



# FRESH FRUIT FESTIVAL

The 17th Annual  
AWARDS of DISTINCTION

November 18th, 2019  
Bowery Poets Club  
Noho, New York City

*THE BEST FROM*

# The 2019 Fresh Fruit Festival The 17th Annual FRUITIE AWARDS

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Parlor Tricks - 2019



**Kalia Lay, Kyra Adams in "Parlor Tricks" photo: Louis Lopardi**

## **Opening Remarks**

Dr. Jeffrey Leeds - President, All Out Arts

Louis Lopardi - Executive Director

Liz Thaler - Artistic Director

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**SPECIAL DISTINCTION for a STAGED READING  
Frank Calo, for "Night Visions" by Johnny B Dunn**

**The AUDIENCE FAVORITE Award  
Bill Bowers, for "All Over The Map"**

OUTSTANDING DANCE - Choreography/Performance  
**Jeff Davis - for “French Trio”**

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**Jesse Factor - for “Marthagany”**

**The FRESH FRUIT SPIRIT Award**  
**Sarah Elisabeth Brown - for “Lovebird Jamboree”**

OUTSTANDING ENSEMBLE  
**the cast & crew of “Lovebird Jamboree”**  
**directed by Kathryn McConnell**  
stage manager, Jaclyn Lusardi

OUTSTANDING FEATURED PERFORMANCE, Full Length Play  
**Inji El Gammal**  
in “Bismillah” - by Nakisa Aschtiani

OUTSTANDING 1-ACT PLAY  
**Tim Aumiller & Scott Schneider**  
for “Once Begun”

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OUTSTANDING LEAD PERFORMANCE in a Play  
**Austin Larkin**  
in “Head First” - directed by Lester Thomas Shane

OUTSTANDING LEAD PERFORMANCE in a Play  
**Cooper Koch**  
in “Head First” - directed by Lester Thomas Shane

OUTSTANDING DIRECTION  
**Lester Thomas Shane**  
for “Head First” - by Dennis Bush

OUTSTANDING PLAY

**Dennis Bush**  
for “Head First”

OUTSTANDING SOLO SHOW

**Cecilia Gentili**  
for “The Knife Cuts Both Ways”  
directed by Gene Fischer

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Performance: **Dillon Heape and Mikey Rosenbaum**  
“Andrew’s Lament/ A New Kind of Home”  
from “Metropolitan”

OUTSTANDING LIGHTING & VIDEO DESIGN

**David Haan & Tom Picasso**  
for “Metropolitan”

OUTSTANDING LEAD PERFORMANCE in a MUSICAL

**Leigh Williams**  
in “Metropolitan” - directed by Emily Jeanne Brown

OUTSTANDING LEAD PERFORMANCE in a MUSICAL

**Dillon Heape**  
in “Metropolitan” - directed by Emily Jeanne Brown

OUTSTANDING MUSICAL

**Tom Picasso & Mikey Rosenbaum**  
for “Metropolitan”

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OUTSTANDING SET & COSTUME DESIGN

**Emily Rose Parman**

for “Parlor Tricks” - directed by Emily Rose Parman

OUTSTANDING FEATURED PERFORMANCE in a PLAY

**Kyra Adams**

in “Parlor Tricks” - directed by Emily Rose Parman

OUTSTANDING LEAD PERFORMANCE in a PLAY

**Terrence Christgau**

in “Parlor Tricks” - directed by Emily Rose Parman

OUTSTANDING LEAD PERFORMANCE in a PLAY

**Kalia Lay**

in “Parlor Tricks” - directed by Emily Rose Parman



*The All Out Arts Community Awards*

**The HONEYBERRY AWARD**

*"Unrecognized Service to the LGBT Community"*

**“TRU” - Theater Resources Unlimited**

Bob Ost, Gary Hughes, & Cheryl L. Davis - founders

**The PASSIONFRUIT Award**

*"Serving the Community & Enlarging Our World"*

**Broadway Cares / Equity Fights Aids**

Tom Viola, Executive Director

accepting: Nick Mayo, Development

**The HARRY WIEDER Award for Community Service**

*"Outstanding Service to the Arts and LGBT Communities"*

**Honorable Daniel Dromm, New York City Council**

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Afterword and Best Wishes

**Frank Calo**

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## Regards & Recognition



All Out Arts honors

### **Hon. Daniel Dromm**

- A progressive leader in Queens for over 20 years, elected to the New York City Council in 2009 and represents District 25 (Jackson Heights & Elmhurst).
- Serving as the Chairperson of the Finance Committee and has been an essential part of the LGBTQ Caucus of the Council throughout that time.

### **Broadway Cares/Equity Fights Aids**

- Since the late 1980s, formulating and executing a meaningful response to the AIDS epidemic
- Raising public (and private!) awareness of the true impact of critical health issues on the arts communities
- Coordinating the entire entertainment industry's response

### **Theater Resources Unlimited**

- Information Central! If ever there was one, since 1992 Not just Networking - It actually listens to its membership and adapts.
- A little-known safety net of personal outreach to the LGBT theatre community
- A Producer of Producers



#### **“Fighting Prejudice Through The Arts”**

Dr. Jeffrey Leeds - President

Executive Director - Louis Lopardi

Artistic Director - Liz Thaler

Production Manager - Frank Calo

Literary Manager - Patrick T. McCarthy

For More Information on All our events  
(and to Join our Mailing List!)  
[www.FreshFruitFestival.Com](http://www.FreshFruitFestival.Com)

## Coming Events

### OUTwright 2020

The ALL OUT ARTS Playwrights annual Developmental Readings Lab. Full-cast readings in a supportive environment with audience feedback and Q&A.

All readings at SHETLER STUDIOS, 244 West 54th Street in Manhattan. And, thanks to the generosity of the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs and the New York City Council, admission is FREE, and playwrights are paid.

It's not too early to think about submitting your developing work. Full guidelines will be posted with the call for submissions in early Spring of 2020.

### Fresh Fruit Festival 2020

**Is your work stage-ready?** Apply to the Main-Stage Festival. December Call for submissions will be posted in Playbill, Facebook, and to our mailing list. No application fee; No hidden ticket fees; and producers receive a share of the box office at no cost.

Save The Dates:

**The 17th Annual, Main-stage**

**FRESH FRUIT FESTIVAL**

**July 6 through 19, 2020**

**at THE WILD PROJECT -195 East 3rd Street**

*For Details: FreshFruitFestival.Com*

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- They Keep The Fruit Fresh -

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### ALL OUT ARTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wendy Gardner, Todd Geringswald, Jeff Goodman, Jeffrey G. Leeds, Janice "Cookie" Pemberton, Suellen Rubin

### ADVISORY COUNCIL

Frank Calo, Dirk McCall, Rona Holub, Carol Polcovar, Doug DeVita, Hal Rainbow, Tom Smith

### ALL OUT ARTS STAFF

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Louis Lopardi

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR: Liz Thaler

### Staff for The Awards

Production Manager: Frank Calo; Stage Manager: Vivian Tong  
Awards Fabrication: Vivian Tong, Louis Lopardi, Aoi Sato, Jay Giufò  
Program: Louis Lopardi Award Plaque Design: Nick Curto

## BOWERY ARTS + SCIENCE

### For Bowery Poets Club

Bob Holman - Founder, Artistic Director

Mason Granger - Executive Director

Julius Baltonado - Program Director & Intern Coordinator

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