



**Toronto Alliance for the Performing Arts announces**  
**Event Details for**  
**36<sup>th</sup> Annual Dora Mavor Moore Awards**  
**- to be hosted by the award-winning Gavin Crawford -**  
**A Star-Studded Night Under the Stars!**

**Toronto, May 30, 2015** - The [Toronto Alliance for the Performing Arts](#) (TAPA) today announced the date, creative team, host and venue for the **36<sup>th</sup> Annual Dora Mavor Moore Awards**, the awards show and party that celebrates extraordinary Toronto talent in the performing arts. Dora Awards Producer **Jacoba Knaapen** announced that the much-anticipated event will take place on **Monday, June 22** and that, based on the huge success of last year, it will again be held at **Harbourfront Centre**. Tickets go on sale June 1.

Knaapen also announced multi-award-winning comedian and actor **Gavin Crawford** as host of the awards ceremony which takes place on Harbourfront Centre's open-air WestJet Stage. Crawford is an award-winning actor and among Canada's most sought-after comedic and dramatic performers. He appeared in 8 seasons of CBC-TV's *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* to much critical acclaim both for his performance and writing and won several Gemini Awards over the years for his work on the show. Crawford recently starred in the film *Two 4 One*, which he won an ACTRA Award for.

The nominees for the 2015 Dora Mavor Moore Awards will be announced at a **press conference the morning of Monday, June 1** at 10:00am at the Sony Centre for the Performing Arts in the Main Lobby.

Last season's award ceremony was deemed one of the very best in Dora history and TAPA is pleased to announce that the same creative team who helped make last year so memorable return for 2015: acclaimed theatre director, actor and writer **Ed Roy** takes the helm as director for the third time, while playwright **Chris Earle** returns for the fifth time as writer for the show. Lighting and scenic design is by **Andrea Lundy**, who returns for her fourteenth consecutive year, while the Musical Director is composer **Waylen Miki**, on the roster for his third time.

TAPA also announced a **new sponsorship** from the **Pat and Tony Adams Freedom Fund for the Arts** that will provide a cash prize of \$1,000 each to the recipients of the Outstanding Performance by a Female and Outstanding Performance by a Male in the General Theatre Division.

As always, there will be a fabulous **pre-show VIP Reception**, held at Harbourfront Centre's Lakeside Terrace, just a few steps away from the WestJet Stage, from 5:00pm- 7:00pm. Guests for this glamorous cocktail party will be greeted once again on the red carpet by Dora Award-winning actor **Colin Doyle** and the gifted **Elley-Ray Hennessy**, a veteran of stage, screen and radio. This year attendees will be additionally entertained as they walk the red carpet by Canadian Comedy Award winners and modern clown favourites **Morro and Jasp** as well as the outrageous (in a good way) activists and event performers the **Toronto Sisters of JOY (the Jubilant Order of York)**.

The Doras are named for **Dora Mavor Moore** (1888-1979), a well-loved teacher and director who helped establish Canadian professional theatre in the 1930s and 1940s. Recognizing the outstanding achievements in Toronto's performing arts industry, the Doras honour the creators of over 200 theatre, dance and opera productions annually in the following Divisions: General Theatre, Independent Theatre, Musical Theatre, Dance, Opera and Theatre for Young Audiences.

*The Dora Mavor Moore Awards are administered by the Toronto Alliance for the Performing Arts (TAPA). In addition to the Doras, other programs and services provided by TAPA include: T.O. TIX - Toronto's Official One Stop Ticket Shop at Yonge-Dundas Square and online at [www.totix.ca](http://www.totix.ca); Toronto's Official Theatre Guide; hipTIX, offering \$5 tickets to students between the ages of 14 and 29; citySPECIAL; the Commercial Theatre Development Fund; and the Travel Retreat Initiatives Program – TRIP. For more information visit [www.tapa.ca](http://www.tapa.ca) and [www.totix.ca](http://www.totix.ca).*

*Harbourfront Centre is a Canadian charity operating the 10 prime acres of Toronto's central waterfront as a free and open public site. We celebrate the multiplicities of cultures that comprise Canada and enliven the city through the creative imaginations of artists from across the country and around the globe.*

**36<sup>th</sup> Annual Dora Mavor Moore Awards**  
**Toronto's Theatre, Dance and Opera Awards - Monday June 22, 2015**  
**Hosted by Gavin Crawford**



**5:00pm-7:00pm Pre-Show VIP Reception at Harbourfront Centre's Lakeside Terrace, 235 Queens Quay West**  
**7:30pm Dora Mavor Moore Awards Show at Harbourfront Centre's WestJet Stage, [235 Queens Quay West](http://235queensquaywest.com)**  
**10:30pm After-Party Under the Stars beside the lake at Harbourfront Centre**

Written by **Chris Earle**, Directed by **Edward Roy**, Musical Direction by **Waylen Miki**,  
Lighting and Production Design by **Andrea Lundy**, Produced by **Jacoba Knaapen**.

**TICKETS ON SALE JUNE 1, 2015**

**\$87.00 for Awards Show & After-Party Tickets** (General Admission),  
available by calling the Harbourfront Centre **Box Office at 416-973-4000** or online at <http://harbourfrontcentre.com>;

**\$15 After-Party Only Tickets** can be purchased only onsite at the event beginning at 10:30pm;

For **\$175 VIP Tickets** (Pre-show VIP Reception, Dora Awards Show, After-Party), email Scott Dermody at [scott@doras2015.com](mailto:scott@doras2015.com).

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