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**Dezart Performs Nominated for 26 Desert Star Awards**

**Winners Announced by the Desert Theatre League October 20th in Live Award Ceremony at Sun City Palm Desert**

August 2, 2024 – Palm Springs, CA: Heading into Season 17, **Dezart Performs** [www.dezartperforms.org](http://www.dezartperforms.org), has secured **26 nominations** for the 38th annual **Desert Star Awards** honoring theatrical performers in the Coachella Valley and High Desert communities for the 2023-2024 season. Winners will be announced by the Desert Theatre League October 20th in a live ceremony at Sun City Palm Desert.

All four of Dezart Performs 2023-2024 productions were nominated in multiple categories: **THE THANKSGIVING PLAY** received five nominations, **WHAT THE CONSTITUTION MEANS TO ME** received four, **A CASE FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD** received eight and **MR. PARKER** received nine.

All four of Dezart Performs' productions were nominated in the outstanding professional production categories. In addition, there are two nominations in the professional director category, 10 nominations for outstanding actor/actress and supporting actor/actress categories, and 10 nominations in several technical categories.

"Our thriving theatre community is a testament to the passion and dedication we all share for live performance. Each company's nominations are a reflection of all the efforts to celebrate and elevate the magic of the stage. Congratulations to all the nominees!" -*Michael Shaw, Founding Artistic Director, Dezart Performs.*

**The complete list of Dezart Performs nominations:**

**Outstanding Production - Comedy - Professional**

The Thanksgiving Play  
What the Constitution Means to Me

**Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy - Professional**

Robyn Cohen - What the Constitution Means to Me

**Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy - Professional**

John Wuchte - The Thanksgiving Play  
Craig Wroe - What the Constitution Means to Me

**Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy - Professional**

Stefania Gonzalez - The Thanksgiving Play  
Tia Laulusa - What the Constitution Means to Me

**Outstanding Production - Drama - Professional**

A Case for the Existence of God  
Mr. Parker

**The Michael Cruickshank Award for Outstanding Director of a Drama – Professional**

Michael Shaw - A Case for the Existence Of God  
Randy Brenner - Mr. Parker

**Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama - Professional**

Jacob Alden Roa - A Case for the Existence of God  
David Pevsner - Mr. Parker  
Dennis Renard - A Case for the Existence of God

**Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama - Professional**

Marsha Mercant - Mr. Parker

**Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama - Professional**

Nick Giedris - Mr. Parker

**Outstanding Set Design - Professional**

Jimmy Cuomo - A Case for the Existence of God

**Outstanding Sound Design - Professional**

Clark Dugger - A Case for the Existence of God  
Clark Dugger - Mr. Parker

**Outstanding Lighting Design - Professional**

Rick Bluhm - A Case for the Existence of God  
Mariah Pryor - Mr. Parker

**Outstanding Costume Design - Professional**

Christine Cover Ferro - The Thanksgiving Play

**The Ron Hamm Award for Outstanding Hair and Makeup Design - Professional**

Anastasia Braham - Mr. Parker

**Outstanding Props**

Greg Thorneycroft - The Thanksgiving Play  
Edward Anguiano - Mr. Parker

**Outstanding Special Effects - Professional**

Clark Dugger - A Case for the Existence of God

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