

# Pulsars XI - MSU and Peppermint Creek win big at City Pulse 2015 Theater Awards

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The Greater Lansing theater community gathered Monday night as City Pulse honored the best in local theater with its annual Pulsar awards. WMMQ morning show co-host Deb Hart emceed the evening, and City Pulse's theater judges and staff were on hand to hand out trophies to the winners MSU's Department of Theatre was the big winner of the evening. The group took home 16 awards, largely on the strength of its productions of '60s rock musical "Hair" and the salacious drama "Les Liaisons Dangereuses." Dan Smith, assistant professor of theater studies, provided some comic relief, accepting nearly a dozen of the awards on behalf of colleagues and students who were unable to attend the ceremony. (Smith did get some hardware of his own, snagging the Best Director award for "Les Liaisons Dangereuses.")

Peppermint Creek Theatre Co. also had a big night. The troupe took home six Pulsar awards, winning several acting awards and the coveted Best Musical award for its staging of "Dogfight."

City Pulse theater writer Paul Wozniak gave a touching tribute to Bill Woodland for his nearly 50 years of service to the theater community, describing his love and dedication to building sets to help others shine.

"This is what local theater is all about," Wozniak said.



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2015 PULSAR AWARDS WINNERS

Best Play - "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" MSU Department of Theatre

Best Lead Actor—Musical - Martin Underhill — "Camelot" Starlight Dinner Theatre

Best Featured Actress — Play - Colleen Bethea — "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike" Riverwalk Theatre

Best Costume Design - Elspeth Williams — "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" MSU Department of Theatre

Best Musical - "Dogfight" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.

Best Lead Actress—Musical - Jayna Katz — "Dogfight" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.

Best Musical Director - Dave Wendelberger — "Hair" MSU Department of Theatre

Best Hair/Make-Up Design - Angie Wendelberger — "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" MSU Department of Theatre

Best Director—Play - Dan Smith — "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" MSU Department of Theatre

Best Supporting Actor — Play - Todd Heywood — "Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo" Peppermint Creek Theatre

Best Choreographer - Kellyn Uhl — "Hair" MSU Department of Theatre

Best Original Script - Rob Roznowski — "60/50 Theatre Project" MSU Department of Theatre

Best Director—Musical - Deric McNish — "Hair" MSU Department of Theatre

Best Supporting Actress — Play - Wendy Hedstrom — "Miracle on South Division Street" Williamston Theatre

Best Set Design - Daniel Hobbs — "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" MSU Department of Theatre

Best Ensemble — Play - "Best of Friends" Riverwalk Theatre

Best Lead Actor—Play - Kirill Sheynerman — "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" MSU Department of Theatre

Best Supporting Actor — Musical - Matthew Bill — "Dogfight" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.

Best Properties - Daniel Hobbs — "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" MSU Department of Theatre

Best Ensemble — Musical - "Hair" MSU Department of Theatre

Best Lead Actress—Play - Mary Dilworth — "Venus in Fur" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.

Best Supporting Actress — Musical - Amanda Harvey — "Dogfight" Peppermint Creek Theatre Co.

Best Featured Actor — Play - Zev Steinberg — "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" MSU Department of Theatre

Best Sound Design - Steve Parkinson — “Les Liaisons Dangereuses” MSU Department of Theatre