

Nominations Open for Edith Harry Award & Musician's Award 2019

Each year, MTGV has the opportunity to present two additional awards, other than those within the regular categories.

They are the Edith Harry Award and a Musicians Award. (Please find criteria below) These two awards are given by the Committee, not by the members of the judging panel, and are selected from nominations received from member companies.

Accordingly, the Committee is inviting you, our members, to put forward any person who fulfils the appropriate criteria and therefore worthy of consideration by the Guild.

Please give this matter some serious thought and send your nomination, together with supporting information regarding their experience and services, to our Secretary, Mark Spencer at mark@musictheatreguildvic.org by **FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2019**.

All nominations will then be discussed by the committee and a decision made as to whether the awards will be made, and the recipients.

Please see below for background and criteria for these two awards, and we look forward to receiving your nominations.

EDITH HARRY AWARD

For Outstanding Contribution to Musical Theatre

There are numerous people associated with musical theatre who have given their expertise, time and energy to the promotion and advancement of the art form as well as assisting many others to further their artistic careers or simply to gain enjoyment from it.

Edith Harry devoted a great deal of her life doing just that. She died in 1975 and this award is in acknowledgement of her outstanding musical life. The award is for outstanding contribution to musical theatre (contributed in an honorary capacity) and is not necessarily awarded each year.

MUSICIANS AWARD

This award was instigated by Kirk Skinner in 1991 and acknowledges the musicians whose dedication is paramount and essential to the productions staged by music theatre companies. Whilst their services often do not come freely, they supply their talent and expertise at a reduced rate without which companies virtually could not operate. The all-important rehearsal pianist is normally recruited from amongst their ranks.

The award is not granted in recognition of any particular performance but acknowledges the recipient's years of service or expertise.