

ARTS FOR LIFE

THEATRE MASKS AWARDS SCORING CRITERIA FOR NOMINATIONS

1. Twelve Theatre Masks Awards Judges' Panel members are assigned at random to score a production. Two of the twelve are alternate judges and their scores are only used if another assigned judge does not attend.
2. All twelve judges assign each achievement category (show, director, set designer, lighting designer, costume designer, original play) and each character on stage listed in the program with a score from a scale between 1 and 10. The scores are inputted into the AFL automated computer judging system using the judge's number and password. Scores must be entered within two weeks after the show closes.
3. The scores from the ten judges who are not alternates are collected for each category. The highest and lowest scores from each category are dropped before the remaining scores are averaged for each achievement and performance category of that show.
4. The TMA Category Placement Committee (a subcommittee of the TMA Judges' Panel) meets and decides whether each role is a leading or supporting performance. Also, this committee determines which plays fall into the drama or comedy category. The overall results of the actions taken in #2 and #3 are not disclosed to any member of any committee at this time. And, no one but the independent person tallying the votes knows who the winners are.
5. Following the determination of the final scores and categories, nominations are then made up of the five highest scores within each award category. It is the discretion of the TMA Judges' Panel chairman to increase that number to, but no higher than, six (6) nominees per category. To be nominated in any category the average score must be seven (7) or above.
6. The winner of the Theatre Masks Awards is the person with the highest averaged score within each category. There is no final voting process.
7. A judge must attend at least six (6) shows for his/her scores to count and at least eight (8) shows to earn a complimentary ticket to the following Theatre Masks Awards event. If a judge attends 5 or less assigned shows, all scores from that judge are eliminated and either the alternate judge's scores are tallied or the scores for that show are tallied with one less judge's input.