

## Theatre League heaps nominations on local theaters

*Hi-Desert Star*

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MORONGO BASIN — Hi-Desert Cultural Center in Joshua Tree and Groves Cabin Theatre in Morongo Valley both were honored with numerous nominations for the Desert Theatre League's annual awards show.

Jarrold Radnich, 25-year-old President of the non-profit theater observed, "We are honored and humbled by such prestigious nominations, and we are very proud of the actors, actresses and technicians that also received nominations for their acting and other talents."

Groves Cabin Theatre swept most of the one-act play categories with its productions of "The Dianalogues" and "Women's Perspectives Then and Now," comprising "Aria Da Capo," "Family Names" and "Vital Signs."

"Hotel Virginia" also was noticed in several categories, most notably Outstanding Production of a Drama.

For the Hi-Desert Playhouse, productions of the comedy "Bullshot Crummond" and the holiday classic "A Christmas Carol" garnered a total of 27 nominations.

"Bullshot Crummond" is nominated for Outstanding Production of a Comedy and "A Christmas Carol" for Outstanding Production of a Drama.

At least two people from the Morongo Basin are nominated for productions in the Coachella Valley.

For their work in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at College of the Desert, Diamond Braverman shares a nomination with Tod Kent for Outstanding Props and Special Effects for a Drama. Braverman's work in the Shakespearean play also earned him a nomination for Outstanding Set Design for a Drama."

From the same production, Hannah Mae Drescher is nominated for Outstanding Juvenile in a Drama.

Local productions nominated for the Desert Theatre League's awards include:

Groves Cabin Theatre:

**'The Dianalogues'**

- Outstanding Supporting Actress One Act/Short Play: Tarin Cochran, Hannah Covington, Joy Groves
- Outstanding Supporting Actor One Act/Short Play: Ralph Simmons
- Outstanding Costume Design One Act/Short Play: Kim Peacher
- Outstanding Sound Design One Act/Short Play: Wendy Cohen

**'Hotel Virginia'**

- Outstanding Production in a Drama
- Outstanding Original Writing in a Drama: Jack Fitzgerald
- Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama: Dolores Becker, Susan Bradley
- Outstanding Costumes in a Drama: Marilena Padilla
- Outstanding Sound in a Drama: Bob Harrison
- Outstanding Set Design in a Drama: Ralph Simmons
- Outstanding Lighting in a Drama: Bob Harrison
- Outstanding Props and Special Effects in a Drama: Bob Harrison

**'Aria Da Capo'**

- Outstanding Lead Actress One Act/Short Play: Joy Groves
- Outstanding Supporting Actress One Act/Short Play: Sue Kelly, Donette Swain
- Outstanding Supporting Actor One Act/Short Play: Warren Lavender

- Outstanding Director One Act/Short Play: Patricia Smith
- Outstanding Costume Design One Act/Short Play: Donette Swain
- Outstanding Sound Design One Act/Short Play: Steve Fuji
- Outstanding Set Design One Act/Short Play: Patricia Smith

### **'Family Names'**

- Outstanding Production One Act/Short Play
- Outstanding Lead Actress One Act/Short Play: Hannah Covington, Julie Scott
- Outstanding Sound Design One Act/Short Play: Marge Doyle
- Outstanding Set Design One Act/Short Play: Marge Doyle

### **'Vital Signs'**

- Outstanding Lead Actress One Act/Short Play: Sue Bradley, Julie Scott
- Outstanding Supporting Actor One Act/Short Play: Barry Inscore
- Outstanding Sound Design One Act/Short Play: Marge Doyle and Ralph Simmons
- Outstanding Set Design One Act/Short Play: Marge Doyle