

2019 Awards of Excellence Finalists

Direction in a Play		
John Olson	Driving Miss Daisy	Performing Arts & Education Association of Southwest Iowa
Elizabeth Thompson	Five Women Wearing the Same Dress	BrickStreet Theatre
Lisa Gould	Night Mother	Ankeny Community Theatre
Aimee Jones	Proposals	Starlighters II Comm Theatre
Angela Rottering	The Trouble with Cats	Webster City Community Theatre

Direction in a Musical		
Greg Holt	Beauty and the Beast	Waterloo Comm Playhouse/ Black Hawk Children's Theatre
Veronica Skaar	Children of Eden	Judge Story Theatrical Troupe
Sheryl Scheffert	Mamma Mia	New Minowa Players - Decorah
Pauline Hesson	Mary Poppins	Newton Community Theatre
Cheri Moser	The Producers	Opera House Players - Elkader

Ensemble in a Play		
Julie Murren and Tracy Rhodes	A Bench at the Edge	Southwest Iowa Theatre Group, Inc. Park Playhouse
Vanessa Doden, Lynnea Fredrickson, Savannah Moore, Liz Hedin-Schmidt, Makayla Vogt, Danny Peterson	Five Women Wearing the Same Dress	BrickStreet Theatre
Charissa Hamel and Beth Feilmeier	Night Mother	Ankeny Community Theatre
Kathryn Huang, Kathleen Weiss, Deborah Maynard, & Valerie Davine	The Odd Couple (Female Version)	Rich Heritage of Cedar Rapids Theatre Company
Nichole Ose as Mitzi, Sylvia Vust as No, Kaitlynn Seeley as Onie	The Trouble with Cats	Webster City Community Theatre

Ensemble in a Musical		
Lonnie Appleby, Mark Schaefer, Denise Gregory, Porter Haug, Jana De Zwart & Lynn Cooper	Beauty and the Beast	Union Street Players
Cast of Children of Eden	Children of Eden	Judge Story Theatrical Troupe
Chorus [Mamma Mia, New Minowa Players]	Mamma Mia	New Minowa Players - Decorah
Chimney Sweeps, Park Strollers, Supercalafragalisticexpialidocious	Mary Poppins, Jr.	Story Theater Company of Ames
The Producers Cast	The Producers	Opera House Players - Elkader

Lead Actor in a Play		
Vince Williams	An Inspector Calls	The Road Less Traveled Theatre Co.
Steve Clemmons as Kenny	Proposals	Starlighters II Comm Theatre
Dean Evans as Phillip Julian	The Trouble with Cats	Webster City Community Theatre
Joe Frenna	The Understudy	Waterloo Comm Playhouse/ Black Hawk Children's Theatre
Jeff Hiser as Doctor Arnold Lomax	Those Crazy Ladies in the House on the Corner	Southwest Iowa Theatre Group, Inc. Park Playhouse

Lead Actor in a Musical		
Neal Petersen (Beast)	Beauty and the Beast	Waterloo Comm Playhouse/ Black Hawk Children's Theatre
Kevin Lounsberry	Children of Eden	Judge Story Theatrical Troupe
Scott Johnson	Children of Eden	Judge Story Theatrical Troupe
Brandon Douglas - Max Bialystock	The Producers	Opera House Players - Elkader
Jonathon Moser - Leo Bloom	The Producers	Opera House Players - Elkader

Lead Actress in a Play		
Debbie LaShomb	A Nice Family Christmas	Newton Community Theatre
Cheri Moser as Jennifer	A Year in the Death of Eddie Jester	Opera House Players - Elkader
Mary Beth Specht as Susan	A Year in the Death of Eddie Jester	Opera House Players - Elkader
Erica Toney as Clemma	Proposals	Starlighters II Comm Theatre
Cathy Olson as Ivy Julian	The Trouble with Cats	Webster City Community Theatre

Lead Actress in a Musical		
Julie Erickson	Children of Eden	Judge Story Theatrical Troupe
Linnea Carlson as Sophie Sheridan	Mamma Mia	New Minowa Players - Decorah
Annie Foskett - Mary Poppins	Mary Poppins	Newton Community Theatre
Kristine Perkins - Winifred Banks	Mary Poppins	Newton Community Theatre
Jeana Jago, Fiona	Shrek The Musical	Performing Arts & Education Association of Southwest Iowa

Supporting Actor in a Play		
Michael Jones as Boolie Werthan	Driving Miss Daisy	Performing Arts & Education Association of Southwest Iowa
Jacob Glass as Ray	Proposals	Starlighters II Comm Theatre
Matt English as Vinnie	Proposals	Starlighters II Comm Theatre
Steve Weiss as Jesus Costazuela	The Odd Couple (Female Version)	Rich Heritage of Cedar Rapids Theatre Company
Jake Lahr as Parker Johnson	The Trouble with Cats	Webster City Community Theatre

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Supporting Actor in a Musical		
Lars Skaar	Children of Eden	Judge Story Theatrical Troupe
Matt Valen	Children of Eden	Judge Story Theatrical Troupe
Jackson Finnagin as Davey	Newsies	Mills Masquers
David Beck - Roger Debris	The Producers	Opera House Players - Elkader
Max Koeller - Carmen Ghia	The Producers	Opera House Players - Elkader

Supporting Actress in a Play		
Katelynn Till	An Inspector Calls	The Road Less Traveled Theatre Co.
Koryn Killerby - Imogene Herdman	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	Starlighters II Comm Theatre
Linda Thomas as Joy Bombay	The Trouble with Cats	Webster City Community Theatre
Sunshine Garth as Sunshine	The Trouble with Cats	Webster City Community Theatre
Stanna Wellauer as Jean Mitchell	Those Crazy Ladies in the House on the Corner	Southwest Iowa Theatre Group, Inc. Park Playhouse

Supporting Actress in a Musical		
Lisa Webb	Children of Eden	Judge Story Theatrical Troupe
Meredith McMullen	Children of Eden	Judge Story Theatrical Troupe
Anna Morrison as Finch	Newsies	Mills Masquers
Alexa Munsinger, Pinnochio	Shrek The Musical	Performing Arts & Education Association of Southwest Iowa
Misty Wissel, Gingy	Shrek The Musical	Performing Arts & Education Association of Southwest Iowa

Choreography		
Veronica Skaar	Children of Eden	Judge Story Theatrical Troupe
Denise Bollinger	Kiss Me, Kate	Ankeny Community Theatre
Ami Peterson	Newsies	Mills Masquers
Megan Torbert	Shrek The Musical	Performing Arts & Education Association of Southwest Iowa
Erin Horst	The Producers	Opera House Players - Elkader

Musical Direction		
Nicole Galliard	Children of Eden	Judge Story Theatrical Troupe
Cathi Wickett	Mary Poppins	Newton Community Theatre
James Waterbury	Ring of Fire	Waterloo Comm Playhouse/ Black Hawk Children's Theatre
Amy Demlow	Shrek The Musical	Performing Arts & Education Association of Southwest Iowa
Brandon Douglas	The Producers	Opera House Players - Elkader

Costuming		
Kate Bell	Children of Eden	Judge Story Theatrical Troupe
Lynnea Fredrickson	Five Women Wearing the Same Dress	BrickStreet Theatre
Donalee Burns	Mamma Mia	New Minowa Players - Decorah
Mary Beth Specht & Barb Chandler	The Producers	Opera House Players - Elkader
Karin Yungclas	The Trouble with Cats	Webster City Community Theatre

Scenic Design		
Veronica Skaar	Children of Eden	Judge Story Theatrical Troupe
Cary Kann	It Runs In the Family	Opera House Players - Elkader
Robert Kurt	Proposals	Starlighters II Comm Theatre
Jonathon Moser & Cary Kann	The Producers	Opera House Players - Elkader
Dale Arends and Angela Rottering	The Trouble with Cats	Webster City Community Theatre

Lighting Design		
Veronica Skaar	Children of Eden	Judge Story Theatrical Troupe
Thomas "TJ" Mack	Number The Stars	Story Theater Company of Ames
Del Reimer & Jonathon Moser	The Producers	Opera House Players - Elkader
Sam Ose	The Trouble with Cats	Webster City Community Theatre
Pete Francis	Those Crazy Ladies in the House on the Corner	Southwest Iowa Theatre Group, Inc. Park Playhouse

Sound Design		
Jonas Christian	Children of Eden	Judge Story Theatrical Troupe
Amanda Gray	Number The Stars	Story Theater Company of Ames
Tony John	Ring of Fire	Waterloo Comm Playhouse/ Black Hawk Children's Theatre
Craig Strutt	The Producers	Opera House Players - Elkader
Sam Ose	The Trouble with Cats	Webster City Community Theatre

Children's Show		
	Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon	Rich Heritage of Cedar Rapids Theatre Company
	Bye Bye Birdie, YPE	Southwest Iowa Theatre Group, Inc. Park Playhouse
	Disney's Frozen Jr	Rich Heritage of Cedar Rapids Theatre Company
	The Jungle Book	BrickStreet Theatre
	Twinderella	BrickStreet Theatre