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Acts for CATs

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THE performance talent of the Highlands has been noticed once again for the Canberra Area Theatre (CAT) Awards.

Highlands productions and talent received 13 nominations across a broad variety of categories, including acting, directing, costume changes and set design.

Theatre company 'On 4 Young and Old' Burradoo, received a majority of the nominations for their staging of *Educating Rita*.

The nominations received are:

- Best Set Designer for a Play; Don Ezard
- Best Actor in a Leading Role in a Play; Andrew Forbes as Frank
- Best Actress in a Leading Role in a Play; Alex Rapp as Rita
- Best Director of a Play; Michael Turczynski
- Best Production of a Play

Andrew Forbes said he hoped the production would win a few of the awards from the excitement.

"Considering we're competing against representative companies in Canberra, the Illawarra and a lot of pretty professional outfits, it's not surprising that it's tough to get over the line in terms of awards," he said.

"It's great there are a number of companies locally who have had several nominations."

Chevalier College's production of *The Thirty-Nine Steps* received four nominations, including Best Production of a School or Youth Play.

The production also received nominations for Best Director of a School or Youth Play (Kate Price), Best Youth Actor in a Leading Role in a Play (Patrick Holman as Richard Hannay), and Best Youth Actress in a Featured

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LIGHTING UP THE STAGE: Mia Healey received a nomination for her portrayal of Catherine in Oxley College's 'Pippin'. Photo: supplied



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