

# All the 2019 Naledi Theatre Awards winners

The winners of the 15th annual Naledi Theatre Awards were announced on the Mandela Stage at the Joburg Theatre on 20 May 2019. The biggest winner of the night was the musical *The Color Purple*, which collected seven awards, followed by *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, which received three awards, and the new South African play *Shoes and Coups* and the children's theatre piece *Goggas*, which both garnered two awards.

The 2019 Naledi judges saw nearly 100 productions during 2018. After which they voted for their respective favourites; the votes for productions are done in secret and the results are audited.



*The Color Purple*

## Complete list of the winners of the 15th Annual Naledi Theatre Awards:

### ***Best supporting actress***

Heidi Mollentze as Rona in *The Revlon Girl*

### ***Best supporting actor***

Sipho Zakwe in *Shoes & Coups*

### ***Best production for children and young audiences (Aged 0 – 13)***

*Goggas!* Prod. by National Children's Theatre, written by Gillian Katz adapted by Francois Theron, dir. by Jade Bowers

### ***Best production for children and young audiences (Aged 14 – 17)***

*polkadots* Prod. by Redhill School in partnership with &CO, dir. by Shelley Adriaanzen

**Best performance in a production for young audiences**

Jaques De Silva as Antic the Ant in *Goggas!*

**Best breakthrough performance**

Ryan de Villiers as Miss Trunchbull in Roald Dahl's *Matilda*

**Best costume design**

Fred Abrahamse and Marcel Meyer – *Macbeth*

**Best lighting design**

Gareth Hewitt Williams – *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*



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**Best AV/animation design**

Gareth Hewitt Williams – *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*

**Best set design**

Stan Knight – *Fool for Love*

**Best sound design**

Ntuthuko Mbuyazi – *Florence*

**Best score/arrangement/adaptation**

Kabelo “Bonafide” Togoe and Aubrey Sekhabi – *Freedom*

**Best musical director**

Rowan Bakker – *The Color Purple*

**Best ensemble**

*Hani: The Legacy* – Prod. by The Market Theatre Laboratory, created by graduates of The Market Theatre Laboratory, dir. by Leila Henriques

**Best original choreography**

Oscar Buthelezi – *The Color Purple*

“Wow! I am beyond proud! Well done to *The Color Purple* for winning Best Production of a Musical at the [@NalediAwardsSA](#) [#NalediAwards2019](#) [pic.twitter.com/pPaK0Vvfk4](#)— Bronwen Hirshowitz (@BronwenKerry) [May 20, 2019](#)”

**Best director of a musical /revue**

Janice Honeyman – *The Color Purple*

**Best director of a play**

Charmaine Weir-Smith – *The Train Driver*

***Best supporting/featured performance in a musical/revue: female***

Lelo Ramasimong as Shug Avery – *The Color Purple*

***Best supporting/featured performance in a musical/revue: male***

Yamikani Mahaka-Phiri as Harpo in *The Color Purple*

***Best lead performance in a musical (female)***

Didintle Khunou as Celie in *The Color Purple*

***Best lead performance in a musical (male)***

Paul du Toit as Hedwig in *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*

***Best lead performance in a play (female)***

Zikhona Sodlaka as Queenie in *Nongogo*

***Best lead performance in a play (male)***

Kai Luke Brummer as Christopher Boone in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*

***Best performance in a solo production: female/male***

Daniel Mpilo Richards – *Land Acts*

***Best new SA script***

*Shoes & Coups* – Prod. by The Market Theatre Written and dir. by Palesa Mazamisa

***Best production of a play***

*Tshepang: The Third Testament* – Prod. by Joburg Theatre, written and dir. by Lara Foot

***Best production of a musical***

*The Color Purple* – Prod. by Joburg Theatre and Bernard Jay, dir. by Janice Honeyman

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