



**ALL SHOOK UP
BEST PRODUCTION
LORI GIRVAN**



**GOING POSTAL
BEST DIRECTOR
PAMELA NIESIOBEDZKI-
CURTIS**



**GOING POSTAL
BEST STAGE MANAGEMENT
RO PALUMBO-
COATES**

Local theatre companies win Theas

By **ROXANNE THORTON**
Georgetown Little Theatre

The Association for Community Theatres-Central Ontario (ACT-CO) held its gala awards night last Saturday in Vaughan.

More than 600 actors, directors, members of casts and crews came to recognize their very best at the prestigious ACT-CO Gala — the Academy Awards for community theatres.

Of the 50 productions, not only did Georgetown bring home the Theas (the ACT-CO version of the Oscars) but they reaped many nominations as well. In the Musical Category Globe's *All Shook Up* won Best Production (Lori Girvan, Producer) for outstanding consistency across the board in all areas of production and performance. Also nominated were Craig Marshall (Director), Keith Baker (Lighting Design), Mary Udell (Costume Design), Erica Harvey (Musical Director) and Jen Marshall (Choreographer).

In the Comedy Category Georgetown Little Theatre's *Going Postal* received 11 nominations and four Theas. When presenting Best Director, the adjudicator remarked that

"the direction of a piece like *Going Postal* is a daunting and monumental task. The work is almost Wagnerian in its proportions. Director Pamela Niesiojedzki-Curtis provided us with a unified, coherent fantasy world known as Discworld. The choices she made in bringing this world to life were strong and salient. From design to stage direction to music, the strong ruling idea she brought to the production was as unique as the work itself."

Also winning Theas were Cat Heaven (Set Design), Carmen Braund (Adjudicator award) and Ro Palumbo-Coates (Stage Management). Nominations were Gillian Taggart (Best Production), Mike Tadic and Ian O'Brien (Male Supporting Role), Ken Smith and Michelle Empson (Lighting Design), Sharon Vandenberg and Pamela Curtis (Costume Design), Alex Kanarek and Gary McIlravey (Sound Design) and Steve Kirk (Male Lead). GLT's John Wallace (Male Lead) also received a nomination for *Skin Flick*.

With such outstanding results, one has to wonder why anyone would go to Toronto to see a show when the very best, community theatre is right here in our own back yard. Congratulations to all the nominees and winners.

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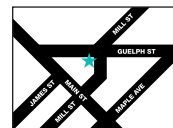
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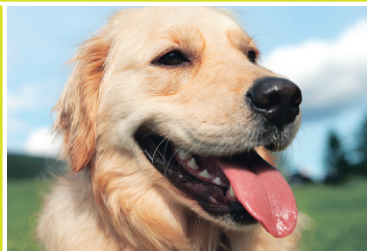
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