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## For Immediate Release - Fresh Meat works well represented in 2017 Prix Rideau Award Nominations

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The Prix Rideau Awards released their nominations for the 2016-17 theatre season earlier this week in the leadup to their 10th gala, to be held October 29 at La Maison Citoyen. Included among them, are past Fresh Meat creations *Ethel* by Madeleine Hall and *Burnt* by Norah Paton.

*Ethel* premiered at Fresh Meat 4 in 2015 and was later expanded to a full-length piece and played at this year's Ottawa Fringe Festival. *Ethel* won a slough of awards from both the festival and critics, including "Best Play", "Best New Work", "Outstanding New Creation" and "Outstanding Overall Production". A Prix Rideau Award nomination for "Outstanding New Creation", as well as "Outstanding Emerging Artist" nods for both writer/performer Madeleine Hall and director Mitchel Rose, can now be added to that list. Hall's fellow Fresh Meat producer Mahalia Golnosh Tahriha is another Emerging Artist nominee.



Norah Paton's *Burnt* premiered at Fresh Meat 3 in 2014 and was immediately picked up by the undercurrents festival's underdevelopment program (a supported creation program run by the Ottawa Fringe at Arts Court). This February, *Burnt* played the 2017 undercurrents festival and has garnered an "Outstanding New Creation" nomination from the Prix Rideau Awards.

Fresh Meat is an artistic playground that gives local theatre creators a unique opportunity to test new ideas in front of an audience. Founded in 2012, the festival has presented over 50 20-minute world premieres and paid more than \$20,000 to local creators in direct exchange for their work. An integral part of Ottawa's theatre ecology, Fresh Meat plays a key role in the steady stream of exciting new work being created in Ottawa. Other seedlings planted at Fresh Meat have been produced at The National Arts Centre, Fringes across Canada, and more.

*Fresh Meat 6 runs for two weekends from October 12–21 at Arts Court Studio (2 Daly Avenue). // Doors open at 7pm, shows start at 7:30pm // Tickets cost \$10–20 online and at the door. // Visit [www.freshmeatfest.com](http://www.freshmeatfest.com) for the 2017 lineup and schedule. // Hi-res images and show briefs are available at [www.freshmeatfest.com/media](http://www.freshmeatfest.com/media) //*

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