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**Note to editors: The list of winners by school is at the end of this release.**

## **THEATER STUDENTS TAKE HOME AWARDS AFTER THE 16TH ANNUAL CAPPIES AWARD CEREMONY**

**FORT LAUDERDALE** – High school theater students from 15 public and private schools throughout Broward and Palm Beach counties were winners at the 16th Annual Cappies Awards Gala held at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

University School of NSU received the most awards with nine for *Tuck Everlasting*, making it the most honored musical. With four Cappies wins, Calvary Christian Academy's production of *The Matchmaker* was the most honored play.

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School student Kali Clougherty and University School of NSU student Paul Levine received the Melinda Clarke Spotlight scholarships which funds \$750 for college or future theatrical training. The honorees were awarded the scholarships based upon their applications detailing their goals in pursuit of future education along with a biographical essay describing their experiences in the program.

In addition, the students who were recognized as Senior Critic, Lead Actor in a Play, Lead Actress in a Play, Lead Actor in a Musical, Lead Actress in a Musical and Stage Management and Crew each received a \$500 scholarship.

Cappies award winners are determined by votes from the students through a weighted peer review voting process. Nominations are made by student critics from participating schools that attend productions at rival schools and write reviews, which are then edited by theater educators and published on FloridaTheaterOnStage.com.

The awards ceremony was presented with support from the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, which has hosted the event since the South Florida chapter of the Critics and Awards Program (Cappies for short) was founded in 2002 as a part of the national non-profit organization honoring high school theater programs.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.

The Broward Center 2018-2019 season is presented by the Broward Performing Arts Foundation. AutoNation, Bank of America, Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau, JetBlue, MasterCard, Paramount Refreshment Solutions and *Sun Sentinel* are proud sponsors of the Broward Center

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One of America's premier performing arts venues, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts presents more than 700 performances each year to more than 700,000 patrons, showcasing a wide range of exciting cultural programming and events. Guest experiences at the Broward Center include the all-inclusive JetBlue Flight Deck on the Club Level, special events in the Huizenga Pavilion, waterfront dining at Marti's New River Bistro and innovative classes and workshops for all ages at the Rose Miniaci Arts Education Center. With one of the largest arts-in-education programs in the United States, the Broward Center serves more than 130,000 students annually. The Broward Performing Arts Foundation, Inc. receives and maintains funds to sustain, develop and secure the future of the Broward Center. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. For more information, visit [BrowardCenter.org](http://BrowardCenter.org).

The Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment Consortium is a cultural partnership between the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale, Florida Grand Opera, Fort Lauderdale History Center and the Historic Stranahan House Museum. It is supported by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau. Programs are sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.

## **2017-2018 CAPPIS WINNERS**

American Heritage School – 3  
Archbishop McCarthy High School – 1  
Boca Raton Community High School – 6  
Calvary Christian Academy – 4  
Cypress Bay High School – 5  
Deerfield Beach High School – 1  
Dillard Center for the Arts – 1  
JP Taravella High School – 1  
North Broward Preparatory – 3  
St. Thomas Aquinas – 1  
The Sagemont School – 3  
South Plantation High School – 2  
Stoneman Douglas High School – 2  
University School of NSU – 9  
West Boca High School – 1

### **American Heritage School – *The Importance of Being Earnest***

Play: *The Importance of Being Earnest*  
Supporting Actress in a Play: Fiona Baquerizo  
Comic Actor in a Play: Wesley Mahon

### **Archbishop McCarthy High School – *The Farnsworth Invention***

Lead Actor in a Play: Pablo Uribasterra

### **Boca Raton High School – *Sweet Charity***

Musical: *Sweet Charity*  
Lead Actress in a Musical: Samantha O'Donnell  
Female Dancer: Neala Gordon  
Ensemble in a Musical: Dance Hall Girls  
Costumes: Alyssa Diaz, Claire Jackson and Crew  
Special Effects and or Technology: Alina Figueras, Samantha Perez and Liana Progiar

### **Calvary Christian Academy – *The Matchmaker***

Lead Actress in a Play: Anna Hopson

Featured Actress in a Play: Zoey Boyette  
Sets: Samuel Hernandez and Arianna Weber  
Props: Nicole Wroth and Kinsey Nguyen

**Cypress Bay High School – RENT**

Lead Actor in a Musical: Leandro Biarrieta  
Supporting Actor in a Musical: Jason Rosenberg  
Supporting Actress in a Musical: Yasemin Atesnak  
Male Vocalist: Gianni Palermo  
Female Vocalist: Daniela Machado

**Deerfield Beach High School – Boeing Boeing**

Comic Actress in a Play: Ananda Espinal

**Dillard Center for the Arts – Macbeth**

Creativity: Danilo Mina - Composition of Music

**JP Taravella High School – Picnic**

Sophomore Critic: Nicole Sugarman

**North Broward Preparatory School – 9 to 5**

Sophomore Critic: Dylan Jost  
Comic Actor in a Musical: Samuel Kelly-Cohen  
Comic Actress in a Musical: Quinn DeVita

**St. Thomas Aquinas High School – Circus Olympus**

Sound: Brian Sayre

**The Sagemont School – Something Wicked This Way Comes**

Senior Critic: Andres Hernandez  
Freshman Critic: Eva Daskos  
Supporting Actor in a Play: Andres Hernandez

**South Plantation High School – It Can't Happen Here**

Featured Actor in a Play: Curtis Dodgen  
Ensemble in a Play: Interpreters

**Stoneman Douglas High School – Fiddler on the Roof**

Critics' Team: Alex Wind, Lead Critic  
Junior Critic: Alex Wind

**University School of NSU – Tuck Everlasting**

Song: "The Story of Winnie Foster"  
Featured Actor in a Musical: Paul Levine  
Featured Actress in a Musical: Julia Musso  
Male Dancer: Gabriel Feldenkrais  
Choreography: Yuval Benit  
Lighting: Tal Kochav  
Hair and Makeup: Cole, Feldenkrais, and Kohler  
Stage Management and Stage Crew: Gonzalez, Lapayowker, and O'Neal

Marketing and Publicity: Foster Hirsch

**West Boca High School** – *Annie*  
Orchestra: Orchestra

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