

Media Release

Luminato Celebrates Artists from 2019 Season Nominated for Annual Dora Awards

June 9, 2020 (Toronto, Canada) – Today Luminato Festival Toronto, Toronto’s international arts festival dedicated to performance, media and visual arts, and programming that cuts across traditional artform boundaries, congratulates all the artists nominated for Dora Mavor Moore Awards including those from our 2019 Festival who were recognized with 14 nominations. Seven Luminato 2019 productions (*Forget Me Not*, *Four Sisters*, *The Cave*, *Obeah Opera*, *Hell’s Fury*, *Kira*, and *Rite of Spring*) are celebrated in five Award Divisions including General Theatre, Musical Theatre, Opera, Dance and Touring. Produced by the Toronto Alliance for the Performing Arts (TAPA), the Dora Mavor Moore Awards celebrate excellence in Toronto’s professional performing arts sector for theatre, dance and opera.

Luminato Festival’s 2019 Dora Mavor Moore Award nominees are:

General Theatre Division

- *Forget Me Not* Ronnie Burkett – Outstanding Production
- *Forget Me Not* Ronnie Burkett – Outstanding New Play
- *Forget Me Not* Ronnie Burkett – Outstanding Costume Design
- *Four Sisters* Kaitlin Hickey – Outstanding Lighting Design

Musical Theatre Division

- *The Cave* John Millard, Tomson Highway & Martha Ross – Outstanding New Musical
- *Obeah Opera* Anthony Prime Guerra – Outstanding Original Choreography
- *Obeah Opera* Tu Nokwe – Outstanding Performance in a Featured Role

Opera Division

- *Hell’s Fury*, *The Hollywood Songbook* Tim Albery – Outstanding New Opera
- *Hell’s Fury*, *The Hollywood Songbook* Michael Mori, Tim Albery – Outstanding Direction
- *Hell’s Fury*, *The Hollywood Songbook* Cameron Davis – Outstanding Projection Design
- *Hell’s Fury*, *The Hollywood Songbook* Russel Braun – Outstanding Performance by an Individual

Dance Division

- *Kira*, *The Path* / *La Voie Fara* Tolno, Outstanding Achievement in Design

Touring Division

- *Rite of Spring* Yang Liping / Peacock Contemporary Dance Co, Outstanding Touring Production

Special congratulations also to Soundstreams, who are nominated for Outstanding Production, Opera Division for *Hell’s Fury*, *The Hollywood Songbook*.

“We applaud all the artists recognized today for their outstanding work, but we want to highlight the work of the Black and Indigenous artists of *Obeah Opera*, *Kira*, *The Path | La Voie* and *The Cave*, whose lives and careers have been made harder because of rampant systemic racism in our industry. We are honoured to collaborate with you; we are listening and studying, and we will take steps to dismantle the racist structures that have benefited our organization,” said Naomi Campbell, Luminato’s Artistic Director.

The 41st annual Dora Mavor Moore Awards for the 2019-20 season will be presented virtually on Monday, June 29 at 7:30 pm (EDT). To join and watch the celebrations tune into the [Dora Awards YouTube Channel](#) and to cast your vote for your favourite production vote now for the [Jon Kaplan Audience Choice Award](#). Act now as voting continues until June 21 (midnight). The winner will be announced during the live event on June 29.

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Luminato Festival Toronto is Toronto’s international arts festival dedicated to performance, media and visual arts, and programming that cuts across traditional artform boundaries. Luminato works closely with Canadian artists to support the development and creation of distinctive new works, as well as presenting today’s most exciting artists from around the world. Luminato was founded in 2007 and will be celebrating the 15th anniversary of the Festival in 2021. For more information visit <https://luminatofestival.com/> or follow us on Twitter: [@Luminato](#) | Facebook: [LuminatoFestival](#) | Instagram: [@LuminatoFestival](#) | LinkedIn: [Luminato](#) | Youtube: [LuminatoEvents](#)

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