

S.J. Safian Trophy

Best Actor in a Leading Role

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Year	Winner	Role	Group	City	Play	Author
2021			NO FESTIVAL WAS HELD		(Covid Pandemic)	
2020			NO FESTIVAL WAS HELD		(Covid Pandemic)	
2019	Darrell Yates	Austin	Battlefords Community Players	The Battlefords	<i>True West</i>	Sam Shepard
2018	John Kort	David Kilbride	Indian Head Stage Left Players	Indian Head	<i>On a First Name Basis</i>	Norm Foster
2017	Emery Nelson	Leon	Melfort Amateur Dramatics	Melfort	<i>The Love List</i>	Norm Foster
2016	Clint Barrett	Petruchio	Battlefords Community Players	The Battlefords	<i>The Shrew</i>	Charles Morowitz
2016	Jake Heisler	Robert Castle	Moose Jaw Community Players	Moose Jaw	<i>Kiss the Moon, Kiss the Sun</i>	Norm Foster
2015	Ian Dickson	Davey Carlin	Smokescreen Productions	Prince Albert	<i>The Mighty Carlins</i>	Collin Doyle
2014	Jim Walls	Henry	Battlefords Community Players	The Battlefords	<i>Sexy Laundry</i>	Michele Riml
2013	Patrick French	George Trenton	Moose Jaw Community Players	Moose Jaw	<i>Roses In November</i>	Neville J. Bryant
2012	Brad McDougall	Sidney Bruhl	Regina Little Theatre	Regina	<i>Death Trap</i>	Ira Levin
2011	Ken Spencer	Lloyd Dallas	Regina Little Theatre	Regina	<i>Noises Off</i>	Michael Frayn
2010	Rick Kostiuik	James	Battlefords Community Players	The Battlefords	<i>Speak</i>	Greg Nelson
2009	Jim Walls	Judge Biddle	Battlefords Community Players	The Battlefords	<i>Trying</i>	Joanna McClelland Glass
2008	Jim Walls	Richard	Battlefords Community Players	The Battlefords	<i>You Are Here</i>	Daniel MacIvor
2007			NO FESTIVAL WAS HELD		(Not enough entries)	
2006	Tom Green	Neil Currie	Moose Jaw Community Players	Moose Jaw	<i>The Glace Bay Miners' Museum: a stage play based on the novel by Sheldon Currie</i>	Wendy Lil
2005	Larry Fitzgerald	Francis Oberon	Saskatoon Gateway Players	Saskatoon	<i>We Must Kill Toni</i>	Ian Stuart Black
2004	Joe Wills	Esau Mercer	Chocolate Moose Theatre, Inc.	Moose Jaw	<i>Soldier's Heart</i>	David French
2003	Bruce Rayner	Donnie	Swift Current Little Theatre	Swift Current	<i>The Foursome</i>	Norm Foster
2002	Paul Hack	Norman Thayer Jr.	Doddsland Community Players	Doddsland	<i>On Golden Pond</i>	Ernest Thompson
2001	Jim Hadfield	Ross Cameron	Milestone Prairie Players	Milestone	<i>The Hand That Cradles the Rock</i>	Warren Graves
2000	Brian Dueck	Garry aka Roger	Swift Current Little Theatre	Swift Current	<i>Noises Off</i>	Michael Frayn
1999	Ken Spencer	Thomas Cromwell	Regina Little Theatre	Regina	<i>A Man For all Seasons</i>	Robert Bolt

1998	Joe Wills	Jacob Mercer	Chocolate Moose Theatre, Inc.	Moose Jaw	<i>Of the Fields Lately</i>	David French
1997	Bud Stilling	Harry Raymond	Saskatoon Gateway Players	Saskatoon	<i>The Stillborn Lover</i>	Timothy Findley
1996	Joe Wills	Roy Caulder	Chocolate Moose Theatre, Inc.	Moose Jaw	<i>Pink Thunderbird</i>	James McLure
1995	Paul Hack	Daniel Brand	Saskatoon Gateway Players	Saskatoon	<i>Paris is Out</i>	Richard Seff
1995	Gordon Bland	Jake Tomlinson	Prince Albert Community Players	Prince Albert	<i>More Fun Than Bowling</i>	Steven Dietz
1994	Jim Hadfield	Grandpa Abner Hatcher	Milestone Prairie Players	Milestone	<i>Grandpa's Twin Sister</i>	Jean Provence
1993	Roy Challis	Weller Martin	Battlefords Community Players	The Battlefords	<i>The Gin Game</i>	D.L. Coburn
1992	Jim Hadfield Gary Sambrook	Tom Buckle Bill Buckle	Milestone Prairie Players	Milestone	<i>Lie, Cheat and Genuflect</i>	William Van Zandt & Jane Milmore
1991	Jim Hadfield	Harry Lambert	Milestone Prairie Players	Milestone	<i>Never Too Late</i>	Sumner Arthur Long
1990	David Allen	Tom Garrison	Regina Little Theatre	Regina	<i>I Never Sang for my Father</i>	R. Anderson
1989	Glen Toews	Jaanus Karkulainen	Snakebite Players	Beechy	<i>The Ship Builder</i>	Ken Mitchell
1988	Jim Walls	Sam	Melfort Amateur Dramatics	Melfort	<i>Echoes</i>	Richard Nash
1987	James Hosking	Andrew Wyke	Crocus 80	Weyburn	<i>Sleuth</i>	Anthony Shaffer
1986	Bud Stilling	Willy Loman	Saskatoon Gateway Players	Saskatoon	<i>Death of a Salesman</i>	Arthur Miller
1985	Patrick French	Bri	Moose Jaw Community Players	Moose Jaw	<i>A Day in the Death of Joe Egg</i>	Peter Nichols
1984	James Hosking	Sidney Bruhl	Crocus 80	Weyburn	<i>Death Trap</i>	Ira Levin
1983	Peter Kooy	Trevor	Saskatoon Gateway Players	Saskatoon	<i>Bedroom Farce</i>	Alan Ayckbourn
1982	Wilfred Dube	Léopold	Unitièmeâtre	Saskatoon	<i>A Toi, Pour Toujours, Ta Marie-Lou</i>	Michel Tremblay
1981	Dennis Hunt	Sir William Boothroyd	Saskatoon Gateway Players	Saskatoon	<i>Lloyd George Knew my Father</i>	William Douglas Home
1980	Jeff Lumby	Charlie	Moose Jaw Community Players	Moose Jaw	<i>Flowers for Algernon</i>	David Rogers
1979	Roy Challis	Salesman	Battlefords Community Players	The Battlefords	<i>A Visitor from Charleston</i>	Erika Ritter
1978	Roy Challis	Edgar	Battlefords Community Players	The Battlefords	<i>Play Strindberg</i>	Friedrick Durrenmatt
1977	David Edney	Bri	Saskatoon Gateway Players	Saskatoon	<i>A Day in the Death of Joe Egg</i>	Peter Nichols
1976	Brian O'Hara	John Proctor	Swift Current Little Theatre	Swift Current	<i>The Crucible</i>	Arthur Miller
1975	Bill Powell	Philip Markham	Regina Little Theatre	Regina	<i>Move Over Mrs. Markham</i>	Ray Cooney & John Chapman
1974	Frank Hoppenbrouwers	Yank	Riverside Players (Sask Penitentiary)	Prince Albert	<i>Under the Spreading Chestnut Trees</i>	L. Emkeit

1973	George Stonyk	Henry Thoreau	Saskatoon Gateway Players	Saskatoon	<i>The Night Thoreau Spend in Jail</i>	J. Lawrence and Robert E. Lee
1972	Brian O'Hara	Joe Keller	Swift Current Little Theatre	Swift Current	<i>All My Sons</i>	Arthur Miller
1971	Brian O'Hara	H.C. Curry	Swift Current Little Theatre	Swift Current	<i>The Rainmaker</i>	N. Richard Nash
1970	Ken Bolton	George	Regina Little Theatre	Regina	<i>Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?</i>	Edward Albee
1969	Bill Powell	Paul Bratter	Regina Little Theatre	Regina	<i>Barefoot in the Park</i>	Neil Simon
1968	J. Farnham Howarth	Perry Wallace	Prince Albert Community Players	Prince Albert	<i>The Nightmare</i>	Jean Lee Latham
1967	Kim McCaw	Bibi	Regina Little Theatre	Regina	<i>The Happy Time</i>	Samuel Taylor
1966	Howard Dallin	Captain Fisby	Gateway Theatre	Saskatoon	<i>The Teahouse of August Moon</i>	John Patrick
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1964	Bill Butler	Hercules	Regina Little Theatre	Regina	<i>Rape of the Belt</i>	Benn. W. Levy
1963	Douglas Cowan	Gregers Werle	Regina Little Theatre	Regina	<i>The Wild Duck</i>	Henrik Ibsen
1962	Geoffry Bennett	Adam	R.C.A.F Station	Moose Jaw	<i>Adam the Creator</i>	Karel & Josef Capek
1961	Ken Lewis	Paul Deville	Swift Current Little Theatre	Swift Current	<i>Marriage-Go-Round</i>	Leslie Stevens
1960	Douglas Cowan	Francis Monnerie	Swift Current Little Theatre	Swift Current	<i>The Hidden River</i>	Ruth & Augustus Goetz
1959	Al McLennan	Luhan	Regina Little Theatre	Regina	<i>Monsterrat</i>	Emmanuel Robles, adapted by Lillian Hellman