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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2024 CAPA Marquee Awards presented by American Electric Power Foundation!

I can't believe that this is already our sixth year as a regional program of the National High School Musical Theatre Awards®/Jimmy Awards®! This amazing program celebrates outstanding student achievement in vocal, dance, and acting performance, and 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 24.

Announcing nominations each year is always difficult for me because while this program is competitive in nature, I feel 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 in 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. If you did not grow up with that experience but grew up participating in sports, I think you'll find tonight might remind you of regional or state championship games with schools cheering on their teams and creating a spirit of camaraderie among all participating schools. The strength of this program is in the larger theatre community it creates for our schools.

Featured in tonight's showcase are more than 200 students from all 22 of our participating schools. These performers and members of our student technical crew had 9 days of after-school rehearsals to create what you will see tonight, and their hard work and dedication deserve to be applauded. Working with these incredible young artists is always the highlight of my year.

I also had the distinct pleasure of attending all 22 Marquee Award musicals again this season, and I loved being an audience member in each community the program serves and witnessing firsthand the support our central Ohio communities give to our high school 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

Thank you for joining us to celebrate our extraordinary student creatives! We look forward to the energy and enthusiasm that will be shared on the stage of the Ohio Theatre once again. Sit back and enjoy the incredible talent that we have right here in Central Ohio.

Every year I point out that the success of this evening, and theatre in general, is not limited to the wonderful people you see on the stage. Directors, choreographers, sound crew, stagehands...and many more. It literally takes a village to put on a performance. At



times chaotic and stressful through the rehearsal and technical process, our folks always deliver a coordinated and well-produced performance to our audiences. As always, I'm grateful to the professionals and students behind the curtain that are using their many talents to make this evening possible.

Today's Marquee Awards Program is just a small portion of the work that CAPA's Education & Engagement Department does throughout the year. From our Passport to Learning Program that brings students into our theatres to the ARISE Program that connects members in our community, we are proud of the many ways that we can impact people of all ages in central Ohio. We appreciate the tremendous community support that allows us to continue this work year after year.

The performances you will see tonight are the culmination of a lot of hard work that started months ago, long before these students performed on the stage at their own schools. Tonight we celebrate not only the talent of our students, but the dedication and passion they have poured into being the best performers they can possibly be. We also celebrate the support and patience of the family and friends that have helped make each student's journey possible!

Sincerely,

Chad Whittington

President & CEO

Columbus Association for the Performing Arts

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

ACT I

"The Beat Goes On" from The Cher Show "The Most Important Night of My Life" from Tootsie "Larger Than Life" from & Juliet
Welcome & IntroductionChad Whittington
Host RemarksMike McCarthy & Lisa Minken
AWARD: National Student Reporter
AWARD: Outstanding Student Orchestra The DiMarco Family Sponsored by The DiMarco Family Fund of The Columbus Foundation
Selection from Best Musical Nominee No. 1 Eastmoor Academy High School "Y'all Got It" from The Wiz
AWARD: Backstage Excellence
AWARD: Outstanding Student DesignerThe Beeler Family Sponsored by The Pam and Jack Beeler Family Fund of The Columbus Foundation
AWARD: Outstanding Technical Execution The McCormick Family Sponsored by Mary Beth and Luke McCormick
Selection from Best Musical Nominee No. 2 Upper Arlington High School "Where Do You Belong?" from Mean Girls (School Edition)
Sponsor Recognition Elfi Di Bella
American Electric Power FoundationJanelle Coleman
AWARD: Best Actress in a Supporting Role Christina Brown & Holly Stokes Sponsored by Huntington
AWARD: Best Actor in a Supporting Role
Selection from Best Musical Nominee No. 3 Bishop Watterson High School "One Day More" from Les Misérables (School Edition)

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

ACT II

Selection from Best Musical Nominee No. 4
AWARD: Outstanding Dance ExecutionThe McCurdy Family Sponsored by Kimball Midwest
AWARD: Outstanding Ensemble
AWARD: Best Direction
Selection from Best Musical Nominee No. 5 Licking Heights High School "It's Your Wedding Day (Finale)" from The Wedding Singer
The National High School Musical Theatre Awards® ProgramAmy Handra
Best Actress in a Leading Role Performance
Best Actor in a Leading Role PerformancePreston Hudson, Colin McNair Andy Norbuta, Jakob Robinson & Christian Strong
AWARD: Best Actress in a Leading Role Sandra Zimmerman Sponsored by Johnson Investment Counsel
AWARD: Best Actor in a Leading Role
AWARD: Best Musical Performance
Closing Number

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



Bexley High School

Xanadu

Marquee Coordinator: Rebecca Rhinehart



Bishop Hartley High School

The SpongeBob Musical

Marquee Coordinator: Keeley Kurtis-Chapman



Bishop Watterson High School

Les Misérables (School Edition)

Marquee Coordinator: Liz O'Dorisio



Dublin Coffman High School

Mean Girls (School Edition)

Marquee Coordinator: Dan Stowell



Eastmoor Academy High School

The Wiz

Marquee Coordinator: Seth Harms

Fairfield Union High School

Mamma Mia!

Marquee Coordinator:

Matthew Gregory



Grove City High School

Shrek The Musical

Marquee Coordinator: Stefanie McConnell



Licking Heights High School

The Wedding Singer

Marquee Coordinator: Johanna Whetstone



New Albany High School

Mean Girls (School Edition)

Marquee Coordinator: Elliott Lemberg



Olentangy Berlin High School

Footloose

Marquee Coordinator: Erin Gibbons





Olentangy High School

Catch Me If You Can

Marquee Coordinator: Anna Gonzales



Olentangy Liberty High School

Anything Goes

Marquee Coordinator: Daniel Skrovan



Olentangy Orange **High School**

Sister Act

Marquee Coordinator: Cathy Swain-Abrams



Pickerington **High School Central**

The SpongeBob Musical

Marquee Coordinator: **Andrew Martin**



Pickerington **High School North**

Shrek The Musical

Marquee Coordinator: Allen DeCarlo-Boyd



Reynoldsburg High School

The Lightning Thief

Marquee Coordinator: Cameron Williamson

Thomas Worthington High School

The Sound of Music Marquee Coordinator: Michael Hamilton



Upper Arlington High School

Mean Girls (School Edition) Marquee Coordinator: **Brandon Moss**



Westerville South **High School**

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown Marquee Coordinator: Matt Wolfe



Whetstone High School

Little Shop of Horrors Marquee Coordinator: Christopher Ray



Worthington Christian School

Disney's The Little Mermaid Marquee Coordinator: David O'Roark



Worthington Kilbourne **High School**

Into the Woods Marquee Coordinator: **Daniel Robey**



2024 NOMINEES

National Student Reporter

Sponsored by WBNS-10TV

Lauren Hardy, Olentangy Liberty High School Gigi O'Dorisio, Bishop Watterson High School

Outstanding Student Orchestra

Sponsored by The DiMarco Family Fund of The Columbus Foundation

Bexley High School, Xanadu Bishop Watterson High School, Les Misérables (School Edition) **Dublin Coffman High School,** Mean Girls (School Edition) Grove City High School, Shrek The Musical Worthington Kilbourne High School, Into the Woods

Backstage Excellence

Sponsored by ImprovEdge

Stage Crew, Olentangy Liberty High School, Anything Goes Lighting Crew, Olentangy Orange High School, Sister Act Stage Management Team, Upper Arlington High School, Mean Girls (School Edition)

Student Design Team, Westerville South High School, You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

Props & Costume Management Crew, Whetstone High School, Little Shop of Horrors

Outstanding Student Designer

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

Aubrielle Behary, Westerville South High School, Costume Design, You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

Josh Brown, Upper Arlington High School, Sound Design, Mean Girls (School Edition)

Deven Licón-Conner, Whetstone High School, Props Design, Little Shop of Horrors

Betty Solomon, Licking Heights High School, Costume Design, The Wedding Singer

Corinne Stevens, Upper Arlington High School, Costume Design, Mean Girls (School Edition)

2024 NOMINEES

Outstanding Technical Execution

Sponsored by Mary Beth and Luke McCormick

Bexley High School, Xanadu, Stage Manager: Ruth Gravelle

Fairfield Union High School, Mamma Mia!, Stage Manager: Carter McCrady

New Albany High School, Mean Girls (School Edition),

Stage Manager: Adeline Billups

Olentangy High School, Catch Me If You Can, Stage Manager: Elena Achtmann Whetstone High School, Little Shop of Horrors, Stage Manager: Lia Anderson

Best Actress in a Supporting Role

Sponsored by Huntington

Izzy Carleton, Bexley High School ('Calliope' in Xanadu)

Kamryn Dansby, Pickerington High School North ('Dragon' in Shrek The Musical) Gianna Dziewiatkowski, Bishop Watterson High School

('Gavroche' in Les Misérables (School Edition))

Sammie Ross, Bexley High School ('Melpomene' in Xanadu)

Kaylee Vance, Licking Heights High School

('Grandma Rosie' in The Wedding Singer)

Best Actor in a Supporting Role

Sponsored by ESP

Ethan Bevington, Worthington Kilbourne High School

('Narrator/Mysterious Man' in Into the Woods)

Gage Freshour, Whetstone High School ('Orin Scrivello' in Little Shop of Horrors) Lucas Gleim, Licking Heights High School ('Sammy' in The Wedding Singer)

Gus Nusken, Bexley High School ('Danny' in Xanadu)

Johnny Redman, Olentangy High School ('Roger Strong' in Catch Me If You Can)

Outstanding Dance Execution

Sponsored by Kimball Midwest

Eastmoor Academy High School, The Wiz Grove City High School, Shrek The Musical Licking Heights High School, The Wedding Singer Olentangy High School, Catch Me If You Can Westerville South High School, You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

2024 NOMINEES

Outstanding Ensemble

Sponsored by Fifth Third Bank, N. A.

Bishop Watterson High School, Les Misérables (School Edition) Grove City High School, Shrek The Musical **New Albany High School,** Mean Girls (School Edition) Olentangy High School, Catch Me If You Can Whetstone High School, Little Shop of Horrors

Best Direction

Sponsored by Denison University

Andrew Martin, Pickerington High School Central, The SpongeBob Musical Stefanie McConnell, Grove City High School, Shrek The Musical Christopher Ray, Whetstone High School, Little Shop of Horrors Rebecca Rhinehart, Bexley High School, Xanadu Johanna Whetstone, Licking Heights High School, The Wedding Singer

Best Actress in a Leading Role

Sponsored by Johnson Investment Counsel

Caira Fisher-Rogers, Olentangy Orange High School

('Deloris Van Cartier' in Sister Act)

Allie Gomez, Upper Arlington High School

('Cady Heron' in Mean Girls (School Edition))

Gwen Goodney, Bexley High School ('Clio/Kira' in Xanadu)

Mia Kadar, Dublin Coffman High School

('Regina George' in Mean Girls (School Edition))

Kayla Servilla, Olentangy Berlin High School ('Rusty' in Footloose)

Best Actor in a Leading Role

Sponsored by Danbert, Inc.

Preston Hudson, Pickerington High School Central

('SpongeBob SquarePants' in The SpongeBob Musical)

Colin McNair, Bishop Watterson High School

('Jean Valjean' in Les Misérables (School Edition))

Andy Norbuta, Olentangy High School ('Frank Abagnale, Jr.' in Catch Me If You Can) Jakob Robinson, Bexley High School, ('Sonny' in Xanadu)

Christian Strong, Pickerington High School North ('Shrek' in Shrek The Musical)

Best Musical Production

Bishop Watterson High School, Les Misérables (School Edition) Eastmoor Academy High School, The Wiz Licking Heights High School, The Wedding Singer **Upper Arlington High School,** Mean Girls (School Edition) Whetstone High School, Little Shop of Horrors

TONIGHT'S PERFORMERS

Landon Abram Licking Heights High School

Hannah Adam Pickerington High School North

Reilly Allen Bishop Watterson High School

Natalie Ampadu Licking Heights High School

Naiyah Anderson Eastmoor Academy High School

Marie Bakle Bishop Watterson High School

Maisie Barr Bishop Watterson High School

Jamie Lee Bishop Bishop Watterson High School

Owen Black Upper Arlington High School

Ash Blatt Bishop Watterson High School

Evelyn Boreman Whetstone High School

Parker Brunner Bishop Watterson High School

Parker Burghy Westerville South High School

Alex Butz Bishop Watterson High School

Rylei Caldwell Eastmoor Academy High School

William Carlisle Upper Arlington High School

Ally Carroll Pickerington High School North

Santi Castro Upper Arlington High School

Jillian Christie Olentangy Liberty High School

Gracie Clark Upper Arlington High School

Jayden Cochran Licking Heights High School

Talia Coffman Licking Heights High School

Lily Comisar Upper Arlington High School

Princess Conley Eastmoor Academy High School

Audrey Conner Bishop Watterson High School

Joey Conroy Upper Arlington High School

Ava Crane Bishop Watterson High School

Lily Crane Bishop Watterson High School

Kylie Cross Eastmoor Academy High School

Sammi Curtin Bishop Watterson High School

Ilsa Daniels Licking Heights High School

Louay Dendeni Upper Arlington High School

Jackson Dilts Pickerington High School Central

> Emmett Dodge Bexley High School

Griffin Donohoe Whetstone High School

Tessa Druhan Upper Arlington High School

Jullian Dublikar Bishop Watterson High School

Maddie Dublikar Bishop Watterson High School

David Duffey Fairfield Union High School

Penelope Dunger Pickerington High School Central

Keeshaun Dunlap Eastmoor Academy High School

Gianna Dziewiatkowski Bishop Watterson High School

Audrey Eilerman Bishop Watterson High School Michelle Fernandez Upper Arlington High School

Giada Ferrell Licking Heights High School

Layne Fisher Whetstone High School

Rayne Flowers Olentangy Liberty High School

Taylor Foster Eastmoor Academy High School

Nic Franklin Olentangy Orange High School

Addison Fransen Upper Arlington High School

Allison Freeland Fairfield Union High School

Gage Freshour Whetstone High School

Anna Frost Bishop Watterson High School

Tyler Frownfelter Pickerington High School North

Mia Gillum Upper Arlington High School

Mary Gilsenan Bishop Watterson High School

Issac Gleim Licking Heights High School

Lucas Gleim Licking Heights High School

Allie Gomez Upper Arlington High School

> Gwen Goodney Bexley High School

Tylen Gordon Eastmoor Academy High School

Scarlett Graves Upper Arlington High School

Kim'Mya Byrd-Green Eastmoor Academy High School

Laynie Groves Olentangy Orange High School

Carlie Hall Upper Arlington High School

Jaxson Hall Upper Arlington High School

TONIGHT'S PERFORMERS

Elliot Hattemer Upper Arlington High School

Gavric Herring Olentangy Berlin High School

Hannah Hiller Upper Arlington High School

Anaiyah Holland Eastmoor Academy High School

James Hostetler Upper Arlington High School

Raquel Houston Whetstone High School

Kate Hoyt Bishop Watterson High School

Preston Hudson Pickerington High School Central

Molly Hura Bishop Watterson High School

Elizabeth James Bishop Watterson High School

Lily Jauregui Bishop Watterson High School

Allyson Jones Bishop Watterson High School

Mia Kadar Dublin Coffman High School

Jenna Kessel Dublin Coffman High School

Irulan Khan Upper Arlington High School

Katelyn Kieninger New Albany High School

Sydney Kintz Grove City High School

Janelle Kissi Licking Heights High School

Caleb Kleppinger Grove City High School

Ava Kline Olentangy High School

Jayden Knapp Bishop Watterson High School

Logan Knapp Bishop Watterson High School

Maryame Lamsihdi Dublin Coffman High School

Carly Law Bishop Watterson High School

Magnolia Lees Licking Heights High School

Joe Lehner Upper Arlington High School

Alex Letzer Bishop Watterson High School

Maia Lopez Bishop Watterson High School

Seth Lute Upper Arlington High School

Angelo Lutz Worthington Christian School

Peyton Lytle Licking Heights High School

Camran Madison Whetstone High School

Logan Magliery Upper Arlington High School

Audrey McGee Upper Arlington High School

Ronan McGrath Bishop Watterson High School

Tim McIntyre Eastmoor Academy High School

Colin McNair Bishop Watterson High School

Brady McNally Bishop Watterson High School

Kyle Meadows Eastmoor Academy High School

> Courtney Miers Whetstone High School

Alexis Mitchell Eastmoor Academy High School

Niyah Moorman Eastmoor Academy High School

Edan Mora Upper Arlington High School

Isaac Moutoux Licking Heights High School Gabrielle Munoz Whetstone High School

Jaya Newkirk Eastmoor Academy High School

> Andy Norbuta Olentangy High School

Althea Norris Upper Arlington High School

Ben Obergefell Upper Arlington High School

Gigi O'Dorisio Bishop Watterson High School

Lily O'Hara Bishop Watterson High School

Safiyyah Omardien Whetstone High School

Anya Pathak Upper Arlington High School

Anjali Paul Worthington Christian School

Promise Pelotshweu Licking Heights High School

Taylor Petry Licking Heights High School

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Presley Pingue Thomas Worthington High School

Rocco Pingue Thomas Worthington High School

> Lyric Pitts Whetstone High School

Sophie Port Upper Arlington High School

Angelina Powell Bishop Watterson High School

Tanishka Prabhu Bishop Watterson High School

Vincent Purcell Bishop Watterson High School

Molly Raynor Olentangy Berlin High School

TONIGHT'S PERFORMERS

Johnny Redman Olentangy High School

Sophie Reeder Whetstone High School

Ella Riedlinger Bishop Watterson High School

Ty Ritzler Olentangy Berlin High School

Ryleigh Rivera Upper Arlington High School

Ella Rixie Licking Heights High School

Emmanuel Roberts Licking Heights High School

Marion Robertson Upper Arlington High School

> Jakob Robinson Bexley High School

Lucy Robinson Bexley High School

Caira Fisher-Rogers Olentangy Orange High School

Caroline Samanich New Albany High School

Jase Sardari Eastmoor Academy High School

Julia Schehr Bishop Watterson High School

Christian Scheiderer Licking Heights High School

Ryann Schindler Licking Heights High School

Sophia Schnurr Bishop Watterson High School

Erin Scott Eastmoor Academy High School

Micayla Serna Bishop Watterson High School

Kayla Servilla Olentangy Berlin High School

> Opal Shipley Whetstone High School

Kara Singh Licking Heights High School

Akilah Bayless-Sizemore Eastmoor Academy High School

Bree-An Smith Eastmoor Academy High School

Nakya Bell-Smith Eastmoor Academy High School

Isabella Smith Licking Heights High School

Reid Smith Westerville South High School

Betty Solomon Licking Heights High School

Kye Spencer Licking Heights High School

Olivia Stapleton Upper Arlington High School

Bethany Steele Licking Heights High School

Angelee Straits Licking Heights High School

Christian Strong Pickerington High School North

Abigail Swart Upper Arlington High School

Vivian Swary Upper Arlington High School

Logan Teeters Licking Heights High School

Daniel Tewolde Grove City High School

Dionysia Thompson Whetstone High School

Vinny Tippett Bishop Watterson High School

Julia Tobin Upper Arlington High School

Lamya Turner Eastmoor Academy High School

> Sadie Turner Worthington Kilbourne High School

Shawn Underwood Eastmoor Academy High School

Lane Vance Bishop Hartley High School

Kaylee Vance Licking Heights High School

Izzy Vatter Bishop Hartley High School

Bryn Vermillion Licking Heights High School

Casey Wagner Licking Heights High School

Issie Wearly Licking Heights High School

Oliver Weaver Whetstone High School

Marina Weinman Whetstone High School

River Wells Licking Heights High School

Cayla Weston Whetstone High School

Imani Williams Eastmoor Academy High School

Saleena Williams Eastmoor Academy High School

Zy'On Williams Eastmoor Academy High School

> Elyse Williams Worthington Kilbourne High School

Takai Williamson Reynoldsburg High School

Julia Yoder Bishop Watterson High School

Feaven Yohannes Licking Heights High School

Maleah Wilks-Young Bishop Watterson High School

Jimmy Zolkowski Upper Arlington High School



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, 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 countless 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 sixth year producing and directing the CAPA Marquee Awards Showcase and 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!



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, going to the dog park with her dog Leo, and spending time with her family.



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 Color Guard and Drumline. She has taught vocal music in the 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 100 shows and is an arranger for many show choirs throughout Ohio, creating both vocal and instrumental arrangements for competition. Dee participates in contemporary worship bands and is a published choral works composer. She is the Music Arranger and Director for the CAPA Marquee Awards here in Columbus and has also served that role for the Miami Valley High School Musical Theater Awards in Dayton, 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 nine 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.



Jackie Comisar Choreographer

Originally from Pittsburgh, Jackie has called Columbus home for the last 16 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

Jackie Comisar continued

CAPA Marquee Awards as choreographer for the third year in a row and has enjoyed involvement with the program for the last five years as a teaching artist and a contributor to the Dig Deeper series. Having been inspired to pursue a career in musical theatre after winning a Gene Kelly Award (Pittsburgh's Marquee Award equivalent) for best leading actress, she is especially honored to be a part of this incredible showcase. Many thanks to Amy Handra for this opportunity. Thanks and love to her husband Jason and her most favorite productions—Lily, Carter, and Mira.



Alana Sayat Dance Assistant

Alana is ecstatic to be joining the creative team of the 2024 CAPA Marquee Awards! She is a rising sophomore at The Ohio State University, pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Public Management, Leadership, and Policy. A graduate of Upper Arlington High School, Alana was formerly involved in a student capacity with the Marquee Awards as a 2023 Semi-Finalist for Best Actress in a Leading Role ('LeFou' in

Disney's Beauty and the Beast) and as a 2022 Student Ensemble member. As an alum of Short North Stage's Performance Internship Program, Alana has also performed in professional productions including Into the Woods (Little Red), White Christmas, and Young Frankenstein. Many thanks to Jackie Comisar and Amy Handra for welcoming her back to the Marquee family with this incredible opportunity!



Matt Cantelon Sound Designer

Matt Cantelon (he/him/his) recently completed his PhD at The Ohio State University. 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 fifth 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 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 BFA in Theatre Design and Technology from Otterbein University. She has worked professionally with The Contemporary Theatre of Ohio, Opera Columbus,

Columbus Children's Theatre, Weathervane Playhouse, BalletMet, Opera Project Columbus, Saugatuck Center for the Arts in Michigan, Orlando Rep, and the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando. Hannah is currently 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. www.hannahhahn.net



Brooke Stiles Assistant Stage Manager

Brooke Stiles is so excited to be working with such incredible artists on this year's Marquee Awards! Brooke is a Denison University graduate and a native of Norton, Ohio. She is active in the Columbus theatre scene as a Stage Manager, Costume Designer, and Photographer. She has worked professionally with Columbus Children's Theatre (CCT), The Contemporary of Ohio, Thurber House,

Columbus Metropolitan Libraries, Butterfly Guild of Nationwide Children's Hospital, Available Light Theatre, and COSI. Apart from working as CCT's Marketing and Engagement Coordinator, Brooke is also the Costume Steward for Weathervane Playhouse in Newark, Ohio, Stage Management Mentor at Denison University and serves on CAPA's bartending staff. When not at a show or working one, she can be found on a plane to her next adventure. @brookexxrose



Crystal Satterfield Production Assistant

Crystal Satterfield joined Amy Handra's team as CAPA Education Coordinator in September 2021. She is excited to serve as production assistant in her second 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 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!



Lauren Cox Production Assistant

Lauren Cox is a senior Illustration major at Columbus College of Art and Design. Next fall, she hopes to enter a graduate program in Arts Policy and Administration. Lauren was classically trained in ballet and, in her five years as a ballet instructor, has even started a boys' ballet program where she teaches. Lauren's award-winning creative writing work can be found in literary magazines such as Botticelli

and Young Raven's Literary Review. Lauren's passion for equity and accessibility in the arts is what led her to CAPA, and she is honored to be a part of this organization and the Education department.

OUR HOSTS



Mike McCarthy Host

Mike McCarthy is excited to stay up past his bedtime to celebrate the CAPA Marquee Awards! He's a huge fan of musical theater and wishes his talents matched his passion for the arts. For more than a decade, he's been waking up in the middle of the night to report for Good Day Columbus on ABC 6 and FOX 28. 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 in Knoxville, Tennessee. He has won 25 Emmy awards, along with being named "Best TV Reporter" by the Ohio Associated Press. His reports have been featured on 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. Lisa was bitten by the theater bug at the age of 10 when she was cast as an orphan in Annie in her hometown of Marysville, Ohio. In high school, she cofounded the Marysville Summer Theater Workshop, a summer theater program for students in grades 5–8 that is still running today. Lisa is also involved in the Columbus

theater community, having appeared in, and directed several productions. Lisa enjoys reading, playing board games, spending time with her husband, Jon, and playing with their new puppy, Ralphie.

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