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**KIRKCALDY MSP PRESENTS SCOTTISH COMMUNITY DRAMA AWARDS
CEREMONY CONCLUDES 3-DAY FIFE DISTRICT FESTIVAL AT THE PHILP HALL IN LINKS STREET**



Local MSP David Torrance was on hand to present the awards at Philp Hall, Kirkcaldy as the Fife District round of the Scottish Community Drama Association (SCDA) one-act play festival concluded on Saturday.

After nine plays from five clubs were performed over three nights, the prize winners (as scored by professional adjudicator Ronnie Mackie, Bearsden) were as follows:

- 1st Place - Kirkcaldy Amateur Dramatic Society (KADS) with 'Dear Diva' by Jan Harris.
- 2nd Place - Aberdour Players with 'Too Long an Autumn' by Jimmie Chinn.
- 3rd Place - KADS with 'Lone Star' by James McClure.

KADS also won the "Best Production" award for 'Dear Diva', with Aberdour Players winning "Best Ensemble" for 'Too Long an Autumn'.

'Lone Star' from KADS also picked up the prizes for "Stage Presentation" and this year's new "Audience Award", as voted for by season ticket holders.

Other trophies went to Aberdour Players other entry, 'Purgatory' by Steven Berkoff for "Best Moment of Theatre", as well as KADS third entry, 'Stripped' (an original play by Jamie Thorburn) for "Best Moment of Comedy".

Ronnie Mackie, participants and audience agreed that the standard was high across all of the performances this year. The top three plays will go on to represent Fife in the Eastern Divisional Final at the Albert Halls, Stirling on 23-25 March.

Commenting, David Torrance MSP said:

"There is a huge wealth of creative talent in the Kirkcaldy Constituency and across all of Fife, and I am pleased that these awards have recognised that talent.

"The One-Act Play Festival has been a fantastic event, and I applaud the Scottish Community Drama Association for running the Fife District festival. I hope this encourages more people within our communities to participate in these local groups, to socialise with other creative minds and to enjoy expressing themselves through their performances."

The national finals this year will be at the Festival Theatre, Pitlochry, 13-15 April.

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NOTES TO EDITOR:

The Fife District One-Act Play Festival ran from 23rd to 25th February 2017 in the Philp Hall, Kirkcaldy. A total of 9 plays were formed by 5 different community theatre groups.

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Photo Details:

Back row: *Ronnie Mackie (Adjudicator), Linda Forret, Marion Moffat, Jamie Thorburn and David Torrance MSP*

Front row: *Robin Smith, Margaret Allan, Euan Howells*

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