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Hope to see you in the Theatre again soon,



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## Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2026 CAPA Marquee Awards presented by American Electric Power Foundation!

This is our eighth 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. Once again, 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 22.

Featured in tonight's showcase are students from all 31 of our participating schools. These performers and the members of our student technical crew had just 9 days of after-school rehearsals to create the magic you will see onstage tonight. Not only did they work incredibly hard, but they also had fun and made some new friends along the way. Witnessing the large and small ways they cheer each other on each year is always one of my favorite parts of this experience.

Participation in this program, and all arts programs, help our young people develop communication skills, learn teamwork, problem-solve, and build empathy. These are important skills in any field a young person decides to pursue, so their participation in the arts is preparing them for the next chapter of their lives. It's also making them better humans, since the arts push us to become the best version of ourselves that we can be, both by example and by practice.

Thank you for being here tonight and supporting arts education programs.

Enjoy the show!

*Amy Handra*

**Amy Handra, Senior Director of Education & Engagement**  
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# TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

## ACT I

Opening Number ..... **Student Ensemble\***  
"Empire State of Mind" from *Hell's Kitchen*  
"Welcome to the Rock" from *Come From Away*  
"Wanna Be Startin' Somethin'" from *MJ the Musical*

Welcome & Introduction ..... **Chad Whittington**

Host Remarks ..... **Mike McCarthy & Lisa Minken**

**AWARD: National Student Reporter** ..... **Nicole Hogensen**  
Sponsored by Sinclair Broadcasting ABC6/FOX28/CW Columbus

**AWARD: Outstanding Student Orchestra** ..... **Ann & Tom DiMarco**  
Sponsored by The DiMarco Family Fund of The Columbus Foundation

Selection from Best Musical Nominee No. 1 ... **Eastmoor Academy High School**  
"96,000" from *In the Heights*

**AWARD: Backstage Excellence** ..... **Karen Hough Majidzadeh**  
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** ..... **Laura Yaroma**  
Sponsored by Mary Beth and Luke McCormick

Selection from Best Musical Nominee No. 2 ..... **Upper Arlington High School**  
"One Normal Night" from *The Addams Family Musical: School Edition*

Sponsor Recognition ..... **Elfi Di Bella**

**American Electric Power Foundation** ..... **Kelly Stevelt**

**AWARD: Best Actress in a Supporting Role** ..... **Rhett Ricart**  
Sponsored by Huntington

**AWARD: Best Actor in a Supporting Role** ..... **Joe Henson**  
Sponsored by Electrical Service Professionals

Selection from Best Musical Nominee No. 3 ..... **Marysville High School**  
"Anything Goes" from *Anything Goes*

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# TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

## ACT II

Selection from Best Musical Nominee No. 4 ..... **New Albany High School**  
"We Both Reached for the Gun" from *Chicago: Teen Edition*

**AWARD: Outstanding Dance Execution** ..... **Mike Stickney**  
Sponsored by The McCurdy Family Foundation

**AWARD: Outstanding Ensemble** ..... **Sandra López**  
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 ..... **Westerville South High School**  
"One Day More" from *Les Misérables School Edition*

The National High School Musical Theatre Awards® Program ..... **Amy Handra**

**Best Actress in a Leading Role Performance** ..... **Ava Baker, Allyson Carroll, Katelyn Kieninger, Cecilia Langhals, Amaya Washington**

**Best Actor in a Leading Role Performance** ..... **Lucas Langhals, Kyle Meadows, Zeke Moses, Drew Wintersteller, Jimmy Zolkowski**

**AWARD: Best Actress in a Leading Role** ..... **Kim Knoppe**  
Sponsored by Johnson Investment Counsel

**AWARD: Best Actor in a Leading Role** ..... **Mike Schoedinger**  
Sponsored by Danbert, Inc.

**AWARD: Best Musical Performance** ..... **Checobia Crawford**

Closing Number ..... **Student Ensemble\***  
"True Colors" by Cyndi Lauper  
"Golden" from *KPop Demon Hunters*  
"Live in Living Color" from *Catch Me If You Can*

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

# 2026 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS



## Arts and College Preparatory Academy

*Mamma Mia!*

Marquee Coordinator:  
Alex Dodge



## Bexley High School

*Urinetown*

Marquee Coordinator:  
Rebecca Rhinehart



## Bishop Hartley High School

*Matilda the Musical*

Marquee Coordinator:  
Keeley Kurtis-Chapman



## Bishop Watterson High School

*The Wizard of Oz (RSC Version)*

Marquee Coordinator:  
Liz O'Dorisio



## Centennial High School

*The Wizard of Oz (RSC Version)*

Marquee Coordinator:  
Rachel Verdi

# 2026 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS



## Central Crossing High School

*Mean Girls High School Version*

Marquee Coordinator:  
Nathan Weaver



## Chillicothe High School

*Bright Star*

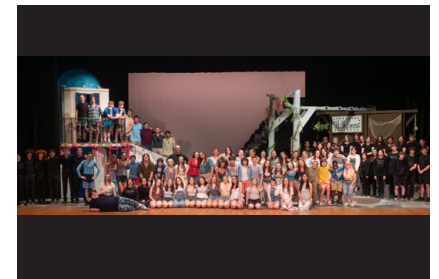
Marquee Coordinator:  
Amanda Betz



## Columbus Africentric Early College

*Once on This Island*

Marquee Coordinator:  
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## Dublin Coffman High School

*Mamma Mia!*

Marquee Coordinator:  
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## Eastmoor Academy High School

*In the Heights*

Marquee Coordinator:  
Seth Harms

## 2026 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS



### Fairfield Union High School

*Bye Bye Birdie*

Marquee Coordinator:  
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### Grove City High School

*Chicago: Teen Edition*

Marquee Coordinator:  
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### Hamilton Township High School

*Disney's Frozen*

Marquee Coordinator:  
Nicole Godfrey



### Jonathan Alder High School

*The Drowsy Chaperone*

Marquee Coordinator:  
Nicholas Mayes



### Liberty Union High School

*Disney's The Little Mermaid*

Marquee Coordinator:  
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## 2026 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS



### Licking Heights High School

*The Mystery of Edwin Drood*

Marquee Coordinator:  
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### Marysville High School

*Anything Goes*

Marquee Coordinator:  
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### New Albany High School

*Chicago: Teen Edition*

Marquee Coordinator:  
Elliott Lemberg



### Olentangy Berlin High School

*Disney's Frozen*

Marquee Coordinator:  
Erin Gibbons



### Olentangy Liberty High School

*The Addams Family Musical*

Marquee Coordinator:  
Daniel Skrovan

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### Olentangy Orange High School

*Mean Girls High School Version*

Marquee Coordinator:  
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### Pickerington High School Central

*Mamma Mia!*

Marquee Coordinator:  
Andrew Martin



### Pickerington High School North

*Carrie: The Musical*

Marquee Coordinator:  
Allen DeCarlo-Boyd



### Reynoldsburg High School

*Pippin Revival Version*

Marquee Coordinator:  
Cameron Williamson



### Upper Arlington High School

*The Addams Family Musical: School Edition*

Marquee Coordinator:  
Brandon Moss

## 2026 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS



### Westerville Central High School

*Little Women*

Marquee Coordinator:  
Meredith Casto



### Westerville South High School

*Les Misérables School Edition*

Marquee Coordinator:  
Matt Wolfe



### Westland High School

*Disney's Frozen*

Marquee Coordinator:  
Chris White



### Whetstone High School

*The SpongeBob Musical*

Marquee Coordinator:  
Christopher Ray



### Worthington Christian School

*Amélie: Teen Edition*

Marquee Coordinator:  
David O'Roark



### Worthington Kilbourne High School

*Chicago: Teen Edition*

Marquee Coordinator:  
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### Outstanding Student Orchestra

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Grove City High School, *Chicago: Teen Edition*  
New Albany High School, *Chicago: Teen Edition*  
Olentangy Orange High School, *Mean Girls High School Version*  
Worthington Kilbourne High School, *Chicago: Teen Edition*

### Backstage Excellence

Sponsored by ImprovEdge

Stage Managers, Marysville High School, *Anything Goes*  
Publicity Crew, Olentangy Berlin High School, *Disney's Frozen*  
Costume Crew, Olentangy Liberty High School, *The Addams Family Musical*  
Costume Crew, Westerville South High School, *Les Misérables School Edition*  
Co-Heads of Costume, Whetstone High School, *The SpongeBob Musical*

### Outstanding Student Designer

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

Fynn Asendorf, Arts and College Preparatory Academy, Sound Design,  
*Mamma Mia!*  
Darcy Hazzard, Centennial High School, Set Design,  
*The Wizard of Oz (RSC Version)*  
Miranda Long, Hamilton Township High School, Costume & Props Design,  
*Disney's Frozen*  
Leah Polsinelli, Jonathan Alder High School, Lighting Design,  
*The Drowsy Chaperone*  
Lily Wahl, Licking Heights High School, Lighting Design,  
*The Mystery of Edwin Drood*

## 2026 NOMINEES

### Outstanding Technical Execution

Sponsored by Mary Beth and Luke McCormick

Fairfield Union High School, *Bye Bye Birdie*, Stage Manager: Raegan Elson  
Marysville High School, *Anything Goes*, Stage Manager: Johanna Olofsson  
New Albany High School, *Chicago: Teen Edition*,  
Stage Managers: Margaret Farrell & Casper Green  
Westerville South High School, *Les Misérables School Edition*,  
Stage Manager: Rachel Kuta

### Best Actress in a Supporting Role

Sponsored by Huntington

Audrey Barr, Fairfield Union High School  
("Ursula Merkle" in *Bye Bye Birdie*)  
Bella Hines-Chapman, Eastmoor Academy High School  
("Carla" in *In the Heights*)  
Gabby Muñoz, Whetstone High School  
("Pearl Krabs" in *The SpongeBob Musical*)  
Ani Olsheski, Bexley High School  
("Little Becky Two Shoes" in *Urinetown*)  
Julia Yoder, Bishop Watterson High School  
("Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch" in *The Wizard of Oz (RSCVersion)*)

### Best Actor in a Supporting Role

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Dillon Childers, Fairfield Union High School, ("Hugo Peabody" in *Bye Bye Birdie*)  
Malachi Gullick, Eastmoor Academy High School, ("Sonny" in *In the Heights*)  
Asher Light, Westerville South High School  
("Enjolras" in *Les Misérables School Edition*)  
Elwyn Saiter, Jonathan Alder High School  
("Underling" in *The Drowsy Chaperone*)  
Jacob Thomas, Worthington Christian School  
("Julien Dufayel" in *Amélie: Teen Edition*)

### Outstanding Dance Execution

Sponsored by The McCurdy Family Foundation

Eastmoor Academy High School, *In the Heights*  
Grove City High School, *Chicago: Teen Edition*  
Jonathan Alder High School, *The Drowsy Chaperone*  
Marysville High School, *Anything Goes*  
New Albany High School, *Chicago: Teen Edition*

## 2026 NOMINEES

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

Eastmoor Academy High School, *In the Heights*  
Grove City High School, *Chicago: Teen Edition*  
Hamilton Township High School, *Disney's Frozen*  
Jonathan Alder High School, *The Drowsy Chaperone*  
Marysville High School, *Anything Goes*

### Best Direction Sponsored by Denison University

Brianna Bizzaro, Marysville High School, *Anything Goes*  
Matthew Gregory, Fairfield Union High School, *Bye Bye Birdie*  
Seth Harms, Eastmoor Academy High School, *In the Heights*  
Elliott Lemberg, New Albany High School, *Chicago: Teen Edition*  
Liz O'Dorisio, Bishop Watterson High School, *The Wizard of Oz (RSC Version)*

### Best Actress in a Leading Role

Sponsored by Johnson Investment Counsel

Ava Baker, New Albany High School  
("Matron Mama Morton" in *Chicago: Teen Edition*)  
Allyson Carroll, Pickerington High School North  
("Carrie White" in *Carrie: The Musical*)  
Katelyn Kieninger, New Albany High School  
("Roxie Hart" in *Chicago: Teen Edition*)  
Cecilia Langhals, Marysville High School  
("Reno Sweeney" in *Anything Goes*)  
Amaya Washington, Reynoldsburg High School  
("Leading Player" in *Pippin Revival Version*)

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

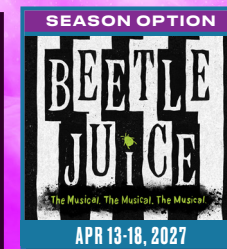
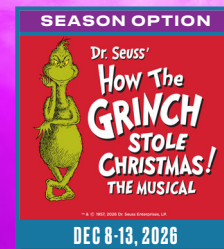
Lucas Langhals, Marysville High School ("Moonface Martin" in *Anything Goes*)  
Kyle Meadows, Eastmoor Academy High School ("Benny" in *In the Heights*)  
Zeke Moses, Bexley High School ("Bobby Strong" in *Urinetown*)  
Drew Wintersteller, New Albany High School  
("Amos Hart" in *Chicago: Teen Edition*)  
Jimmy Zolkowski, Upper Arlington High School  
("Uncle Fester" in *The Addams Family Musical: School Edition*)

### Best Musical Production

Eastmoor Academy High School, *In the Heights*  
Marysville High School, *Anything Goes*  
New Albany High School, *Chicago: Teen Edition*  
Upper Arlington High School, *The Addams Family Musical: School Edition*  
Westerville South High School, *Les Misérables School Edition*

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## OUR CREATIVE TEAM



**Amy Handra** *Producer/Director*

Amy Handra is Senior 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, ARISE, and CAPA Community Creates. 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 eighth year producing the CAPA Marquee Awards Showcase. Working on this event with such talented young artists and her amazing creative team is always one of the highlights of her year!



**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 125 different shows and is an arranger for many competitive show choirs throughout Ohio, creating both vocal and instrumental arrangements. She spent several years at Weathervane Playhouse where she served as Resident Music Director and continues to play in orchestra pits all around Columbus. Dee plays in contemporary worship bands and is a published choral works composer with Hal Leonard Publishing. She also works as an accompanist with BalletMet. 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.



**Lydia Miller** *Video Producer*

Lydia Miller is CAPA's Director of Multimedia. During her time at CAPA, she has produced, filmed, and edited more than 2,500 videos for social media, television, and live events. 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 ceramic art, watching terrible reality television, and spending time with her family—especially her nine nieces and nephews.

## OUR CREATIVE TEAM



**Jackie Comisar** *Choreographer*

Originally from Pittsburgh, Jackie has called Columbus home for the last 18 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 fifth year in a row and has enjoyed involvement with the program for the last seven 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.



**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.



**Que Jones** *Assistant Music Director*

Que (said just like the letter) Jones is a Columbus, Ohio based renaissance artist. Any medium is fair game! From costume design and fabrication, to music, painting, sculpture, makeup, design, and anything else you can imagine. A graduate of Capital University and The Ohio State University, Que also spent a year abroad studying at the Liszt Academy and Kodály School in Hungary. Que has worked with almost every arts organization in Columbus, and OC's *A Magic Flute Experience: The Temple District* was his first "original" large-scale work to be produced. Que masquerades as a Drag Queen named Gretta, hosting the only live piano cabaret of its kind in Ohio.

## OUR CREATIVE TEAM

### Hannah Hahn *continued*

International Thespian Festival each year. Hannah has worked professionally with The Contemporary Theatre of Ohio, Columbus Children's Theatre, Weathervane Playhouse, BalletMet, Opera Columbus, Saugatuck Center for the Arts, Orlando Rep, and the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando. Hannah also enjoys being a member of the CAPA House Management Team at the Ohio, Southern, and Riffe Center Theatres. She'd like to thank her husband, Nick, and their cats, Spooky & Pippin, for their continuous support. [www.HannahHahn.net](http://www.HannahHahn.net)



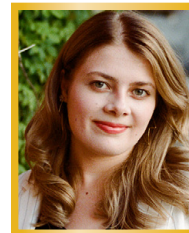
### Sarah Short *Assistant Stage Manager*

Sarah is excited to be returning to the CAPA Marquee Awards team this year! A proud Otterbein University 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 an alumna to stage manage several shows, most recently *Dance 2025: Mary, Victor and the Monster*, and to speak on alumni panels. She is also glad to support audience experiences through house management work with CAPA. During the day, Sarah serves as Ticketing & Audience Services Manager at ProMusica Chamber Orchestra. She would like to thank her husband, Jack, and dog, Delilah, for all their support!



### Crystal Satterfield *Production Assistant*

Crystal Satterfield is the Education Specialist for the Education & Engagement team at CAPA. Crystal oversees the administration of the CAPA Marquee Awards and the student matinee series for CAPA. She is excited to serve as a production assistant in her fifth CAPA Marquee Awards! She received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies from Kent State University. In her spare time, Crystal enjoys traveling, singing, making her family and friends laugh, cooking, 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!



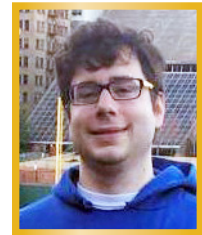
### Rachel Azbell-Newburry *Production Assistant*

Rachel is the Community Engagement Manager for CAPA. A Columbus-based jazz vocalist, educator, and arts administrator, she is passionate about connecting communities through meaningful arts experiences. She previously served as Education Program Manager at Jazz Arts Group, developing and leading education initiatives in schools and within the Jazz Academy, and as Artistic Operations Coordinator at the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, where she managed guest artists across all performances. Rachel is an active performer and teaching artist who has appeared with ensembles including the Columbus Jazz Orchestra and at Jazz & Ribs Fest and has taught at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and Otterbein University. She holds a Master of Music in Jazz Studies from the University of North Texas, where she was a Graduate Teaching Fellow.

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### Matt Cantelon *Sound Designer*

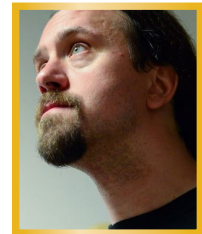
Matt Cantelon (he/him/his) currently works as a lecturer in the Ohio State University's Department of Film, Theatre, and Media Arts. In 2024, Matt completed his PhD in theatre history, theory, and criticism at OSU. He has presented academic papers and workshops at ATHE (Association for Theatre in Higher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



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

### Stephen Brunson *Production 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 Award

### 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 is the Production Manager and Stage Management Mentor at her alma mater, Otterbein University. She enjoys teaching and sharing her experience through workshops and Thespy adjudication at various state Thespian Festivals and



## OUR CREATIVE TEAM



### Savanna Lenze *Production Assistant*

Savanna Lenze is thrilled to be a production assistant at this year's CAPA Marquee Awards! Savanna is a senior at The Ohio State University, pursuing dual degrees in Theatre and Music with an Education minor. During her time at OSU, she has been deeply involved with Off the Lake Productions, a service-based theatre organization, holding leadership roles as a Community Chair and Production Director. Originally from Buffalo, Savanna discovered

her passion for the arts at a young age and has worked diligently to pursue her craft both as an artist and educator. At present, she serves as the Youth Production Director at Star Performance Academy, where she works closely with young performers to develop their love for the stage. Savanna would like to thank the CAPA Education Team for this invaluable opportunity and looks forward to celebrating the remarkable work of these emerging artists!

## OUR HOSTS



### Mike McCarthy *Host*

Mike McCarthy is thrilled to celebrate the amazing work of these talented high school students! He's a huge musical theater fan and wishes his abilities matched his passion for the arts. Mike anchors the 5 p.m. 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 exploring East Tennessee and

telling stories on TV in Knoxville. He has won more than 25 Emmy awards and the Ohio Associated Press named him "Best TV Reporter" in 2012 and 2025. His reports have been featured on ABC, CNN, FOX News, and HLN. He and his wife enjoy sharing their love for theater 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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