

## 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**

Letitia Clemons	Don't Drink the Water
Casey Clouser	Steel Magnolias
Katie Endres	Pride and Prejudice
Tanya Haas	I Bet Your Life
<b>Tanya Haas</b>	<b>Steel Magnolias</b>
Emily Haus	Steel Magnolias
Hannah Janowicz	Peter & the Starcatcher
Karen Temple	Morning After Grace

Shelby Co. Players
Carmel Community Players
Carmel Community Players
Center Stage Comm. Theatre
<b>Carmel Community Players</b>
Carmel Community Players
Carmel Community Players
Epilogue Players

**Best Performance of a Leading Female Role in a Drama**

Letitia Clemons	Murder on the Orient Express
Sabrina Duprey	Tail End Charlie
Emma Gedig	Little Women
Breanna Helms	Bus Stop
Marie McNelis	The Cemetery Club
Valerie Nowosielski	The Cemetery Club
<b>Zarah Shejule</b>	<b>American Son</b>
Lisa Warner Lowe	The Cemetery Club

Shelby Co. Players
Center Stage Comm. Theatre
The Belfry
Epilogue Players
Epilogue Players
Epilogue Players
<b>Carmel Community Players</b>
Epilogue Players

**Best Performance of a Major Supporting Male Role in a Comedy**

Larry Adams	The Outsider
Kevin Bell	Morning After Grace
Ben Lagow	The Gods of Comedy
<b>Vincent Pratt</b>	<b>Deathtrap</b>
Matthew Socey	Pride and Prejudice
Matt Spurlock	The Outsider

Center Stage Comm. Theatre
Epilogue Players
Hendricks Civic Theatre
<b>Hendricks Civic Theatre</b>
Carmel Community Players
Center Stage Comm. Theatre

**Best Performance of a Major Supporting Male Role in a Drama**

<b>Scott Fleshood</b>	<b>Bus Stop</b>
Craig Kemp	Bus Stop
Tom Smith	The Cemetery Club

<b>Epilogue Players</b>
Epilogue Players
Epilogue Players

**Best Performance of a Major Supporting Female Role in a Comedy**

Veronique Duprey	The Outsider
Amanda Falcone	Pride and Prejudice
Kat Krebs	The Outsider
<b>Gabrielle Patterson</b>	<b>Steel Magnolias</b>

Center Stage Comm. Theatre
Carmel Community Players
Center Stage Comm. Theatre
<b>Carmel Community Players</b>

**Best Performance of a Major Supporting Female Role in a Drama**

<b>Mary Kay Ferguson</b>	<b>A Lacey Summer</b>
Joyce Pendleton	A Lacey Summer

<b>Center Stage Comm. Theatre</b>
Center Stage Comm. Theatre

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

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**

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**

Danielle Blair

Night Watch

Epilogue Players

Mary DeBoer

The Cemetery Club

Epilogue Players

**Best Cameo in a Play (\*\*Combined Category)**

Tom Smith

Tail End Charlie

Center Stage Comm. Players

**Best Ensemble in a Play**

The Cast -

Steel Magnolias

Carmel Community Players

The Pirates -

Peter &amp; 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)**

COMEDY

Quinn Yeater

Peter &amp; the Starcatcher

Carmel Community Players

DRAMA

Teagan Cortez

Bus Stop

Epilogue Players

**Best Costumes in a Play (\*\*Combined Category)**

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**

Andy Burnett

Deathtrap

Hendricks Civic Theatre

Andy &amp; Mel Burnett

Morning After Grace

Epilogue Players

Charlie Hanover

Steel Magnolias

Carmel Community Players

&amp; David Muse

Matt McKee &amp; 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

&amp; David Wines

**Best Set Design for a Drama**

Jose Alejos & Jay Ganz	Little Women	The Belfry
Tony Brazelton	Murder on the Orient Express	Shelby Co. Players
Tom Burek & Kelly Keller	The Cemetery Club	Epilogue Players
Bradley Allan Lowe	American Son	Carmel Community Players
Richelle Lutz & David Wines	A Lacey Summer	Center Stage Comm. Theatre
Ed Mobley	Night Watch	Epilogue Players
Matt Spurlock	Tail End Charlie	Center Stage Comm. Theatre
<b>Gale Sturm</b>	<b>Bus Stop</b>	<b>Epilogue Players</b>
Ed Trout	Visiting Mr. Green	Epilogue Players

**Best Set Decoration for a Comedy**

Melody Burnett	Deathtrap	Hendricks Civic Theatre
Letitia Clemons	Don't Drink the Water	Shelby Co. Players
Casey Clouser, Sam Kelly, & Elizabeth Ruddell	Steel Magnolias	Carmel Community Players
H. Alan Hershman, Matt McKee, Valerie Nowosielski, & David Wines	The Outsider	Center Stage Comm. Theatre
<b>Susanne Walker Bush</b>	<b>Morning After Grace</b>	<b>Epilogue Players</b>

**Best Set Decoration for a Drama**

Mac Bellner & Susanne Walker Bush	Visiting Mr. Green	Epilogue Players
<b>Andy and Melody Burnett</b>	<b>Bus Stop</b>	<b>Epilogue Players</b>
Melody Burnett & Catherine Mobley	Night Watch	Epilogue Players
Kelli Conkin, Kathie Criss, & Matt Spurlock	Tail End Charlie	Center Stage Comm. Theatre
Susan Hill	The Cemetery Club	Epilogue Players
Claudia MacRae	Little Women	The Belfry
Christy Summersett & David Wines	A Lacey Summer	Center Stage Comm. Theatre

**Best Props for a Comedy**

<b>Therese Burns</b>	<b>Morning After Grace</b>	<b>Epilogue Players</b>
Nicki Esquivel	The Gods of Comedy	Hendricks Civic Theatre
Pam Jensen	Deathtrap	Hendricks Civic Theatre
Elizabeth Ruddell	Steel Magnolias	Carmel Community Players

**Best Props for a Drama**

Kathie Criss, Kara Spurlock, & Matt Spurlock	Tail End Charlie	Center Stage Comm. Theatre
<b>Susan Yeaw</b>	<b>Bus Stop</b>	<b>Epilogue Players</b>

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

<b>Patti Boyle</b>	<b>Bus Stop</b>	<b>Epilogue Players</b>
Patti Boyle & Tanya Keller	The Cemetery Club	Epilogue Players
Bennett Dilger	Visiting Mr. Green	Epilogue Players

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

Amanda Hemmert	Deathtrap	Hendricks Civic Theatre
Greg Cox	Murder on the Orient Express	Shelby Co. Players
Alan Hershman	A Lacey Summer	Center Stage Comm. Theatre
Alan Hershman	Tail End Charlie	Center Stage Comm. Theatre
Duane Mercier	Night Watch	Epilogue Players
Duane Mercier	The Cemetery Club	Epilogue Players
Andrew Stephens	Bus Stop	Epilogue Players

**Best Light Board Operator for a Comedy**

Amanda Greene	Don't Drink the Water	Shelby Co. Players
Amanda Greene	Morning After Grace	Epilogue Players

**Best Light Board Operator for a Drama**

Patti Boyle	Night Watch	Epilogue Players
Amanda Greene	The Cemetery Club	Epilogue Players
Alan Hershman	A Lacey Summer	Center Stage Comm. Theatre
Kayla McKee	Tail End Charlie	Center Stage Comm. Theatre
Chanta Quillen	Murder on the Orient Express	Shelby Co. Players
Zach Thompson	Bus Stop	Epilogue Players

**Best Sound Design for a Comedy**

Jamison Hemmert	Deathtrap	Hendricks Civic Theatre
Lori Raffel	Peter & the Starcatcher	Carmel Community Players
Lori Raffel	Steel Magnolias	Carmel Community Players
Joel Wolfe & Ren Clendening	The Gods of Comedy	Hendricks Civic Theatre

**Best Sound Design for a Drama**

Tony Brazelton	Murder on the Orient Express	Shelby Co. Players
Laura Krell	American Son	Carmel Community Players
Duane Mercier	Bus Stop	Epilogue Player

**Best Sound Board Operator for a Comedy**

Amanda Greene	Morning After Grace	Epilogue Players
Jamison Hemmert & George Perez	Deathtrap	Hendricks Civic Theatre
Lori Raffel	Peter & the Starcatcher	Carmel Community Players
Doug Vann	Steel Magnolias	Carmel Community Players

**Best Sound Board Operator for a Drama**

S P Erney	Murder on the Orient Express	Shelby Co. Players
Zach Thompson	Bus Stop	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 Missem  
**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**

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
<b>Kaylee Johnson-Bradley</b>	<b>Caroline, or Change</b>	<b>Footlite Musicals</b>
Hannelies Hartman	The Secret Garden	Hendricks Civic Theatre

**Best Performance of a Minor Supporting Male Role in a Musical**

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**

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**

Samuel McCanney	Caroline, or Change	Footlite Musicals
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**Best Ensemble**

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**

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
<b>Charlotte Tuttle</b>	<b>The Secret Garden</b>	<b>Hendricks Civic Theatre</b>
Beckett Hartman	The Secret Garden	Hendricks Civic Theatre

**Best Male Singer**

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
<b>David Turner</b>	<b>The Secret Garden</b>	<b>Hendricks Civic Theatre</b>

**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  
Ruthless  
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Caroline, or Change  
The Secret Garden

Footlite Musicals  
The Belfry  
Footlite Musicals  
Carmel Community Players  
Footlite Musicals  
Footlite Musicals  
**Footlite Musicals**  
Footlite Musicals  
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  
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**

1. Rain Curtain
2. The Spell
3. Boots in Finale of KB
4. Live Statue
5. Original Music
6. Best Orchestra

Caroline, or Change  
**Beauty and the Beast**  
Kinky Boots  
The Secret Garden  
Muder on the Orient Express  
Beauty and the Beast

Footlite Musicals  
Footlite Musicals  
Footlite Musicals  
Hendricks Civic  
Shelby Co. Players  
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**