

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	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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**COMBINED CATEGORY

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
Marly DeBoer	The Cemetery Club	Epilogue Players

Best Cameo in a Play

TBA

**COMBINED CATEGORY

Best Ensemble in a Play

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

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

**COMBINED CATEGORY

Best Costumes in a Play

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

**COMBINED CATEGORY

Best Hair/Make-Up in a Play

None

Best Set Design for a Comedy

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

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
Gale Sturm	Bus Stop	Epilogue Players
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
Susan Walker Bush	Morning After Grace	Epilogue Players

Best Set Decoration for a Drama

Mac Bellner & Susan Walker Bush	Visiting Mr. Green	Epilogue Players
Andy and Melody Burnett	Bus Stop	Epilogue Players
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

Therese Burns	Morning After Grace	Epilogue Players
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

Criss, Kathie; Spurlock, Kara; Spurlock, Matt
Theatre
Yeaw, Susan

Tail End Charlie

Bus Stop

Center Stage Comm.

Epilogue Players

Best Stage Manager for a Play

Patti Boyle
Patti Boyle & Tanya Keller
Bennett Dilger

Bus Stop
The Cemetery Club
Visiting Mr. Green

Epilogue Players
Epilogue Players
Epilogue Players

**COMBINED CATEGORY

Best Lighting Design for a Play

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

Hendricks Civic Theatre
Shelby Co. Players
Center Stage Comm. Theatre
Center Stage Comm. Theatre
Epilogue Players
Epilogue Players
Epilogue Players

**COMBINED CATEGORY

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

Carmel Community Players

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	Beauty and the Beast	Footlite Musicals
Beth Swayze, producer	Next to Normal	Footlite Musicals
Shannon Rehmel, producer	Caroline, or Change	Footlite Musicals
Jacki Petersson	The Secret Garden	Hendricks Civic Theatre
& Rachel Petersson, producers		

Best Director of a Musical

Josh Vander Missen	Beauty and the Beast	Footlite Musicals
Bradley Allan Lowe	Caroline, or Change	Footlite Musicals
Todd Dillon	The Secret Garden	Hendricks Civic Theatre

Best Performance of a Leading Male Role in a Musical

Darrin Gowan	9 to 5	The Belfry
Drew Kempen	Beauty and the Beast	Footlite Musicals
Kevin Bell	Kinky Boots	Footlite Musicals
Darrel Huff	Bye Bye Birdie	Hendricks Civic Theatre
Milo Ellis	Next to Normal	Footlite Musicals
Asher Ortman	Caroline, or Change	Footlite Musicals

Best Performance of a Leading Female Role in a Musical

Addison Koehler	Cabaret	Footlite Musicals
Amanda Falcone	9 to 5	The Belfry
Elizabeth Hudson	Beauty and the Beast	Footlite Musicals
Jonna Kauffman	Ruthless	Carmel Community Players
Mara Fowler	Kinky Boots	Footlite Musicals
Angela Manlove	Next to Normal	Footlite Musicals
Damaris Burgin	Caroline, or Change	Footlite Musicals
Charlotte Tuttle	The Secret Garden	Hendricks Civic Theatre

Best Performance of a Major Supporting Male Role in a Musical

Chris Ritchie	Beauty and the Beast	Footlite Musicals
Zach Speer	Beauty and the Beast	Footlite Musicals
Drew Kempin	Kinky Boots	Carmel Community Players
Parker Taylor	Next to Normal	Footlite Musicals
Camden Zetty	The Secret Garden	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
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

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

TBA

Best Ensemble

TBA

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
Charlotte Tuttle	The Secret Garden	Hendricks Civic Theatre
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
David Turner	The Secret Garden	Hendricks Civic Theatre

Best Female Singer

Addison Koehler	Cabaret	Footlite Musicals
Amanda Falcone	9 to 5	The Belfry
Elizabeth Hudson	Beauty and the Beast	Footlite Musicals
Jonna Kauffman	Ruthless	Carmel Community Players
Mara Fowler	Kinky Boots	Footlite Musicals
Angela Manlove	Next to Normal	Footlite Musicals
Damaris Burgin	Caroline, or Change	Footlite Musicals
Kaylee Johnson-Bradley	Caroline, or Change	Footlite Musicals
Hannelies Hartman	The Secret Garden	Hendricks Civic Theatre

Best Male Dancer

TBA

Best Female Dancer

None

Best Choreography

Conner Becker-Chamberlain & Emily Theurer	Cabaret	Footlite Musicals
Trish Roberds	Beauty and the Beast	Footlite Musicals
Thomas Mason	Kinky Boots	Footlite Musicals
Amy Western	The Secret Garden	Hendricks Civic Theatre

Best Vocal Director

Markell Pipkins	Cabaret	Footlite Musicals
Ginger Stoltz	Next to Normal	Footlite Musicals
Andy Riggs	Caroline, or Change	Footlite Musicals
Leah Trigg & Todd Dillon	The Secret Garden	Hendricks Civic Theatre

Best Musical Director

None

Best Conductor

Kristin Cutler	Cabaret	Footlite Musicals
Jill Stewart & Megan Benedict	Beauty and the Beast	Footlite Musicals
Ben Rose	Caroline, or Change	Footlite Musicals

Best Musical Number

Gaston	Beauty and the Beast	Footlite Musicals
Just Another Day	Next to Normal	Footlite Musicals
Lilly's Eyes	The Secret Garden	Hendricks Civic Theatre

Best Costumes for a Musical

Marina Turner & Etta Biloan	Cabaret	Footlite Musicals
Vickie Tewes	Beauty and the Beast	Footlite Musicals
Curt Pickard	Ruthless	Carmel Community Players
Edie Burton Bandy & Claire Slaven	Kinky Boots	Footlite Musicals
Marina Turner & Etta Biloan	Caroline, or Change	Footlite Musicals
Cathy Cutshall	The Secret Garden	Hendricks Civic Theatre

Best Hair and Make-up for a Musical

Marina Turner & Kaitlyn Eagan	Cabaret	Footlite Musicals
Drew Bryson & Ryan Straut	Beauty and the Beast	Footlite Musicals
Tina Pulliam	Ruthless	Carmel Community Players
Ben Jones	Kinky Boots	Footlite Musicals
Drew Bryson	Caroline, or Change	Footlite Musicals
Maddie and Amy Western	The Secret Garden	Hendricks Civic Theatre

Best Set Design For a Musical

Ted Jacobs	Cabaret	Footlite Musicals
Jay Ganz & Jose Alejos	9 to 5	The Belfry
Peyton Kistler	Ruthless	Carmel Community Players
Stephen Matters	Beauty and the Beast	Footlite Musicals
Ted Jacobs & Mary Lich	Kinky Boots	Footlite Musicals
Stephen Matters	Next to Normal	Footlite Musicals
Ian Marshall-Fisher	Caroline, or Change	Footlite Musicals

Best Set Decoration for a Musical

Mary Lich	Beauty and the Beast	Footlite Musicals
Kathleen Clarke-Horrigan	Ruthless	Carmel Community Players
Jerry Beasley & Mary Lich	Kinky Boots	Footlite Musicals
Ian Marshall-Fisher & Molly Kraus	Caroline, or Change	Footlite Musicals

Best Properties for a Musical

Molly Kraus	Beauty and the Beast	Footlite Musicals
Susan Yeaw	Ruthless	Carmel Community Players
Kristen Hilger	Kinky Boots	Footlite Musicals
Jessica Raine	Next to Normal	Footlite Musicals
Molly Kraus	Caroline, or Change	Footlite Musicals

Best Stage Manager for a Musical

Jeremy Crouch	Cabaret	Footlite Musicals
Melissa Yurechko	Beauty and the Beast	Footlite Musicals
Tristan Stencenko & Susan Yeaw	Ruthless	Carmel Community Players
Melissa Yurechko	Kinky Boots	Footlite Musicals
Bella Hartman	Caroline, or Change	Footlite Musicals
Lana Wooley	The Secret Garden	Hendricks Civic Theatre

Best Light Design for a Musical

Maria Matters	Cabaret	Footlite Musicals
Andy Stephens	Beauty and the Beast	Footlite Musicals
Andrew Stephens	Ruthless	Carmel Community Players
Maria Matters	Next to Normal	Footlite Musicals
Cody Wence	Caroline, or Change	Footlite Musicals

Best Sound Design for a Musical

Louie Wiseman	Cabaret	Footlite Musicals
Louie Wiseman	Beauty and the Beast	Footlite Musicals
Zach Rosing	Next to Normal	Footlite Musicals

Best Light Board Operator for a Musical

Maria Matters	Cabaret	Footlite Musicals
Lindsey Schaecher	Beauty and the Beast	Footlite Musicals
Carly Tanner	Ruthless	Carmel Community Players
Maria Matters	Next to Normal	Footlite Musicals

Best Sound Board Operator for a Musical

Josh Vander Missen	Beauty and the Beast	Footlite Musicals
Dakota Jones	Next to Normal	Footlite Musicals

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