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OHIO THEATRE

Columbus, Ohio



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2024 Best Performer in a Leading Role Finalists
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"The CAPA Marquee Awards have had a profound impact on my life. The community of young actors in Columbus has never had anything like this before. Thank you!"

Last year, the CAPA Marquee Awards reached over 2,100 students through performances and educational programs.

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Join us in supporting our students and their excellence in the arts. Together we can make sure this important program continues to provide opportunities to students for many years to come.

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Hope to see you in the Theatre again soon,

Chad Whittington
President & CEO

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OHIO THEATRE
Columbus, Ohio

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Lighting Designer
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Matt Cantelon



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2025 CAPA Marquee Awards presented by American Electric Power Foundation!

This is our seventh year as a regional program of the National High School Musical Theatre Awards®/Jimmy Awards® which celebrates outstanding student achievement in vocal, dance, and acting performance. We are so excited that our two winners (who will be named live tonight!) will join top musical theatre students from across the country in New York City for a ten-day theatre intensive

where they will experience private coaching, master classes, and rehearsals in preparation for a special showcase performance on Broadway on June 23.

While this program is competitive in nature, the true value lies in the sense of belonging it creates for our young people, in the educational and performance opportunities it provides, in the learning it offers, and the attention it brings to high school theatre programs.

If you are like me and you grew up a theatre kid, tonight will inspire nostalgia and will help you remember why you fell in love with high school musical theatre. Featured in tonight's showcase are "theatre kids" from all 26 of our participating schools. The performers and members of our student technical crew had just 9 days of after-school rehearsals to create the magic you will see onstage tonight. Working with these incredible young artists is always the highlight of my year.

Crystal Satterfield, our amazing Education Specialist, and I attended all 26 Marquee Award musicals this season, and we loved visiting each community and witnessing firsthand the support our central Ohio communities give to our high school musical theatre programs.

The importance of the performing arts in our schools cannot be understated. And, tonight, we are thrilled to celebrate the achievements of the high school musical theatre community in central Ohio.

Enjoy the show!

Amy Handra

Director of Education & Engagement

Columbus Association for the Performing Arts



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TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

ACT I

- Opening Number **Student Ensemble***
 "We Got the Beat" from *Head Over Heels*
 "You Can't Stop the Beat" from *Hairspray*
- Welcome & Introduction **Chad Whittington**
- Host Remarks **Mike McCarthy & Lisa Minken**
- AWARD: National Student Reporter** **Matt Satterwhite**
 Sponsored by WBNS-10TV
- AWARD: Outstanding Student Orchestra** **Ann & Tom DiMarco**
 Sponsored by The DiMarco Family Fund of The Columbus Foundation
- Selection from Best Musical Nominee No. 1 **New Albany High School**
 "One" from *A Chorus Line: Teen Edition*
- AWARD: Backstage Excellence** **Karen Hough Majizadeh**
 Sponsored by ImprovEdge
- AWARD: Outstanding Student Designer** **Jack Beeler**
 Sponsored by The Pam and Jack Beeler Family Fund of The Columbus Foundation
- AWARD: Outstanding Technical Execution** **Mike Schoedinger**
 Sponsored by Mary Beth and Luke McCormick
- Selection from Best Musical Nominee No. 2.. **Eastmoor Academy High School**
 "Chant" from *Hadestown: Teen Edition*
- Sponsor Recognition **Elfi Di Bella**
- American Electric Power Foundation **Kelly Stevelt**
- AWARD: Best Actor in a Supporting Role** **Greg Laws**
 Sponsored by Electrical Service Professionals
- AWARD: Best Actress in a Supporting Role** **Holly Stokes**
 Sponsored by Huntington
- Selection from Best Musical Nominee No. 3..... **Olentangy High School**
 "Voulez Vous" from *Mamma Mia!*

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TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

ACT II

- Selection from Best Musical Nominee No. 4..... **Marysville High School**
 "Waterloo" from *Mamma Mia!*
- AWARD: Outstanding Dance Execution**..... **Mike Stickney**
 Sponsored by The McCurdy Family Foundation
- AWARD: Outstanding Ensemble** **Ramona Reyes**
 Sponsored by Fifth Third Bank, N.A.
- AWARD: Best Direction** **Brad Frenette & Aviva Neff**
 Sponsored by Denison University
- Selection from Best Musical Nominee No. 5..... **Jonathan Alder High School**
 "Wait for Me" from *Hadestown: Teen Edition*
- The National High School Musical Theatre Awards® Program **Amy Handra**
- Best Actor in a Leading Role Performance **Preston Hudson, Kyle Meadows,
 Jakob Robinson, Shawn Underwood & Oliver Weaver**
- Best Actress in a Leading Role Performance **Allyson Carroll, Kamryn Dansby,
 Kayden Greco, Lucy Robinson & Emma Wintersteller**
- AWARD: Best Actor in a Leading Role** **Kimberly Minor & Carter Minor**
 Sponsored by Danbert, Inc.
- AWARD: Best Actress in a Leading Role** **Dan Gusty**
 Sponsored by Johnson Investment Counsel
- AWARD: Best Musical Production**..... **Bob Carroll**
- Closing Number..... **Student Ensemble***
 "Noise" by Gavin Creel
 "Holiday" from *American Idiot*
 "This Time" from *Kimberly Akimbo*

* Student Ensemble includes representatives from each participating school and the semi-finalists and finalists for Best Performer in a Leading Role.

2025 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS



Bexley High School

Big Fish (School Edition)

Marquee Coordinator:
Rebecca Rhinehart



Bishop Hartley High School

Disney's Beauty and the Beast

Marquee Coordinator:
Keeley Kurtis-Chapman



Bishop Watterson High School

The SpongeBob Musical

Marquee Coordinator:
Liz O'Dorisio



Centennial High School

Disney's The Little Mermaid

Marquee Coordinator:
Rachel Verdi



Chillicothe High School

The Wind in the Willows

Marquee Coordinator:
Amanda Betz

2025 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Columbus Africentric Early College

The Color Purple

Marquee Coordinator:
Tyrell Reggins



Eastmoor Academy High School

Hadestown: Teen Edition

Marquee Coordinator:
Seth Harms



Fairfield Union High School

Shrek The Musical

Marquee Coordinator:
Matthew Gregory



Jonathan Alder High School

Hadestown: Teen Edition

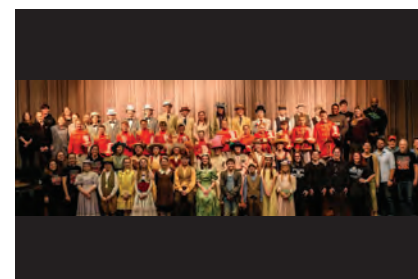
Marquee Coordinator:
Nicholas Mayes



Liberty Union High School

The Music Man

Marquee Coordinator:
Emily Fisher



2025 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS



Licking Heights High School

Urinetown

Marquee Coordinator:
Johanna Whetstone



London High School

9 to 5 The Musical

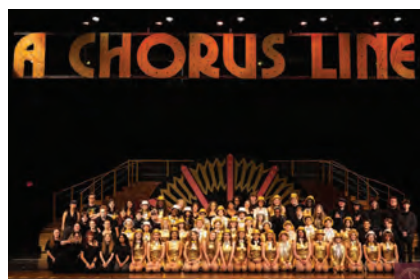
Marquee Coordinator:
Jessica Dunham



Marysville High School

Mamma Mia!

Marquee Coordinator:
Brianna Bizzaro



New Albany High School

A Chorus Line: Teen Edition

Marquee Coordinator:
Elliott Lemberg



Olentangy Berlin High School

Anastasia: The Musical

Marquee Coordinator:
Erin Gibbons

2025 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Olentangy High School

Mamma Mia!

Marquee Coordinator:
Anna McReynolds



Olentangy Liberty High School

Xanadu

Marquee Coordinator:
Daniel Skrovan



Olentangy Orange High School

Sweeney Todd (School Edition)

Marquee Coordinator:
Cathy Swain-Abrams



Pickerington High School Central

Little Shop of Horrors

Marquee Coordinator:
Andrew Martin



Pickerington High School North

SIX: Teen Edition

Marquee Coordinator:
Allen DeCarlo-Boyd



2025 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS



Upper Arlington High School

The Sound of Music

Marquee Coordinator:
Brandon Moss



Westerville South High School

Alice by Heart

Marquee Coordinator:
Matt Wolfe



Westland High School

Little Shop of Horrors

Marquee Coordinator:
Chris White



Whetstone High School

Hadestown: Teen Edition

Marquee Coordinator:
Christopher Ray



Worthington Christian School

Tuck Everlasting

Marquee Coordinator:
David O'Roark



Worthington Kilbourne High School

Anastasia: The Musical

Marquee Coordinator:
Daniel Robey

2025 NOMINEES

National Student Reporter

Sponsored by WBNS-10TV

Lauren Hardy, Olentangy Liberty High School
Valentina Vergamini, Upper Arlington High School

Outstanding Student Orchestra

Sponsored by The DiMarco Family Fund of The Columbus Foundation

Bexley High School, *Big Fish (School Edition)*
Bishop Watterson High School, *The SpongeBob Musical*
New Albany High School, *A Chorus Line: Teen Edition*
Olentangy Orange High School, *Sweeney Todd (School Edition)*
Pickerington High School Central, *Little Shop of Horrors*

Backstage Excellence

Sponsored by ImprovEdge

Set & Costume Crew, Bishop Watterson High School, *The SpongeBob Musical*
Crew Dogs, New Albany High School, *A Chorus Line: Teen Edition*
Set Lead Team & Crew, Olentangy Orange High School,
Sweeney Todd (School Edition)
Costume Crew, Westerville South High School, *Alice by Heart*
Lighting Crew Leads, Whetstone High School, *Hadestown: Teen Edition*

Outstanding Student Designer

Sponsored by The Pam and Jack Beeler Family Fund of The Columbus Foundation

Amabelle Chan, Olentangy Orange High School, Lighting Design,
Sweeney Todd (School Edition)
Lainey Kimball, Pickerington High School North, Set Design, *SIX: Teen Edition*
Deven Licón-Conner, Whetstone High School, Costume Design,
Hadestown: Teen Edition
Corinne Stevens, Upper Arlington High School, Costume Design,
The Sound of Music
Aaron Vezdos, Whetstone High School, Lighting Design, *Hadestown: Teen Edition*

2025 NOMINEES

Outstanding Technical Execution

Sponsored by Mary Beth and Luke McCormick

Jonathan Alder High School, *Hadestown: Teen Edition*,
 Stage Manager: Kyra Neeley
 New Albany High School, *A Chorus Line: Teen Edition*,
 Stage Managers: Margaret Farrell & Casper Green
 Olentangy High School, *Mamma Mia!*, Stage Manager: Erika Stake
 Olentangy Orange High School, *Sweeney Todd (School Edition)*,
 Stage Manager: Preston Bronder
 Pickerington High School Central, *Little Shop of Horrors*,
 Stage Manager: Bella Peirano

Best Actor in a Supporting Role

Sponsored by Electrical Service Professionals

Oliver Bernstein, Pickerington High School Central
 ("Mr. Mushnik" in *Little Shop of Horrors*)
 Brenden Carrion, Olentangy Liberty High School
 ("Danny Maguire/Zeus" in *Xanadu*)
 Elliott Jingo, Westerville South High School
 ("Harold Pudding/Mad Hatter" in *Alice by Heart*)
 Mason Peirano, Pickerington High School Central
 ("Orin Scrivello" in *Little Shop of Horrors*)
 Zack Rouleau, Chillicothe High School
 ("Chief Weasal" in *The Wind in the Willows*)

Best Actress in a Supporting Role

Sponsored by Huntington

Kate Armstrong, New Albany High School
 ("Sheila" in *A Chorus Line: Teen Edition*)
 Ava Baker, New Albany High School ("Maggie" in *A Chorus Line: Teen Edition*)
 Allison Freeland, Fairfield Union High School ("Pinocchio" in *Shrek The Musical*)
 Gabby Lewis, New Albany High School ("Bebe" in *A Chorus Line: Teen Edition*)
 Maria Thiel, New Albany High School ("Kristine" in *A Chorus Line: Teen Edition*)

Outstanding Dance Execution

Sponsored by The McCurdy Family Foundation

Eastmoor Academy High School, *Hadestown: Teen Edition*
 Jonathan Alder High School, *Hadestown: Teen Edition*
 Marysville High School, *Mamma Mia!*
 New Albany High School, *A Chorus Line: Teen Edition*
 Olentangy High School, *Mamma Mia!*

2025 NOMINEES

Outstanding Ensemble Sponsored by Fifth Third Bank, N. A.

Eastmoor Academy High School, *Hadestown: Teen Edition*
 Jonathan Alder High School, *Hadestown: Teen Edition*
 Marysville High School, *Mamma Mia!*
 New Albany High School, *A Chorus Line: Teen Edition*
 Olentangy High School, *Mamma Mia!*

Best Direction Sponsored by Denison University

Seth Harms, Eastmoor Academy High School, *Hadestown: Teen Edition*
 Nicholas Mayes, Jonathan Alder High School, *Hadestown: Teen Edition*
 Anna McReynolds, Olentangy High School, *Mamma Mia!*
 Cathy Swain-Abrams, Olentangy Orange High School,
Sweeney Todd (School Edition)
 Johanna Whetstone, Licking Heights High School, *Urinetown*

Best Actor in a Leading Role Sponsored by Danbert, Inc.

Preston Hudson, Pickerington High School Central
 ("Seymour" in *Little Shop of Horrors*)
 Kyle Meadows, Eastmoor Academy High School
 ("Hades" in *Hadestown: Teen Edition*)
 Jakob Robinson, Bexley High School ("Edward Bloom" in *Big Fish (School Edition)*)
 Shawn Underwood, Eastmoor Academy High School
 ("Orpheus" in *Hadestown: Teen Edition*)
 Oliver Weaver, Whetstone High School ("Orpheus" in *Hadestown: Teen Edition*)

Best Actress in a Leading Role

Sponsored by Johnson Investment Counsel

Allyson Carroll, Pickerington High School North
 ("Jane Seymour" in *SIX: Teen Edition*)
 Kamryn Dansby, Pickerington High School North
 ("Catherine of Aragon" in *SIX: Teen Edition*)
 Kayden Greco, Olentangy High School ("Sophie" in *Mamma Mia!*)
 Lucy Robinson, Bexley High School ("The Witch" in *Big Fish (School Edition)*)
 Emma Wintersteller, New Albany High School
 ("Diana" in *A Chorus Line: Teen Edition*)

Best Musical Production

Eastmoor Academy High School, *Hadestown: Teen Edition*
 Jonathan Alder High School, *Hadestown: Teen Edition*
 Marysville High School, *Mamma Mia!*
 New Albany High School, *A Chorus Line: Teen Edition*
 Olentangy High School, *Mamma Mia!*

TONIGHT'S PERFORMERS

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Emma Abbey
Marysville High School

Kam Abdalla
Marysville High School

Elena Achtmann
Olentangy High School

Caylee Althausen
Marysville High School

Tolulope Anderson
Marysville High School

Kira Anderson
Whetstone High School

Solomia Antonyuk
Westland High School

Kate Armstrong
New Albany High School

Mason Au
Marysville High School

Ava Baker
New Albany High School

Cora Ballenger
Marysville High School

Audrey Barr
Fairfield Union High School

Lexie Beasley
Jonathan Alder High School

Marciya Beasley
Eastmoor Academy High School

Oliver Bernstein
Pickerington High School Central

Isabella Binfet
Marysville High School

Sophia Boggs
Marysville High School

Lee Brechter
New Albany High School

Nash Bright
Pickerington High School North

Camden Brown
Olentangy High School

Zoe Brown
Bexley High School

Jennah Burson
Eastmoor Academy High School

Joey Cardone
New Albany High School

Brenden Carrion
Olentangy Liberty High School

Allyson Carroll
Pickerington High School North

Gianna Cazares
Jonathan Alder High School

Jovie Cheney
Marysville High School

Philip Chin
Jonathan Alder High School

Parker Cohn
New Albany High School

Ava Coleman
New Albany High School

Carter Comisar
Bishop Watterson High School

Lily Comisar
Upper Arlington High School

Maddie Conrad
Marysville High School

Lexi Cooper
Olentangy Liberty High School

Alexis Corbett
Marysville High School

Kylie Cross
Eastmoor Academy High School

Kamryn Dansby
Pickerington High School North

Caroline Dean
Worthington Christian School

Jason Dietry
Jonathan Alder High School

Dao Do
Marysville High School

Emmett Dodge
Bexley High School

Hailey Duke
Jonathan Alder High School

Gianna Dziewiatkowski
Bishop Watterson High School

Hannah Edwards
Marysville High School

Nrush Elchuri
Olentangy High School

Nate Eudaily
Jonathan Alder High School

Will Evans
Marysville High School

Ella Fairchild
Marysville High School

Ava Feisel
New Albany High School

Payten Flinn
Olentangy High School

Addison Frazier
Olentangy High School

Gage Freshour
Whetstone High School

Claire Freyhof
Jonathan Alder High School

Olivia Fuller
New Albany High School

Suresh Gadi
Olentangy High School

Emmy Garner
Marysville High School

Alana Gemmill
Olentangy High School

Gio Gooden
Westerville South High School

Guyon Goslee
Jonathan Alder High School

Kayden Greco
Olentangy High School

Helena Griem
Marysville High School

Noelle Griffith
New Albany High School

Hope Grim
Marysville High School

Lila Griveas
New Albany High School

Alayna Groves
Olentangy Orange High School

Malachi Gullick
Eastmoor Academy High School

Pepper Hagan
New Albany High School

Evie Hainrihar
Olentangy High School

Matthew Halley
Olentangy High School

Samuel Hardjono
Olentangy Orange High School

Tarika Harish
Olentangy High School

Elijah Harriman
Jonathan Alder High School

Gavin Hawkins
Jonathan Alder High School

Kayla Haynes
New Albany High School

Hope Henley
Marysville High School

Lauren Hensinger
Marysville High School

Nicholas Henwood
Fairfield Union High School

Penelope Herring
Marysville High School

Eileen Higginbotham
New Albany High School

Delaney Hill
Marysville High School

Griffin Hobbs
Olentangy High School

Olivia Horne
New Albany High School

Preston Hudson
Pickerington High School Central

Abby Huffman
Westland High School

Amanda Ilozurike
New Albany High School

Eliot James
New Albany High School

James Jenkins
New Albany High School

Ella Johnson
Olentangy High School

Sydney Johns
Olentangy High School

Aria Kaka
Olentangy High School

Pooja Kalidindi
Olentangy High School

Maira Karim
Olentangy High School

Shaan Karim
Olentangy High School

Mackenzie Kern
Marysville High School

Isabella Kerry
London High School

Katelyn Kieninger
New Albany High School

Lila King
Marysville High School

Ava Kline
Olentangy High School

Ian Kopf
New Albany High School

Noah Kravetsky
Olentangy High School

Alexis Lagunes
Jonathan Alder High School

Cecilia Langhals
Marysville High School

Lucas Langhals
Marysville High School

Sid Laurich
Olentangy High School

Gabby Lewis
New Albany High School

Brookleyn Light
Westerville South High School

Eve Limpach
New Albany High School

Brayden Logsdon
Marysville High School

Noah Long
Worthington Christian School

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Jonathan Alder High School

Erin Marshall
New Albany High School

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Olentangy High School

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New Albany High School

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Marysville High School

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Marysville High School

Joel Mitchell
Jonathan Alder High School

Allie Moran
Jonathan Alder High School

Jack Moran
Centennial High School

Hailey Neeley
Jonathan Alder High School

Kaylor Niemi
Marysville High School

Gigi O'Dorisio
Bishop Watterson High School

Linnea Olofsson
Marysville High School

Safyyah Omandien
Whetstone High School

Mylann Overfield
Marysville High School

Dylan Pack
Marysville High School

Olivia Painter
Pickerington High School North

Lucas Parks
Chillicothe High School

Myles Patton
New Albany High School

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Samantha Pauly
Jonathan Alder High School

Sara Pawlikowski
Olentangy High School

Alyssa Pawlowski
Marysville High School

Miles Prince
Upper Arlington High School

Claire Randolph
Olentangy High School

Jillian Reeb
Bishop Hartley High School

Drew Rhoden
Marysville High School

Aaron Rios
Marysville High School

Michael Roberts
Marysville High School

Jakob Robinson
Bexley High School

Lucy Robinson
Bexley High School

Hope Rooney
New Albany High School

Mimi Rooney
New Albany High School

Gabe Rose
Olentangy Berlin High School

Willow Rosen
Marysville High School

Ava Ross
Olentangy High School

Connor Roy
Olentangy High School

Danny Ruiz
Olentangy High School

Cali Russell
New Albany High School

Henry Saiter
Jonathan Alder High School

Aleksander Saken
New Albany High School

Caroline Samanich
New Albany High School

Erin Scott
Eastmoor Academy High School

Elaina Scott
Olentangy High School

Ruthie Sebastyen
Jonathan Alder High School

Mari Sferra
Olentangy High School

Sophia Shepherd
Marysville High School

Amanda Simmons
Jonathan Alder High School

Lauren Simpkins
Marysville High School

Grant Smith
New Albany High School

Liv Smith
New Albany High School

Bella Standish
Marysville High School

Jacey Stephens
Chillicothe High School

Kenzie Strasser
Marysville High School

Jackson Stukus
New Albany High School

Noah Sullivan
Olentangy High School

Sara Tarom
Centennial High School

Kyler Tate
Olentangy High School

Kyah Thatcher
Marysville High School

Maria Thiel
New Albany High School

Vinny Tippet
Bishop Watterson High School

Clara Torlone
Olentangy Berlin High School

Hannah Troutwine
Marysville High School

Leah Troutwine
Marysville High School

Annie Trybus
New Albany High School

Lamya Turner
Eastmoor Academy High School

Veronica Tuttle
Pickerington High School Central

Avery Tyson
Jonathan Alder High School

Shawn Underwood Jr.
Eastmoor Academy High School

Lane Vance
Bishop Hartley High School

Eva Vian
New Albany High School

Riley Walsh
New Albany High School

Issie Wearly
Licking Heights High School

Oliver Weaver
Whetstone High School

Camryn Wenter
Olentangy High School

Megan Westbrook
Olentangy High School

Emily Wheelbarger
Jonathan Alder High School

Kellen Wheeler
Marysville High School

Andrew White
Olentangy High School

Elena White
Olentangy High School

Jasper Wilde
Olentangy High School

Jaja Willoughby
Eastmoor Academy High School

Drew Wintersteller
New Albany High School

Emma Wintersteller
New Albany High School

Claire Wireman
Marysville High School

Sarah Wisard
Olentangy High School

Janelle Yawson
New Albany High School

ChuChu Yokie
Olentangy High School

Alice Zusman
New Albany High School

OUR CREATIVE TEAM



Amy Handra *Producer/Director*

Amy Handra is Director of Education & Engagement at CAPA. Under her leadership, CAPA reaches more than 50,000 people each year through the CAPA Marquee Awards (produced in partnership with The Jimmy Awards®), the Passport to Learning student matinee series, Broadway for Kids APPLAUSE Program, Broadway in the Classroom, Schooled on Poetry, and ARISE. Amy holds an MS in Teaching from the University of Dayton and has taught courses and workshops for people of all ages. Trained as a performer, she holds a BFA in Acting from Wright State University and an MFA in Acting from The University of Alabama. As a performer, she has international, regional, and local credits, including the Off-Broadway premiere of *Olympics Über Alles* (Kate), *Beyond Therapy* at the Teatro Nacional in Havana, Cuba, three seasons with the Colorado Shakespeare Festival, and commercial work for Verizon Wireless, Healthgrades, Hyundai Motor Corporation, and Morris Furniture Company. This is Amy's seventh year producing and directing the CAPA Marquee Awards Showcase. Working on this event with such talented young artists and her amazing creative team (including her husband, Stephen) is always one of the highlights of her year!



Jackie Comisar *Choreographer*

Originally from Pittsburgh, Jackie has called Columbus home for the last 17 years. As a professional actor, she has performed Off-Broadway, in National Tours, and regionally across the country. Here in Columbus, she has been seen in numerous leading roles at Short North Stage including *Ordinary Days* (Claire), *The Marvelous Wonderettes* (Missy), *The Full Monty* (Pam), *Christmas in Columbus* (Jackie Holiday) which she also co-wrote, and as the title role in CCT'S production of *Peter Pan* at The Southern Theatre. Jackie has been on faculty at BalletMet and has directed and choreographed productions at Upper Arlington High School, Bishop Watterson High School, Columbus Children's Theatre, Northland Performing Arts Center, and Original Productions Theatre. She holds a BFA in musical theatre from The University of Michigan and a Master's in Human Sciences from The Ohio State University. Jackie is thrilled to return to the CAPA Marquee Awards as choreographer for the fourth year in a row and has enjoyed involvement with the program for the last six years as a teaching artist, adjudicator, and contributor to the Dig Deeper series. Many thanks to Amy Handra for this opportunity. Thanks, and love to her husband Jason and her most favorite productions—Lily, Carter, and Mira.



Lydia Miller *Video Producer*

Lydia Miller is CAPA's Video Production Manager and Motion Graphics Editor. During her time at CAPA, she has produced, filmed, and edited more than 1,000 videos for social media, television, and live events, including the 2021 CAPA Marquee Virtual Showcase. Lydia has been a theatre fan since childhood and enjoys working behind the scenes creating videos to help grow audiences for the many arts organizations she serves. A proud graduate of The Ohio State University, Lydia also received her Professional Certificate in Electronic Media Technology from the University of Cincinnati. When she's not behind the camera, Lydia enjoys making ceramics, watching terrible reality television, and spending time with her family—especially her nine nieces and nephews.

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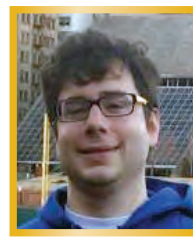
Dee Saunders *Music Arranger/Music Director*

Dee Saunders holds a dual Bachelor's degree in Music Education and Music Therapy from Michigan State University in piano and woodwinds, where she marched in the Spartan Marching Band in both the Color Guard and Drumline. She also has a Master's degree in Educational Policy and Leadership from The Ohio State University. She has taught vocal music in Columbus City, Pickerington, and Granville Schools, worked as an adjunct accompanist at Otterbein and Denison University, and is now retired. She has worked as a musical theater director and accompanist for more than 115 shows and is an arranger for many competitive show choirs throughout Ohio, creating both vocal and instrumental arrangements. Dee plays in contemporary worship bands and is a published choral works composer with Hal Leonard Publishing. She is the Music Arranger and Director for the CAPA Marquee Awards at the Ohio Theater here in Columbus and has served that role for the Miami Valley High School Musical Theater Awards in Dayton, both of which are presented yearly in conjunction with the National Jimmy Awards.



Tyler Domer *Assistant Music Director*

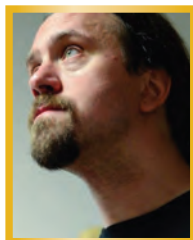
Tyler is thrilled to be back for another year with the CAPA Marquee Awards! A graduate of Capital University, he has been the Staff Accompanist at Worthington Kilbourne High School for the last ten years. In addition, he serves as the Music Director for the theater program at Westerville South High School and is the Music Associate at Church of the Master in Westerville. He would like to thank Dee Saunders and Amy Handra for the opportunity to work with these amazing high school performers.



Matt Cantelon *Sound Designer*

Matt Cantelon (he/him/his) currently works as a lecturer in The Ohio State University's Department of Film, Theatre, and Media Arts. In 2024, Matt completed his PhD in theatre history, theory, and criticism at OSU. He has presented academic papers and workshops at ATHE (Association for Theatre in Higher Education) and SETC (The Southeastern Theatre Conference). Previously, he worked as the technical director at the Halloran Centre for

Performing Arts and Education in Memphis, Tennessee where he helped to stage dozens of concerts, performances, conferences, events, and educational programs. Matt holds an MFA in theatre design from the University of Memphis, specializing in sound design, and a BA from Linfield University majoring in theatre arts and political science.



Brendan Michna *Lighting Designer*

Brendan has been active in Theatre for the past 30 years. In that time, he's been an actor, playwright, director, camera man, sound designer, production manager, scenic designer, and he's even taken a few dance classes. That said, in the past decade lighting design has been his primary focus and passion. Currently, he's the Head Electrician for the Southern Theatre, as well as a freelance designer who's worked with nearly every theatre and production company

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Brendan Michna *continued*

in central Ohio. He's incredibly excited to be involved with the CAPA Marquee Awards for the sixth time and looks forward to showcasing the incredible talent of the students in this area!



Gabrielle Whitcomb *Dance Assistant*

Gabrielle, a Columbus native, started dancing at the age of three and spent nine years as a competitive dancer training in various styles of dance. She attended the University of Colorado at Boulder where she graduated with her Bachelors of Fine Arts in Dance and minor in Theatre. While studying dance at CU she had the opportunity to dance for artists Rennie Harris, Larry Southall, Faye Driscoll, John Scott and Gesel Mason. She was also signed by D.A.M Entertainment

in Colorado where she performed at different corporate and community events. Since moving back to Ohio, Gabrielle has continued her dance career by teaching dance at K Studio where she is also the Director of Kcrew, their non-competitive performance crew. Gabrielle has also choreographed for Westerville North High School Show Choir, and assistant choreographed multiple productions at Upper Arlington High School with Jackie Comisar. Many thanks to Jackie Comisar and Amy Handra for the opportunity to work with these talented high school performers. Thanks to her husband Harold and her children Jaylen and Jazmine for all their love and support.



Stephen Brunson *Technical Manager*

Stephen hails from Canyon, TX, where he worked as a stage manager, carpenter, performer, and stagehand at West Texas A&M University, earning his BA in theatre. He then ventured to the south where he attended The University of Alabama and received his MFA in theatre. Since then, he has worked professionally as a production manager, technician, and teacher for theatres across the country, including NYU, The Lighting Syndicate, TINC productions, David Blaine's *Electrified*, American Shakespeare Center, and numerous Off-Broadway

venues. He currently works at The Ohio State University in the School of Theatre, Film, and Media Arts and School of Music as the building operations specialist. When he is not running around behind the scenes, he enjoys reading, strumming his guitar and mandolin, and taking hikes with his dog Murphy. Stephen always looks forward to working with the talented community of artists in the CAPA Marquee Awards!



Hannah Hahn *Stage Manager*

Hannah is happy to be returning to the CAPA Marquee Awards Showcase! She has been a part of the program in various capacities since the first showcase in 2019 and holds the program near and dear to her heart. Hannah holds a B.F.A. in Theatre Design & Technology from Otterbein University where she studied stage management and costume construction. She has worked professionally with The Contemporary Theatre of Ohio, Columbus Children's Theatre, Weathervane Playhouse, BalletMet, Opera Project Columbus, Saugatuck Center for the Arts, Orlando Rep, and the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando. Her latest local productions include *The Importance of Being Earnest* at Otterbein and *Skeleton Crew* with The Contemporary Theatre of Ohio. Hannah currently serves as the Production Manager and Stage Management Mentor at Otterbein University. She'd like to thank her husband, Nick, and their cats, Spooky & Pippin, for their continuous support.

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Sarah Short Assistant Stage Manager

Sarah is excited to be joining the CAPA Marquee Awards team this year! A proud Otterbein graduate with degrees in Theatre and Business Administration and Management, Sarah loves the Columbus theatre community. She has had the pleasure of returning to Otterbein as a alumna to stage manage several shows (Dance 2022: Find Me in the Shadows, Everybody, and Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812) and speak on panels (Careers in Nonprofits and Her Business, Her Voice). Sarah also enjoys being a part of the Ohio and Palace House Management teams with CAPA. During the day, Sarah serves as the Volunteer Engagement Program Officer at ServeOhio, Ohio's commission on service and volunteerism. She would like to thank her husband, Jack, and dog, Delilah, for all their support!



Elyse Kassa Assistant Stage Manager

Elyse Kassa is the Community Engagement Manager for CAPA. She has a vibrant dance career outside of the office, choreographing and teaching for her collaborative company/collective, "all our friends collective", which she founded in 2024. Elyse has performed as part of STILGO dance + tech, Lp & dancers, Perennial Movement Group in addition to touring her own solo and collaborative works around the region. Elyse deepens her connection to the artistic community in Columbus through her leadership position in Columbus Dance Alliance, her role as a GCAC Navigator, and by leading dance classes for adults ages 18–70 at Flux Flow Dance Center. Elyse holds a BFA in Dance: Performance & Choreography from Ohio University.



Crystal Satterfield Production Assistant

Crystal Satterfield is the Education Specialist at CAPA. She is excited to serve as production assistant in her fourth CAPA Marquee Awards! Crystal's love for musical theatre began when she experienced *The Lion King* on Broadway as a child. In addition to musical theatre, Crystal has a passion for vocal singing. While attending Capital University, she was a part of Capital University's Chapel Choir and more recently has used her passion for music and singing to teach English in Colombia and Spain. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies from Kent State University. In her spare time, Crystal enjoys traveling, making her family and friends laugh, cooking, singing, learning instruments, and reading. Crystal would like the CAPA Marquee Awards participants to know that each of their unique gifts is beautiful and necessary, so don't hold back!

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Tristan Weathers Production Assistant

Tristan Weathers is a junior undergraduate attending The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, double majoring in theatre and arts management, with a minor in music. Beginning his acting career, he portrayed Dylan/Billy in *Wilderness* and Georgy in *Mountain*. They are the stage manager and assistant designing for The Black Box Series' 2025 production, *Explicit Content for Teens*. After ten years of orchestral viola and guitar training, he switched to singing and performing as a baritone singer and beatboxer. Beyond the stage, Tristan is passionate about transgender and non-binary inclusion, advocating for diverse identities, equity, and institutional/cultural policy change. His passion for the performing arts and arts management track inspired him to work with CAPA, leading them to this unique opportunity. They are excited to celebrate the 2025 Marquee Awards with everyone!

OUR HOSTS



Mike McCarthy Host

Mike McCarthy is thrilled to celebrate the amazing work of these talented high school students! He's a huge fan of musical theater and wishes his abilities matched his passion for the arts. Mike anchors the 5:00 PM newscast on ABC 6 and advocates for viewers through his "On Your Side" reports. He graduated summa cum laude from Ohio University's E.W. Scripps School of Journalism. Before ABC 6/FOX 28, Mike spent three years sharing stories on TV in Knoxville, Tennessee. He has won 25 Emmy awards and has been named "Best TV Reporter" by the Ohio Associated Press. His reports have been featured on ABC, CNN, FOX News, and HLN. He and his wife first met on their Marysville elementary school bus. They now live in Marysville with their two sons.



Lisa Minken Co-Host

Lisa Minken is the Marketing Manager for Broadway in Columbus, where she blends her passion for storytelling with her love of theater. Her journey began at age 10 when she was cast as an orphan in *Annie* in her hometown of Marysville, Ohio—proof that a little "Hard Knock Life" can lead to a lifelong love of the stage! In high school, she co-founded the Marysville Summer Theater Workshop, a program for students in grades 5–8. Lisa stays active in the Columbus theater community, both onstage and behind the scenes, having performed in and directed numerous productions. When she's not sharing the excitement of Broadway, Lisa enjoys getting lost in a good book, playing board games, hanging out with her husband, Jon, and spoiling their dog, Ralphie.

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Olentangy Liberty High School

Ireland Eberhardt
Pickerington High School North

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Ian Harrah, Trumpet

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Tom Regouski, Woodwinds
Dee Saunders,
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Eric Stratton, Bass

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