

## Two BACT Premieres Nominated for 2018 Theatre Bay Area Awards

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Two original shows created by [Bay Area Children's Theatre](#) (BACT) have been nominated for top honors by Theatre Bay Area, the regional service organization that holds an annual awards ceremony honoring the best work in the Bay Area.

***Beautiful Oops!***, an original musical about creativity, inspired by award-winning author-Illustrator Barney Saltzberg's joyous book of the same name, and ***Inside Out and Back Again***, an adaptation of award-winning author Thanhha Lai's New York Times bestselling story about a young Vietnamese refugee, have been nominated as Outstanding World Premiere Musical and Outstanding World Premiere Play, respectively.

Each play is one of five finalists in its category (new musical, new play) for the 2018 TBA Awards Celebration, to be held Monday, November 7, at 7 p.m. at the Herbst Theatre in San Francisco.

"It is a signal honor for BACT to have been recognized by other theatre professionals for both these shows," said BACT Executive Artistic Director Nina Meehan. "***Beautiful Oops!*** allowed us to pull out all the stops—including having the set fall down!—to illustrate that you can turn mistakes into something beautiful. ***Inside Out and Back Again*** described the vicissitudes of adjusting to a new life as an immigrant child in the United States. Both shows were specially designed to engage children, in keeping with our mission, but their themes are relevant to us all."

Between them, ***Beautiful Oops!*** and ***Inside Out and Back Again*** have been nominated for 19 awards, including Outstanding Ensemble in a Play (*Inside Out and Back Again*), Outstanding Direction of a Musical (Nina Meehan and Scottie Woodard for *Beautiful Oops!*), Outstanding Direction of a Play (May Liang for *Inside Out and Back Again*), and Outstanding Production of a Musical (*Beautiful Oops!*).

BACT's productions of ***The Night Fairy*** and ***Judy Moody & Stink: The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt*** have garnered nominations as well, bringing the total number of nominations BACT has received to 22.



((high-res .jpgs attached of light sequence from *Beautiful Oops!* and Krystle Piamonte and Benjamin Nguyen in *Inside Out and Back Again*. Photo credit: Joshua Posamentier))

## About Bay Area Children's Theatre

Established in 2004, Bay Area Children's Theatre, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, serves 125,000 children and adults throughout the Bay Area, with main stage performances in Berkeley, San Francisco and Sunnyvale; programs and productions in local schools; and classes and summer camps in the East Bay, South Bay, and San Francisco.

**Our Mission:** To inspire young audiences with imaginative productions, introduce children of all backgrounds to the excitement of live theatre, and create an engaging, entertaining, and educational environment in which children and their families can explore and enjoy the arts.

### How We Carry Out Our Mission:

- Bring high quality, professional theatre to children and their families, with artists who create vibrant worlds that are intriguing to young audiences
- Encourage young people to explore literature, language, and the arts by producing stage adaptations of great children's books
- Engage preschoolers in the world of theatre with productions specially designed for them
- Develop and perform exciting new work for the stage
- Reach out to children who might not otherwise experience live theatre with free tickets, special performances for school groups, and touring productions at local schools
- Create touring productions for young audiences nationwide
- Partner with communities to meet the need for theatre education
- Introduce children to the joy of performance through our theatre education program