

2023 NCTC High School Play Festival at Central Academy of Technology Arts

Theatre Arts Awards

Award	Excellence In	School & Production	Name
Theatre Arts Award	Excellence in Physical Comedy	Porter Ridge High School, Black Comedy	
Theatre Arts Award	Show Must Go On	JT Williams Secondary Montesorri, Alibis	
Theatre Arts Award	Commitment to Characterization	Longleaf School of the Arts, Overdue	
Theatre Arts Award	Creating and Building Atmosphere	Porter Ridge High School, Dracula	
Theatre Arts Award	Gothic Horror	West Cabarrus High School, Shuddersome: Tales of Poe	
Theatre Arts Award	Farce	JT Williams Secondary Montesorri, Alibis	
Theatre Arts Award	Comedic Timing	David W. Butler High School, Dawnstar	
Theatre Arts Award	Cameo Performance	Longleaf School of the Arts, Emma	Everest Hanemann (Mrs. Bates)
Theatre Arts Award	Terrifying Trio	Porter Ridge High School, Dracula	Melina Ramirez, Emma Grace Maness, and Ava Klein (Brides)
Theatre Arts Award	Commitment to an Important and Relevant Issue	Rocky River High School, Lockdown	

Excellence in Design & Production

Award	Excellence In	School & Production	Name(s)
Excellence in Design & Production	Stage Management	Central Academy of Technology & Arts, Mean Girls Jr.	Gabby Laatz
Excellence in Design & Production	Sound Design	West Cabarrus High School, Shuddersome: Tales of Poe	Lee Franklin
Excellence in Design & Production	Set Design	Sun Valley High School, Antigone	Zaria-Lee Forrester and Hannah Covell
Excellence in Design & Production	Student Direction	David W. Butler High School, Dawnstar	Ethan Blackmon
Excellence in Design & Production	Scenic Design & Stage Management	Cape Fear Academy, Puffs The Play	Juliana Martinez
Excellence in Design & Production	Stage Management	Longleaf School of the Arts, Emma	Jill Marie Harris
Excellence in Design & Production	Stage Management & Set Design	Marvin Ridge High School, Queens	Ellie Sharpe
Excellence in Design & Production	Student Direction & Stage Management	Cape Fear Academy, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead	Kathleen Moulton and Sophie Schroeder
Excellence in Design & Production	Stage Management	Union Academy, I Heard You Were Dead	Izzy Bramhall and Maddie Carman
Excellence in Design & Production	Sound Design	Porter Ridge High School, Dracula	Aiden Funderburk

Outstanding Achievement in Design & Production

Award	Excellence In	School & Production	Name
Outstanding Achievement in Design & Production	Scenic Design	Cape Fear Academy, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead	Zealand Woditschka
Outstanding Achievement in Design & Production	Student Direction	Central Academy of Technology & Arts, Before Juliet	Sophie DiBella, Kyla MacFarlane

Excellence in Acting

Award	School & Production	Actor Name	Role
Excellence in Acting	David W. Butler High School, Dawnstar	Alma Benitez-Menendez	Amare Oshon

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Excellence in Acting	Union Academy, I Heard You Were Dead	JC Hightower	Constantine
Excellence in Acting	Piedmont High School, Betweenity	Myrian Kebtane	Rest
Excellence in Acting	Union Academy, I Heard You Were Dead	Caroline Seaford	Piper
Excellence in Acting	Sun Valley High School, Antigone	Jordan Hume	Haemon
Excellence in Acting	Rocky River High School, Lockdown	Peyton Hugo	Tyler
Excellence in Acting	Cape Fear Academy, Puffs The Play	Mattheus Lautenbach	Wayne Hopkins
Excellence in Acting	Marvin Ridge High School, Queens	Lauren Berkley	Catherine A
Excellence in Acting	Cape Fear Academy, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead	Ian White	Rosencrantz
Excellence in Acting	Cape Fear Academy, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead	Baden Salinas	Guildenstern

Outstanding Achievement in Acting

Award	School & Production	Actor Name	Role
Outstanding Achievement in Acting	Cape Fear Academy, Puffs The Play	Salem Morrow	Narrator
Outstanding Achievement in Acting	Central Academy of Technology & Arts, Before Juliet	Ronan Ubinas	Mercutio

Excellence in Ensemble Acting

Award	School & Production
Excellence in Ensemble Acting	Cape Fear Academy, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead
Excellence in Ensemble Acting	Central Academy of Technology & Arts, Mean Girls Jr.

Outstanding Achievement in Ensemble Acting

Award	School & Production
Outstanding Achievement in Ensemble Acting	Piedmont High School, Betweenity

Excellence in Directing

Award	School & Production	Director Name
Excellence in Directing	Marvin Ridge High School, Queens	Winston Sims
Excellence in Directing	Cape Fear Academy, Puffs The Play	Jennifer Avery-Robison
Excellence in Directing	Central Academy of Technology & Arts, Mean Girls Jr.	Casey Starkey

Distinguished Play

Award	School & Production
Distinguished Play - Honorable Mention	Cape Fear Academy, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead
Distinguished Play - Adjudicator's Choice	Marvin Ridge High School, Queens
Distinguished Play - Audience Choice	Central Academy of Technology & Arts, Before Juliet