theatre  
Donica Lynn (The Chanteuse) - "Duke Ellington's Sophisticated Ladies" - Porchlight Music Theatre  
Lorenzo Rush Jr. (The Raconteur) - "Duke Ellington's Sophisticated Ladies" - Porchlight Music Theatre

**PERFORMER IN A SUPPORTING ROLE - PLAY**

Kierra Bunch (Tonya) - "King Hedley II" - Court Theatre  
Lisa Dawn (Jen) - "The Cake" - Buffalo Theatre Ensemble  
Anish Jethmalani (Ahmed Qurie) - "Oslo" - TimeLine Theatre Company  
Dan Klarer (Egbert Bakewell) - "Jeeves Saves the Day" - First Folio Theatre  
James Leaming (Ronald Reagan) - "Five Presidents" - American Blues Theater  
Marcus D. Moore (Kodak/Man) - "His Shadow: A Parable" - 16th Street Theater  
Deanna Reed-Foster (Pearl Thomas) - "The First Deep Breath" - Victory Gardens Theater  
Sadieh Rifai (Eva) - "Do You Feel Anger?" - A Red Orchid Theatre  
James Seol (Wen Chang) - "The Great Leap" - Steppenwolf Theatre Company  
A.C. Smith (Elmore) - "King Hedley II" - Court Theatre  
John Tufts (Edmond Rostand) - "Bernhardt/Hamlet" - Goodman Theatre  
Celeste Williams (Ruth Jones) - "The First Deep Breath" - Victory Gardens Theater  
Larry Yando (Constant Coquelin) - "Bernhardt/Hamlet" - Goodman Theatre

**PERFORMER IN A SUPPORTING ROLE - MUSICAL**

Ephie Aardema (Harriet Smith) - "Emma" - Chicago Shakespeare Theater  
Larry Adams (Max von Mayerling) - "Sunset Boulevard" - Porchlight Music Theatre  
Skyler Adams (Adam Hochberg) - "An American in Paris" - Drury Lane Productions  
Sydney Charles (Shug Avery) - "The Color Purple" - Drury Lane Productions  
Erica Evans (Milo Davenport) - "An American in Paris" - Drury Lane Productions  
Jackson Evans (Lumiere) - "Beauty and the Beast" - Paramount Theatre  
Jason Grimm (Hines) - "The Pajama Game" - Theatre at the Center  
Nicole Michelle Haskins (Sofia) - "The Color Purple" - Drury Lane Productions  
Heidi Kettenring (Vera Prescott) - "The Secret of My Success" - Paramount Theatre  
Ross Lehman (Nostradamus) - "Something Rotten!" - Marriott Theatre  
Meghan Murphy (Lady of the Lake) - "Monty Python's Spamalot" - Mercury Theater Chicago

**SCENIC DESIGN - LARGE**

William Boles - "Disney's Newsies" - Paramount Theatre  
Linda Buchanan - "Stick Fly" - Writers Theatre  
Regina Garcia - "King Hedley II" - Court Theatre  
Takeshi Kata - "Bug" - Steppenwolf Theatre Company  
Jeffrey D. Kmiec - "Beauty and the Beast" - Paramount Theatre

**SCENIC DESIGN - MIDSIZE**

Kurtis Boetcher - "Grey House" - A Red Orchid Theatre  
William Boles - "The Boys in the Band" - Windy City Playhouse  
José Manuel Díaz-Soto - "Twice, Thrice, Frice..." - Silk Road Rising in association with  
International Voices Project  
Angela Weber Miller - "Sherlock's Last Case" - First Folio Theatre  
Joe Schermoly - "The Gulf" - About Face Theatre

**COSTUME DESIGN - LARGE**

Karl Green - "An American in Paris" - Drury Lane Productions  
Theresa Ham - "Beauty and the Beast" - Paramount Theatre  
Theresa Ham - "Duke Ellington's Sophisticated Ladies" - Porchlight Music Theatre  
Theresa Ham - "Something Rotten!" - Marriott Theatre  
Robin L. McGee - "Mary Poppins" - Drury Lane Productions  
Alison Siple - "The Mousetrap" - Court Theatre

**COSTUME DESIGN - MIDSIZE**

Uriel Gomez - "The Boys in the Band" - Windy City Playhouse  
Kristy Leigh Hall - "Howards End" - Remy Bumpo Theatre Company  
Rachel Lambert - "Jeeves Saves the Day" - First Folio Theatre

**SOUND DESIGN - LARGE**

Mikhail Fiksel - "Dana H." - Goodman Theatre  
Christopher M. LaPorte - "King Hedley II" - Court Theatre  
Jeffrey Levin - "Kill Move Paradise" - TimeLine Theatre Company  
Andre Pluess and Christopher LaPorte - "Oedipus Rex" - Court Theatre  
Josh Schmidt - "Bug" - Steppenwolf Theatre Company

**SOUND DESIGN - MIDSIZE**

Grover Hollway - "Verböten" - The House Theatre of Chicago  
Christopher Kriz - "Sheepdog" - Shattered Globe Theatre  
Jeffrey Levin - "Grey House" - A Red Orchid Theatre  
Sarah D. Espinoza - "The Boys in the Band" - Windy City Playhouse

**LIGHTING DESIGN - LARGE**

Lee Fiskness - "An American in Paris" - Drury Lane Productions  
Lee Fiskness - "Into the Woods" - Writers Theatre  
Heather Gilbert - "Bug" - Steppenwolf Theatre Company  
Jesse Klug - "Beauty and the Beast" - Paramount Theatre  
Keith Parham - "The Great Leap" - Steppenwolf Theatre Company  
Keith Parham - "Oedipus Rex" - Court Theatre

**LIGHTING DESIGN - MIDSIZE**

Erik S. Barry - "The Boys in the Band" - Windy City Playhouse  
Mike Durst - "Howards End" - Remy Bumpo Theatre Company  
Mike Durst and Claire Chrzan - "Grey House" - A Red Orchid Theatre  
David Goodman-Edberg - "His Shadow: A Parable" - 16th Street Theater  
Rachel Levy - "The Gulf" - About Face Theatre  
Jason Lynch - "Sheepdog" - Shattered Globe Theatre

**CHOREOGRAPHY**

Joshua Blake Carter - "Disney's Newsies" - Paramount Theatre  
Brenda Didier & Florence Walker-Harris - "Duke Ellington's Sophisticated Ladies" - Porchlight Music Theatre  
Linda Fortunato - "Irving Berlin's White Christmas" - Theatre at the Center  
Lynne Kurdziel-Formato - "An American in Paris" - Drury Lane Productions  
Alex Sanchez - "Something Rotten!" - Marriott Theatre

**ORIGINAL MUSIC IN A PLAY**

John Gromada - "The King's Speech" - Chicago Shakespeare Theater  
Pornchanok Kanchanabanca - "The Great Leap" - Steppenwolf Theatre Company  
Ladysmith Black Mambazo - "Lindiwe" - Steppenwolf Theatre Company  
Jeffrey Levin - "Kill Move Paradise" - TimeLine Theatre Company  
Joanna Lynne Staub - "Bernhardt/Hamlet" - Goodman Theatre

**MUSIC DIRECTION**

Matt Deitchman - "Into the Woods" - Writers Theatre  
Jermaine Hill - "The Color Purple" - Drury Lane Productions  
Jermaine Hill - "Duke Ellington's Sophisticated Ladies" - Porchlight Music Theatre  
Chris Sargent - "An American in Paris" - Drury Lane Productions  
Andra Velis Simon - "Always...Patsy Cline" - Firebrand Theatre  
William Underwood - "Almost Heaven: John Denver's America" - Theatre at the Center

**PROJECTION DESIGN**

Anthony Churchill - "Sunset Boulevard" - Porchlight Music Theatre  
Hana Kim - "The King's Speech" - Chicago Shakespeare Theater  
Kevan Loney - "An American in Paris" - Drury Lane Productions  
Kevan Loney - "Mary Poppins" - Drury Lane Productions  
Mike Tutaj - "Oslo" - TimeLine Theatre Company  
Mike Tutaj - "The Secret of My Success" - Paramount Theatre

**ARTISTIC SPECIALIZATION**

Breon Arzell - "Kill Move Paradise" - TimeLine Theatre Company  
Steve Cuiffo - "Dana H." - Goodman Theatre  
Micah Figueroa - "The Leopard Play, or Sad Songs for Lost Boys" - Steep Theatre Company  
Matt Hawkins - "How to Defend Yourself" - Victory Gardens Theater  
Wendy A. Huber and Margaret Garofalo - "Sherlock's Last Case" - First Folio Theatre  
Erin Kilmurray - "Oedipus Rex" - Court Theatre

## **MULTIPLE NOMINATIONS**

### **BY THEATRE COMPANY**

Drury Lane Productions	22
Paramount Theatre	13
Court Theatre	11
Porchlight Music Theatre	11
Steppenwolf Theatre Company	11
TimeLine Theatre Company	10
A Red Orchid Theatre	8
Writers Theatre	8
Goodman Theatre	7
Marriott Theatre	7
Victory Gardens Theater	7
Windy City Playhouse	7
16 <sup>th</sup> Street Theater	6
Chicago Shakespeare Theater	5
Remy Bumppo Theatre Company	5
Shattered Globe Theatre	5
Steep Theatre Company	5
Firebrand Theatre	4
First Folio Theatre	4
The House Theatre of Chicago	4
Mercury Theater Chicago	4
The Greenhouse Theater Center	3
Northlight Theatre	3
Theatre at the Center	3
About Face Theatre	2
Silk Road Rising in association with International Voices Project	2

## **BY PRODUCTION**

“An American in Paris”	12
“Duke Ellington’s Sophisticated Ladies”	8
“Bug”	7
“The Color Purple”	7
“Grey House”	7
“King Hedley II”	7
“Beauty and the Beast”	6
“The Boys in the Band”	6
“His Shadow: A Parable”	6
“Something Rotten!”	6
“The First Deep Breath”	5
“Howards End”	5
“Into the Woods”	5
“Kill Move Paradise”	5
“Oslo”	5
“Sheepdog”	5
“Always...Patsy Cline”	4
“The King’s Speech”	4
“The Leopard Play, or Sad Songs for Lost Boys”	4
“Monty Python’s Spamalot”	4
“The Secret of My Success”	4
“Verböten”	4
“Bernhardt/Hamlet”	3
“Dana H.”	3
“Disney’s Newsies”	3
“The Great Leap”	3
“Mary Poppins”	3
“Midsummer (A Play with Songs)”	3
“Oedipus Rex”	3
“Stick Fly”	3
“Sunset Boulevard”	3
“The Gulf”	2
“How to Defend Yourself”	2
“Jeeves Saves the Day”	2
“Sherlock’s Last Case”	2
“Twice, Thrice, Frice...”	2
“The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley”	2

**BY INDIVIDUAL**

William Boles	3	
Wardell Julius Clark	3	
Theresa Ham	3	
Jeffrey Levin	3	
Brenda Didier & Florence Walker-Harris	2	
Mike Durst	2	1 with Claire Chrzan
Lee Fiskness	2	
Jermaine Hill	2	
Lynne Kurdziel-Formato	2	
Christopher M. LaPorte	2	1 with André Pluess
Kevan Loney	2	
Keith Parham	2	
Mike Tutaj	2	