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# Alberta Theatre Projects leads the pack at the Betty Mitchell Awards

**Calgary, AB-** Shakespeare's Dog, the first show of the 2009/2010 Season at Alberta Theatre Projects, received 4 wins at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Betty Mitchell Awards on Monday August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

- Julie Orton: Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role (Shakespeare's Dog)
- David LeReaney: Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role (Shakespeare's Dog)
- John Pennoyer: Outstanding Costume Design (Shakespeare's Dog)
- Haysam Kadri: Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Drama (Shakespeare's Dog) \*Shared with Frank Zotter (Filth)

The rest of the season and its shows were celebrated and acknowledged throughout the evening, with a **grand total of ten awards won!** In addition to the 4 Shakespeare's Dog wins, the following awards were received:

- Adrian Young: Outstanding Choreography or Fight Direction (The Highest Step in the World)
- I, Claudia received the FFWD Weekly Readers' Choice Award
- Chris Abraham: Outstanding Direction (I, Claudia)
- Valerie Planche: Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Drama (Communion)
- The Highest Step in the World won Outstanding Production of a Play \*shared with Evelyn Strange (Vertigo Theatre)

Our own Vicki Stroich, Artistic Associate – Festival, was awarded the **Outstanding Achievement Award** for her passion and dedication to Calgary's theatre community over the past 10 years. "We are very proud to have her as part of our team, spearheading so many fantastic projects and supporting all of the work we do on our

stage. More than a dramaturg, more than an arts-advocate, she is a woman who supports theatre unlike any other! We're just so proud to have her do her work with us at Alberta Theatre Projects," said Amy Lynn Strilchuk, Assistant Dramaturg at Alberta Theatre Projects.

Alberta Theatre Projects congratulates the winners and the nominees of the Betty Mitchell Awards, which honour distinction in Calgary's professional theatre community.

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