



NORTH SHORE ZONE OF THEATRE BC

Festival of Plays

Adjudicator **Michael Armstrong** was presented with many high-calibre productions and fine performances during the week of theatre **April 30-May 5** at Presentation House Theatre. However, one production stood out above all others. **The Gravitational Pull of Bernice Trimble** by Beth Graham, presented by Between Shifts Theatre, will now go forward to represent the North Shore Zone at Theatre BC's MAINSTAGE, the drama festival which encompasses winning groups from throughout British Columbia, to be held this year in Vernon, **June 29-July 7, 2018**.

Main Awards presented by Adjudicator Michael Armstrong:

Best Production (and Zone Festival Winner): Sponsored by Whitby & Tower Moving & Storage
The Gravitational Pull of Bernice Trimble (Between Shifts Theatre)

Best Director: Sponsored by North Shore Signarama
Marko Hohlbein, *Communion* (Speedbump Theatre)

Best Overall Design: Sponsored by Fran's Furbelows
Laurie Hohlbein and Marko Hohlbein, *Communion* (Speedbump Theatre)

Best Actor - Female: Sponsored by SMP Dramatic Society
Anastasia Bandey, *Communion* (Speedbump Theatre)

Best Actor - Male: Sponsored by Theatre West Van
Andrew Lissett, *Blithe Spirit* (Deep Cove Stage Society)

Best Supporting Actor - Female: Sponsored by Cheshire Cheese Restaurant & Bar
Claire Lindsay, *The Gravitational Pull of Bernice Trimble* (Between Shifts Theatre)

Best Supporting Actor - Male: Sponsored by North Shore News
Todd Weitzel, *The Gravitational Pull of Bernice Trimble* (Between Shifts Theatre)

Best Ensemble: Sponsored by Deep Cove Outdoors
Tamara Prescott, Anastasia Bandey, Marissa Burton, *Communion* (Speedbump Theatre)

Best Set Design: Sponsored by North Vancouver Community Players
Andy Jones-Cox, *Crimes of the Heart* (North Vancouver Community Players)

Honourable Mention: Michael K. Hewitt, *The Gravitational Pull of Bernice Trimble* (Between Shifts Theatre)

Best Costumes: Sponsored by Well Planned Theatre Company
Glynnis Brassil, *Blithe Spirit* (Deep Cove Stage Society)

Best Lighting: Sponsored by Deep Cove Stage Society
Michael K. Hewitt, *The Gravitational Pull of Bernice Trimble* (Between Shifts Theatre)

Best Sound: Sponsored by Between Shifts Theatre
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Honourable Mention: Peter Zednik, *Crimes of the Heart* (North Vancouver Community Players)

Special Adjudicator's Certificates of Merit:

- **Chutzpah Award:** CG Theatre in recognition of overcoming the many and various obstacles involved in bringing a high school class project to Festival
- **Breakthrough Moment** (in critique): *Crimes of the Heart* (Meg: **Marina Deltcheva**, and Doc: **Pierce Ivan**) North Vancouver Community Players

North Shore Zone Awards:

- **Don Marsh Award** (for creating a spirit of harmony amongst groups on the North Shore): **Peter Isaac**, SMP Dramatic Society
- **Unsung Hero Award in Memory of Jim Brick:** **Barbara Stover** (Between Shifts Theatre)
- **Florence Goodwin Theatre Award for the Most Promising Newcomer** (with a monetary value of \$200 to be applied to theatre development): **Alisha Quirk, *The Lighter Shade of NOIR*** (CG Theatre Company)

People's Choice Awards:

Outstanding Production: Sponsored by Crystalview Pool • Spa • Patio
The Gravitational Pull of Bernice Trimble (Between Shifts Theatre)

Outstanding Performance: Sponsored by Royal LePage Sussex (Joe & Brody Lloyd)
Anastasia Bandey, *Communion* (Speedbump Theatre)

Outstanding Design Element: Sponsored by A.J. Print
Andy Jones-Cox, *Crimes of the Heart* (North Vancouver Community Players)

Backstage Co-operation Award (presented by Festival Technician **Michael Methot**): ***The Gravitational Pull of Bernice Trimble*** (Between Shifts Theatre)

The winning play, *The Gravitational Pull of Bernice Trimble* (Between Shifts Theatre) will represent the North Shore Zone on **Tuesday, July 3** at Theatre BC's annual **MAINSTAGE** in Vernon, **June 29-July 7, 2018**.