

2024-2025 Encore Award Nominations

Plays

Best Production of a Comedy

Therese Burns, producer

Lorna Douville, producer

Tanya Haas, producer

Morning After Grace

Deathtrap

Steel Magnolias

Epilogue Players

Hendricks Civic Theatre

Carmel Community Players

Best Production of a Drama

Tom Burek, producer

Amy Jo Douglas, producer

Veronique Duprey, producer

Hannah Janowicz, producer

The Cemetery Club

Bus Stop

Tail End Charlie

American Son

Epilogue Players

Epilogue Players

Center Stage Comm. Theatre

Carmel Community Players

Best Director of a Comedy

Michael Beason

Julie Dutcher

Elizabeth Ruddell

Morning After Grace

Deathtrap

Steel Magnolias

Epilogue Players

Hendricks Civic Theatre

Carmel Community Players

Best Director of a Drama

Kathleen Clarke-Horrigan

Kelly Keller

Bradley Allan Lowe

Matt Spurlock

Bus Stop

The Cemetery Club

American Son

Tail End Charlie

Epilogue Players

Epilogue Players

Carmel Community Players

Center Stage Comm. Theatre

Best Performance of a Leading Male Role in a Comedy

Tyler Amos

Glenn Dobbs

Duane Mercier

Mason Yeater

Don't Drink the Water

Deathtrap

Morning After Grace

Peter & the Starcatcher

Shelby Co. Players

Hendricks Civic Theatre

Epilogue Players

Carmel Community Players

Best Performance of a Leading Male Role in a Drama

Grant Bowen

Tony Brazelton

Earl Campbell

Grant Craig

J. Stuart Mill

Visiting Mr. Green

Murder on the Orient Express

American Son

Tail End Charlie

Night Watch

Epilogue Players

Shelby Co. Players

Carmel Community Players

Center Stage Comm. Theatre

Epilogue Players

Best Performance of a Leading Female Role in a Comedy

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|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Letitia Clemons | Don't Drink the Water | Shelby Co. Players |
| Casey Clouser | Steel Magnolias | Carmel Community Players |
| Katie Endres | Pride and Prejudice | Carmel Community Players |
| Tanya Haas | I Bet Your Life | Center Stage Comm. Theatre |
| Tanya Haas | Steel Magnolias | Carmel Community Players |
| Emily Haus | Steel Magnolias | Carmel Community Players |
| Hannah Janowicz | Peter & the Starcatcher | Carmel Community Players |
| Karen Temple | Morning After Grace | Epilogue Players |

Best Performance of a Leading Female Role in a Drama

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| Letitia Clemons | Murder on the Orient Express | Shelby Co. Players |
| Sabrina Duprey | Tail End Charlie | Center Stage Comm. Theatre |
| Emma Gedig | Little Women | The Belfry |
| Breanna Helms | Bus Stop | Epilogue Players |
| Marie McNelis | The Cemetery Club | Epilogue Players |
| Valerie Nowosielski | The Cemetery Club | Epilogue Players |
| Zarah Shejule | American Son | Carmel Community Players |
| Lisa Warner Lowe | The Cemetery Club | Epilogue Players |

Best Performance of a Major Supporting Male Role in a Comedy

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|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Larry Adams | The Outsider | Center Stage Comm. Theatre |
| Kevin Bell | Morning After Grace | Epilogue Players |
| Ben Lagow | The Gods of Comedy | Hendricks Civic Theatre |
| Vincent Pratt | Deathtrap | Hendricks Civic Theatre |
| Matthew Socey | Pride and Prejudice | Carmel Community Players |
| Matt Spurlock | The Outsider | Center Stage Comm. Theatre |

Best Performance of a Major Supporting Male Role in a Drama

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| Scott Fleshood | Bus Stop | Epilogue Players |
| Craig Kemp | Bus Stop | Epilogue Players |
| Tom Smith | The Cemetery Club | Epilogue Players |

Best Performance of a Major Supporting Female Role in a Comedy

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|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Veronique Duprey | The Outsider | Center Stage Comm. Theatre |
| Amanda Falcone | Pride and Prejudice | Carmel Community Players |
| Kat Krebs | The Outsider | Center Stage Comm. Theatre |
| Gabrielle Patterson | Steel Magnolias | Carmel Community Players |

Best Performance of a Major Supporting Female Role in a Drama

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| Mary Kay Ferguson | A Lacey Summer | Center Stage Comm. Theatre |
| Joyce Pendleton | A Lacey Summer | Center Stage Comm. Theatre |

Best Performance of a Minor Supporting Male Role in a Play (Combined Category)**

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| Bryan Ball | American Son | Carmel Community Players |
| Matt McKee | Tail End Charlie | Center Stage Comm. Theatre |

Best Performance of a Minor Supporting Female Role in a Comedy

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|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Desiree Black | Pride and Prejudice | Carmel Community Players |
| Susan Galey Jones | Deathtrap | Hendricks Civic Theatre |

Best Performance of a Minor Supporting Female Role in a Drama

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|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Danielle Blair | Night Watch | Epilogue Players |
| Mary DeBoer | The Cemetery Club | Epilogue Players |

Best Cameo in a Play (Combined Category)**

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| Tom Smith | Tail End Charlie | Center Stage Comm. Players |
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Best Ensemble in a Play

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| The Cast - | Steel Magnolias | Carmel Community Players |
| The Pirates - | Peter & the Starcatcher | Carmel Community Players |
| | Austin Uebelhor, Samantha Kelly, | |
| | Mackey Brose, Adrian Blackwell, Desiree Black | |
| The Widows - | The Cemetery Club | Epilogue Players |
| | Marie McNelis, Valerie Nowosielski, | |
| | Lisa Warner Lowe | |

Best Performer Under the Age of 18 in a Play (Combined Category)**

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| COMEDY | Quinn Yeater | Peter & the Starcatcher | Carmel Community Players |
| DRAMA | Teagan Cortez | Bus Stop | Epilogue Players |

Best Costumes in a Play (Combined Category)**

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|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Kathie Criss | Tail End Charlie | Center Stage Comm. Theatre |
| Curt Pickard | Bus Stop | Epilogue Players |
| Marina Eisenbraun | American Son | Carmel Community Players |

Best Set Design for a Comedy

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Andy Burnett | Deathtrap | Hendricks Civic Theatre |
| Andy & Mel Burnett | Morning After Grace | Epilogue Players |
| Charlie Hanover | Steel Magnolias | Carmel Community Players |
| & David Muse | | |
| Matt McKee & David Wines | The Outsider | Center Stage Comm. Theatre |
| Mark Owens | Don't Drink the Water | Shelby Co. Players |
| Christy Summersett | I Bet Your Life | Center Stage Comm. Theatre |
| & David Wines | | |

Best Set Design for a Drama

Jose Alejos & Jay Ganz
 Tony Brazelton
 Tom Burek & Kelly Keller
 Bradley Allan Lowe
 Richelle Lutz & David Wines
 Ed Mobley
 Matt Spurlock
Gale Sturm
 Ed Trout

Little Women
 Murder on the Orient Express
 The Cemetery Club
 American Son
 A Lacey Summer
 Night Watch
 Tail End Charlie
Bus Stop
 Visiting Mr. Green

The Belfry
 Shelby Co. Players
 Epilogue Players
 Carmel Community Players
 Center Stage Comm. Theatre
 Epilogue Players
 Center Stage Comm. Theatre
Epilogue Players
 Epilogue Players

Best Set Decoration for a Comedy

Melody Burnett
 Letitia Clemons
 Casey Clouser, Sam Kelly,
 & Elizabeth Ruddell
 H. Alan Hershman, Matt McKee,
 Valerie Nowosielski, & David Wines
Susanne Walker Bush

Deathtrap
 Don't Drink the Water
 Steel Magnolias

 The Outsider

Morning After Grace

Hendricks Civic Theatre
 Shelby Co. Players
 Carmel Community Players

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Epilogue Players

Best Set Decoration for a Drama

Mac Bellner & Susanne Walker Bush
Andy and Melody Burnett
 Melody Burnett & Catherine Mobley
 Kelli Conkin, Kathie Criss, & Matt Spurlock
 Susan Hill
 Claudia MacRae
 Christy Summersett & David Wines

Visiting Mr. Green
Bus Stop
 Night Watch
 Tail End Charlie
 The Cemetery Club
 Little Women
 A Lacey Summer

Epilogue Players
Epilogue Players
 Epilogue Players
 Center Stage Comm. Theatre
 Epilogue Players
 The Belfry
 Center Stage Comm. Theatre

Best Props for a Comedy

Therese Burns
 Nicki Esquivel
 Pam Jensen
 Elizabeth Ruddell

Morning After Grace
 The Gods of Comedy
 Deathtrap
 Steel Magnolias

Epilogue Players
 Hendricks Civic Theatre
 Hendricks Civic Theatre
 Carmel Community Players

Best Props for a Drama

Kathie Criss, Kara Spurlock,
 & Matt Spurlock
Susan Yeaw

Tail End Charlie

Bus Stop

Center Stage Comm. Theatre

Epilogue Players

Best Stage Manager for a Play (Combined Category)**

Patti Boyle
 Patti Boyle & Tanya Keller
 Bennett Dilger

Bus Stop
 The Cemetery Club
 Visiting Mr. Green

Epilogue Players
 Epilogue Players
 Epilogue Players

Best Lighting Design for a Play (Combined Category) TIE**

Amanda Hemmert

Greg Cox

Alan Hershman

Alan Hershman

Duane Mercier

Duane Mercier

Andrew Stephens

Deathtrap

Murder on the Orient Express

A Lacey Summer

Tail End Charlie

Night Watch

The Cemetery Club

Bus Stop

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Center Stage Comm. Theatre

Center Stage Comm. Theatre

Epilogue Players

Epilogue Players

Epilogue Players

Best Light Board Operator for a Comedy

Amanda Greene

Amanda Greene

Don't Drink the Water

Morning After Grace

Shelby Co. Players

Epilogue Players

Best Light Board Operator for a Drama

Patti Boyle

Amanda Greene

Alan Hershman

Kayla McKee

Chanta Quillen

Zach Thompson

Night Watch

The Cemetery Club

A Lacey Summer

Tail End Charlie

Murder on the Orient Express

Bus Stop

Epilogue Players

Epilogue Players

Center Stage Comm. Theatre

Center Stage Comm. Theatre

Shelby Co. Players

Epilogue Players

Best Sound Design for a Comedy

Jamison Hemmert

Lori Raffel

Lori Raffel

Joel Wolfe & Ren Clendening

Deathtrap

Peter & the Starcatcher

Steel Magnolias

The Gods of Comedy

Hendricks Civic Theatre

Carmel Community Players

Carmel Community Players

Hendricks Civic Theatre

Best Sound Design for a Drama

Tony Brazelton

Laura Krell

Duane Mercier

Murder on the Orient Express

American Son

Bus Stop

Shelby Co. Players

Carmel Community Players

Epilogue Player

Best Sound Board Operator for a Comedy

Amanda Greene

Jamison Hemmert & George Perez

Lori Raffel

Doug Vann

Morning After Grace

Deathtrap

Peter & the Starcatcher

Steel Magnolias

Epilogue Players

Hendricks Civic Theatre

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Carmel Community Players

Best Sound Board Operator for a Drama

S P Erney

Zach Thompson

Murder on the Orient Express

Bus Stop

Shelby Co. Players

Epilogue Players

2024-2025 Encore Award Nominations

Musicals

Best Production of a Musical

Jonna Kauffman, producer

Beth Swayze, producer

Shannon Rehmel, producer

Jacki Petersson

& Rachel Petersson, producers

Beauty and the Beast

Next to Normal

Caroline, or Change

The Secret Garden

Footlite Musicals

Footlite Musicals

Footlite Musicals

Hendricks Civic Theatre

Best Director of a Musical

Josh Vander Missen

Bradley Allan Lowe

Todd Dillon

Beauty and the Beast

Caroline, or Change

The Secret Garden

Footlite Musicals

Footlite Musicals

Hendricks Civic Theatre

Best Performance of a Leading Male Role in a Musical

Darrin Gowan

Drew Kempen

Kevin Bell

Darrel Huff

Milo Ellis

Asher Ortman

9 to 5

Beauty and the Beast

Kinky Boots

Bye Bye Birdie

Next to Normal

Caroline, or Change

The Belfry

Footlite Musicals

Footlite Musicals

Hendricks Civic Theatre

Footlite Musicals

Footlite Musicals

Best Performance of a Leading Female Role in a Musical

Addison Koehler

Amanda Falcone

Elizabeth Hudson

Jonna Kauffman

Mara Fowler

Angela Manlove

Damaris Burgin

Charlotte Tuttle

Cabaret

9 to 5

Beauty and the Beast

Ruthless

Kinky Boots

Next to Normal

Caroline, or Change

The Secret Garden

Footlite Musicals

The Belfry

Footlite Musicals

Carmel Community Players

Footlite Musicals

Footlite Musicals

Footlite Musicals

Hendricks Civic Theatre

Best Performance of a Major Supporting Male Role in a Musical

Chris Ritchie

Zac Speer

Drew Kempin

Parker Taylor

Camden Zetty

Beauty and the Beast

Beauty and the Beast

Kinky Boots

Next to Normal

The Secret Garden

Footlite Musicals

Footlite Musicals

Footlite Musicals

Footlite Musicals

Hendricks Civic Theatre

Best Performance of a Major Supporting Female Role in a Musical

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| Emily Mae Gaddy | Cabaret | Footlite Musicals |
| Tara Cherry | Beauty and the Beast | Footlite Musicals |
| Jeff Fuller | Ruthless | Carmel Community Players |
| Tessa Gibbons | Next to Normal | Footlite Musicals |
| Emily Mae Gaddy | Caroline, or Change | Footlite Musicals |
| Kaylee Johnson-Bradley | Caroline, or Change | Footlite Musicals |
| Hannelies Hartman | The Secret Garden | Hendricks Civic Theatre |

Best Performance of a Minor Supporting Male Role in a Musical

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| Markell Pipkins | Caroline, or Change | Footlite Musicals |
| Rick Gamble | The Secret Garden | Hendricks Civic Theatre |

Best Performance of a Minor Supporting Female Role in a Musical

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|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Holly Hathaway Thompson | Ruthless | Carmel Community Players |
| Anya Andrews | Caroline, or Change | Footlite Musicals |
| Rachelle Woolston | The Secret Garden | Hendricks Civic Theatre |

Best Cameo in a Musical

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|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Samuel McCanney | Caroline, or Change | Footlite Musicals |
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Best Ensemble

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| The Radios- Jada Radford, Nia Hughes, Vivian Nicole Husband | Caroline, or Change | Footlite Musicals |
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Best Performer Under 18 in an Adult Production of a Musical

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| Tallulah Salimeno | Beauty and the Beast | Footlite Musicals |
| Asher Ortman | Caroline, or Change | Footlite Musicals |
| Olivia Cook | Ruthless | Carmel Community Players |
| Julian Leon | Bye Bye Birdie | Hendricks Civic Theatre |
| Charlotte Tuttle | The Secret Garden | Hendricks Civic Theatre |
| Beckett Hartman | The Secret Garden | Hendricks Civic Theatre |

Best Male Singer

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| Darrin Gowan | 9 to 5 | The Belfry |
| Brett Edwards | Beauty and the Beast | Footlite Musicals |
| Milo Ellis | Next to Normal | Footlite Musicals |
| Markell Pipkins | Caroline, or Change | Footlite Musicals |
| Charlie Metzger | The Secret Garden | Hendricks Civic Theatre |
| David Turner | The Secret Garden | Hendricks Civic Theatre |

Best Female Singer

Addison Koehler
Amanda Falcone
Elizabeth Hudson
Jonna Kauffman
Mara Fowler
Angela Manlove
Damaris Burgin
Kaylee Johnson-Bradley
Hannelies Hartman

Cabaret
9 to 5
Beauty and the Beast
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Hendricks Civic Theatre

Best Male Dancer

Nathan Demeyers

Beauty and the Beast

Footlite Musicals

Best Choreography

Conner Becker-Chamberlain
& Emily Theurer
Trish Roberds
Thomas Mason
Amy Western

Cabaret

Beauty and the Beast
Kinky Boots
The Secret Garden

Footlite Musicals

Footlite Musicals
Footlite Musicals
Hendricks Civic Theatre

Best Vocal Director TIE

Markell Pipkins
Ginger Stoltz
Andy Riggs
Leah Trigg
& Todd Dillon

Cabaret
Next to Normal
Caroline, or Change
The Secret Garden

Footlite Musicals
Footlite Musicals
Footlite Musicals
Hendricks Civic Theatre

Best Conductor

Kristin Cutler
Jill Stewart
& Megan Benedict
Ben Rose

Cabaret
Beauty and the Beast

Caroline, or Change

Footlite Musicals
Footlite Musicals

Footlite Musicals

Best Musical Number

Gaston
Just Another Day
Lilly's Eyes

Beauty and the Beast
Next to Normal
The Secret Garden

Footlite Musicals
Footlite Musicals
Hendricks Civic Theatre

Best Costumes for a Musical

Marina Turner
& Etta Biloon

Vickie Tewes

Curt Pickard
Edie Burton Bandy
& Claire Slaven

Marina Turner
& Etta Biloon

Cathy Cutshall

Cabaret

Beauty and the Beast

Ruthless
Kinky Boots

Caroline, or Change

The Secret Garden

Footlite Musicals

Footlite Musicals

Carmel Community Players
Footlite Musicals

Footlite Musicals

Hendricks Civic Theatre

Best Hair and Make-up for a Musical

Marina Turner
& Kaitlyn Eagan

Drew Bryson
& Ryan Straut

Tina Pulliam
Ben Jones
Drew Bryson
Maddie and Amy Western

Cabaret

Beauty and the Beast

Ruthless
Kinky Boots
Caroline, or Change
The Secret Garden

Footlite Musicals

Footlite Musicals

Carmel Community Players
Footlite Musicals
Footlite Musicals
Hendricks Civic Theatre

Best Set Design For a Musical

Ted Jacobs
Jay Ganz
& Jose Alejos

Peyton Kistler
Stephen Matters
Ted Jacobs
& Mary Lich

Stephen Matters
Ian Marshall-Fisher

Cabaret
9 to 5

Ruthless
Beauty and the Beast
Kinky Boots

Next to Normal
Caroline, or Change

Footlite Musicals
The Belfry

Carmel Community Players
Footlite Musicals
Footlite Musicals

Footlite Musicals
Footlite Musicals

Best Set Decoration for a Musical

Mary Lich
Kathleen Clarke-Horrigan
Jerry Beasley
& Mary Lich
Ian Marshall-Fisher
& Molly Kraus

Beauty and the Beast
Ruthless
Kinky Boots

Caroline, or Change

Footlite Musicals

Carmel Community Players
Footlite Musicals

Footlite Musicals

Best Properties for a Musical

Molly Kraus
Susan Yeaw
Kristen Hilger
Jessica Raine
Molly Kraus

Beauty and the Beast
Ruthless
Kinky Boots
Next to Normal
Caroline, or Change

Footlite Musicals
Carmel Community Players
Footlite Musicals
Footlite Musicals
Footlite Musicals

Best Stage Manager for a Musical

Jeremy Crouch
Melissa Yurechko
Tristan Stencenko
& Susan Yeaw
Melissa Yurechko
Bella Hartman
Lana Wooley

Cabaret
Beauty and the Beast
Ruthless

Kinky Boots
Caroline, or Change
The Secret Garden

Footlite Musicals
Footlite Musicals
Carmel Community Players

Footlite Musicals
Footlite Musicals
Hendricks Civic Theatre

Best Lighting Design for a Musical

Maria Matters
Andy Stephens
Andrew Stephens
Maria Matters
Cody Wence

Cabaret
Beauty and the Beast
Ruthless
Next to Normal
Caroline, or Change

Footlite Musicals
Footlite Musicals
Carmel Community Players
Footlite Musicals
Footlite Musicals

Best Sound Design for a Musical

Louie Wiseman
Louie Wiseman
Zach Rosing

Cabaret
Beauty and the Beast
Next to Normal

Footlite Musicals
Footlite Musicals
Footlite Musicals

Best Light Board Operator for a Musical

Maria Matters
Lindsey Schaecher
Carly Tanner
Maria Matters

Cabaret
Beauty and the Beast
Ruthless
Next to Normal

Footlite Musicals
Footlite Musicals
Carmel Community Players
Footlite Musicals

Best Sound Board Operator for a Musical

Josh Vander Missen
Dakota Jones

Beauty and the Beast
Next to Normal

Footlite Musicals
Footlite Musicals

JUDGES SPECIALS

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| 1. Rain Curtain | Caroline, or Change | Footlite Musicals |
| 2. The Spell | Beauty and the Beast | Footlite Musicals |
| 3. Boots in Finale of KB | Kinky Boots | Footlite Musicals |
| 4. Live Statue | The Secret Garden | Hendricks Civic |
| 5. Original Music | Muder on the Orient Express | Shelby Co. Players |
| 6. Best Orchestra | Beauty and the Beast | Footlite Musicals |

E. Edward Green Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

Nancy Lafferty

JEAN CONES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Olivia Cook

Standing Ovation Honorees

Marilyn Bunner

Gene Cramer

Jeff Hamilton

Carol Kirk

Diane McGuire

Charlie McMillan Jr.

Rockland Mers

C. Peter Method

Ellie Sellars

Hugh Watson

Rising Star Award Recipients

Alice in Wonderland, Jr. at Hendricks Civic Theater

Oliver Barszcz

Rylee Downing

This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl Does Nothing at Carmel Community Players

Maile Alpizar

Vivienne Thibodeau

Sydney Weitz

The Wizard of Oz, Jr. at The Belfry Theatre

Parker Oss

Lyla Pike

Callie Heflin

Hadestown, Teen Edition at Footlite Musicals

Eduardo Palapa

Willa Cortez

Grace Graves