



Toronto Alliance for the Performing Arts announces
Event Details for
37th Annual Dora Mavor Moore Awards
June 27: A Star-Studded Night Under the Stars!

Hosted by Bruce Dow, Written by Diane Flacks, Directed by Ed Roy
Tickets on sale May 31

Toronto, April 28, 2016 - The [Toronto Alliance for the Performing Arts](#) (TAPA) today announced the date, creative team, host and venue for the **37th 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 27** and that it will, for the third time in a row, be held under the stars at **Harbourfront Centre**. Tickets go on sale May 31.

Knaapen also announced multi-award-winning performer **Bruce Dow** as host of the event. A much-loved and accomplished artist, **Dow** has four featured-role credits on Broadway, most recently as “King Herod” in Des McAnuff’s 2012 Tony®-nominated Broadway revival of *Jesus Christ Superstar* and 12 seasons as a leading member of the Acting Company of the Stratford Festival where he last appeared in *The Tempest*, starring Christopher Plummer. He is also the recipient of a Toronto Theatre Critics Association Award and has won two Dora Awards. The first was for his starring role in the musical *Of a Monstrous Child*, and the second recognized his leading role in *PIG*, both presented by Buddies in Bad Times Theatre.

TAPA also announced a new writer for the star-studded show (and profusely thanked Chris Earle who had done the honours for five previous years): accomplished artist **Diane Flacks** now takes on this key role for her first time. Flacks is a novelist (*Bear With Me*), playwright (including *Myth Me*, *Waiting Room*, *By a Thread*, *SIBS* with Richard Greenblatt and *Theory of Relatives*), writer for TV (including Global/NBC’s *Working the Engels*, CBC TV’s *Young Drunk Punk*, a MOW version of her play *SIBS* and *Kids in the Hall*) and actor. Most recently, she played the lead in the independent film *Portrait of A Serial Monogamist*. Upcoming, she is writing on the new CBC series *Workin’ Moms*, is appearing in *Body Politic* at Buddies, and is having her newest play, *Unholy*, produced by Nightwood Theatre next season.

Flacks joins a veteran creative team: acclaimed theatre director, actor and writer **Ed Roy** takes the helm as Director for his fourth time, talented composer **Waylen Miki** is on the roster for his fourth time as Musical Director, and multi-award-winning Lighting and Production Designer **Andrea Lundy** returns for her fifteenth (!) consecutive year.

The Dora ceremony will take place once again on Harbourfront Centre’s open-air **Concert Stage**. Harbourfront Centre’s **Brigantine Room** is the new venue for the always-fabulous **pre-show VIP Reception**, held from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Guests for this glamorous cocktail party will be greeted once again on the red carpet by the gifted **Elley-Ray Hennessy**, a veteran of stage, screen and radio. This year attendees will be additionally entertained at the reception by the sensational Caribbean fusion band **MOKA**. The fun-filled **After-Party** will again be held under the stars lakeside. Guests will dance the night away to **Storm the Palace**, a Toronto-based band that brings to life beloved songs from the 80s and beyond. Get ready to rock!

TAPA announces the nominees for the 2016 Dora Mavor Moore Awards at a press conference at the Sony Centre for the Performing Arts on the morning of May 30. One of the awards given out at the press conference is the Province of Ontario’s Pauline McGibbon Award, which celebrates its 35th anniversary this year. TAPA will pay tribute to the occasion by hosting an exhibit at the Dora Awards, stationed just outside the Brigantine Room.

Tickets for this celebratory evening **go on sale May 31** through the Harbourfront Centre Box Office at 416-973-4000 and online via <http://tapa.ca>.

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: 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.

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

37th Annual Dora Mavor Moore Awards
Toronto's Theatre, Dance and Opera Awards
Monday June 27, 2016
Hosted by Bruce Dow
At Harbourfront Centre, 235 Queens Quay West

5:30pm-7:00pm Pre-Show VIP Reception at Harbourfront Centre's Brigantine Room
7:30pm Dora Mavor Moore Awards Show at Harbourfront Centre's Concert Stage
10:30pm After-Party Under the Stars beside the lake at Harbourfront Centre

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Lighting and Production Design by **Andrea Lundy**, Produced by **Jacoba Knaapen**.

TICKETS ON SALE May 31, 2016

\$104.00 General Admission Tickets for Awards Show & After-Party (\$81.50 students, seniors, artswokers).

For tickets, call the Harbourfront Centre **Box Office at 416-973-4000** or visit <http://tapa.ca>

\$20 After-Party Only Tickets can be purchased only onsite at the event beginning at 10:30pm

For **\$190 VIP Tickets** (Pre-show VIP Reception, Dora Awards Show, After-Party), email Scott Dermody at scottd@tapa.ca

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