

APACA Acknowledges Performing Arts Excellence Across Australia

The Australian Performing Arts Centre's Association's [APACA] conference, Inside the Architecture drew to a close last week with the annual Drover Awards for Touring Excellence. Hosted by the inimitable Rod Quantock with performances from Meow Meow the evening proved to be a deserving celebration of performing arts touring in Australia.

Producers and presenters from across the country gathered to acknowledge the best of the best, and the winners were:

Touring Design

The Arrival – Spare Parts Puppet Theatre

Outstanding Touring Production Crew

Emily Loves to Bounce – Patch Theatre Company

Special Panel Award 2009

Version 1.0 – *Deeply Offensive and Utterly Untrue*

Excellent Audience Response

Deep Blue – Creative Media Warehouse

Outstanding Production Services by a Presenter

Orange Civic Theatre – Orange NSW

Tour of the Year

Emily Loves to Bounce – Patch Theatre Co. / Tour Coordination - Country Arts SA

Best Presenter

The Princess Theatre – Launceston TAS

Touring Legend

Bangarra Dance Theatre

About the Drover Awards

The Drovers celebrate the massive contribution of Australia's best performing arts touring companies and individuals. Some previous winners include Bell Shakespeare Company, Jacki Weaver and The Australian Ballet.

The APACA Drover Awards were instigated in 2003 to recognise excellence in performing arts touring, acknowledge the skill and expertise required for touring and reward the hard work and dedication demonstrated by touring companies.

The Australian Performing Arts Centres Association [APACA] is the national peak body representing performing arts centres from all over Australia. The Association is dedicated to the advocacy, professional development and support of its membership, whilst contributing to the development of the performing arts throughout Australia.

Tickets.com proudly sponsored this year's APACA conference.

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