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2018 ARLYN AWARD ANNOUNCED

The 2018 Arlyn Award for Outstanding Design in Puppet Theatre goes to Erin Tjin A Ton and Gosia Kaczmarek of Between Two Hands Art Collective in Amsterdam for their production *"Paperwork"*.

In announcing their decision, the Jury said, "This very sophisticated and unusual art piece combines so many ideas on so many levels. It is an odd and intimate piece, seemingly shown to only a few people at a time. It is visually intriguing: the intricate folding and amplification of forms into shadow is simply beautiful and invites us into Kafka's head by wandering through the minutiae of his office. The piece is so well designed and detailed while the skillful manipulation is quite engaging and surprisingly effective. A true work of art."

Between Two Hands will receive the 2018 Arlyn Award trophy plus a prize of US\$1,000.00.

Three additional productions will receive the Arlyn Certificate of Recognition in Puppet Design. The Certificates are to acknowledge the quality of the entry and to encourage refining of the designer's skills. The recipients are:

- Mina Trapp of Mataro, Spain, for *"Peloloco"*,
- Farrés Brothers of Igualada, Spain for *"La visita de la Vella Dama"*,
- Bernd Ogrodnik of Mosfellsbaer, Iceland, for *"The Jungle Book"*.

The 2018 Jury members were:

- Mary Kerr - theatrical designer and professor of theatre design at the University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C., Canada.
- Cariad Astles - Director of the Centre for Research into Objects & Puppets in Performance, Associate Lecturer, University of Exeter, U.K.
- Eric Bass – puppeteer, Sandglass Theater, Putney, VTA, U.S.A.

The next Arlyn Award for Outstanding Design in Puppet Theatre will be for productions premiering in 2018 or 2019. Deadline for receiving entries is 15 February, 2020. For full information on how to enter, please visit: www.arlynaward.org

The Arlyn Award is in memory of Arlyn Coad, co-founder and artistic director of Coad Canada Puppets.

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