

## **Encore Association – FAQ**

### **What is the purpose of the Encore Association?**

The purpose of this organization is to promote excellence in all aspects of theatrical production in a spirit of recognition and celebration of efforts in community theatre.

### **What are the benefits to being a member of the Encore Association?**

Scholarship opportunities for youth, networking with other community theatres, increased participants for auditions, access to wide range of volunteers and directors, free advertisement and improved visibility for smaller theatres, and a great way to acknowledge volunteer talent in Central Indiana!

### **Where can I find information about Encore Association Membership and Judging Responsibilities?**

Information is available on our website: [www.encoreassociation.com/Forms-Encore.html](http://www.encoreassociation.com/Forms-Encore.html)

### **Do judges compare productions throughout the season?**

No. Each production is viewed independently from any others. Judges also take into consideration potential limitations of each individual theatre to ensure they are judged with equity. Award nominations are solely based on the individual production's quality in each category. Comparisons between productions take place after all nominations have been finalized in order to determine the winner in each category.

### **How is an award winner determined?**

At the end of the current season, each judge will receive a final ballot with a list of all nominees. For each category, judges will assign a first, second, and third place. Final ballots are then sent to a CPA anonymously for the final tally. First, second, and third place nominations are then assigned a predetermined numerical value by the CPA and the winner is determined by the highest total obtained by a nominee.

### **Is there a chance to receive feedback from the judges?**

Beginning in the 2017-2018 season, judges will be given the option of submitting anonymous feedback to the theatre representatives, available to directors and producers upon request. It will not be mandatory for judges, and directors and producers are not obligated to view feedback sheets. It will be available to those who are interested.

### **What happens if someone involved with a production cannot be present for all performances?**

Theatres can request a Category Exception for instances resulting in judges potentially seeing differences in performance. As all aspects of a show can affect the final product, any requests will result in ineligibility for an award in the specific category as well as being ineligible for Best Production. However, if no judges are present on the date the change takes place, the waiver is considered voided and all categories are eligible for awards. If a Category Exception is needed, please contact your theatre's representative as early as possible.

### **Who can I reach if I have any questions?**

Each theatre has an Encore Association Representative that you can reach out to with questions or concerns. Any feedback you may have is welcome and will be discussed at the next Encore Board Meeting. The list of theatre representatives is available at [www.encoreassociation.com](http://www.encoreassociation.com)

**Thank you for being a part of the Encore Association!  
Break a Leg!**