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Elethea Sartorelli

Koorliny's Chicago bags most nods

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Another production from Kwinana's Koorliny Arts Centre has topped the list of nominations for the 43rd annual Finley Awards — WA's longest running arts awards program.

The musical *Chicago*, directed by Kim Angus, earned 10 nominations including best director, best choreographer and best musical director.

Former Finley Award winners Elethea Sartorelli (who played Velma Kelly), Helen Kerr (Roxie Hart), Rachel Monamy (Matron Mama Morton) and David Wallace (Billy Flynn) were also among the nominees from the show.

The nominations continue a remarkable run of success for Koorliny. Last year, its productions of *The Little Mermaid* and *Spamalot* were named as the top two musicals of 2016.

Wanneroo's *The Wedding Singer* got six nominations this year, while Melville's *The Secret Garden*, Koorliny's



The Koorliny Arts Centre's cast of *Chicago*. Picture: Deprimo

Ruthless and the South West Opera Company's *Fiddler on the Roof* were each awarded five.

More than 60 shows were entered in this year's awards, which are open to community theatres around WA.

The awards are divided into categories for plays and musicals.

Among the plays, Play-

lovers' *Other Desert Cities* earned six nominations including for best director (Barry Park) and best actress (Sally Barendse and Cate Jennings).

Garrick Theatre's *The Glass Menagerie*, by first-time director Siobhan Vincent, got five nominations. Winners will be announced on Sunday.

This reporter is a Finley Award adjudicator