

# ACTRA Maritimes shows diversity of roles in annual awards nominations

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Halifax actor, writer and director Kouroumbe is also a triple threat in the 2017 Actra Maritimes Awards nominations, earning nods for her lead performance in her own feature film *Ariyah & Tristan's Inevitable Breakup* as well as supporting roles on *Mr. D* and *Studio Black!*. (TIM KROCHAK / Local Xpress)

On the list of 2017 ACTRA Maritimes Awards nominees announced on Friday, one name appears three times: actor-writer-director Kouroumbe.

The woman behind the camera for [the indie feature \*Ariyah & Tristan's Inevitable Breakup\*](#) and the short *Struggle & Heart*, [already nominated for Screen Nova Scotia Awards](#), is up for outstanding female performance in a leading or feature role for her own feature, which she co-wrote with her co-star Taylor Peterson, as well as the female supporting category for her appearances on the CBC-TV series *Mr. D* and [Studio Black!](#).

The ACTRA Maritimes Awards will be presented at the Screen Nova Scotia Awards gala on Thursday in Casino Nova Scotia's Schooner Showroom.

son is doubly nominated, for his lead roles in Ariyah & Tristan's Inevitable Breakup and Hustle & Heart, which he also wrote. The latter film also earned a male supporting role nod for Nathan Simmons.

"Our members really get a chance to shine in home-grown productions," said David Christoffel, chair of the ACTRA Maritimes award committee in a news release on Friday. "Koumbie's work is a great example of how multi-talented our members are in bringing our own stories to the screen"

The gala will be hosted by comedy team and real-life couple Bette MacDonald and Maynard Morrison. MacDonald may also make a trip to the podium, as she is nominated in the female leading or featured role category for her work on Mr. D as school administrator Trudy Walsh. Mr. D cast member Bill Wood also received a male leading or featured role nomination, for his work as mild mannered guidance counsellor Frank.

In the digital realm, Keelin Jack and Krista MacDonald were both nominated for female leading or featured roles for the web series Forgive Me Web Confessions, an online spinoff of the Thom Fitzgerald TV series Forgive Me, whose star Mike McLeod was also nominated for a male leading or featured role.

Johnston's short film Ingrid and the Black Hole also saw two of its cast members, Molly Dunsworth and Josh MacDonald, nominated for supporting roles.

The gala starts at 8 p.m. on Thursday, tickets are available on [the Screen Nova Scotia website](#).

## **2017 ACTRA Maritimes Awards nominations**

### For Outstanding Performance by a Female in a Leading or Featured Role

- Keelin Jack in Forgive Me
- Koumbie in Ariyah & Tristan's Inevitable Break-Up
- Bette MacDonald in Mr. D
- Krista MacDonald in Forgive Me

### For Outstanding Performance by a Male in a Leading or Featured Role

- Mike McLeod in Forgive Me
- Taylor Olson in Hustle & Heart
- Bill Wood in Mr. D
- Taylor Olson in Ariyah & Tristan's Inevitable Break-Up

### For Outstanding Performance by a Female in a Supporting Role:

- Francine Deschepper in Weirdos
- Koumbie in Mr. D

- Molly Dunsworth in Ingrid and the Black Hole
- Koumbie in Studio Black!

### For Outstanding Performance by a Male in a Supporting Role

- John Dunsworth in Trailer Park Boys
- Gary Levert in Pure
- Josh MacDonald in Ingrid and the Black Hole
- Nathan Simmonds in Hustle & Heart

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