THE 52ND ANNUAL
PERRY AWARDS
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THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY THEATRES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

PERRY AWARDS
NJACT

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

September 21, 2025

Dear Distinguished Guests

Welcome to the 2025 Perry Awards!

The Perry Awards have a rich history of celebrating all things NJ Community Theater. We gather here to honor everyone. Back in 1973, William “Perry” Morgan and a few friends started these awards, which they called the AVY Awards, named after his hometown of Avenel. His vision was to recognize and celebrate everyone who makes theater happen–from the production teams to the actors. That’s still what we do. My goal is to honor Perry’s vision. I want to make and keep the **community** in the Community Theater. Sure, it’s great to get nominated and amazing to win a Perry. But the real reason we’re here is to be together–a big reunion of friends who love the same thing! Plus, who doesn’t like getting dressed up and stepping out of reality for a couple of hours? This is not a competition between theaters, production staff, or actors. It’s a celebration!

I’ve been coming to the awards for 23 years. I’ve made great friends and a lot of memories. I’ve watched people grow into themselves because of theater. The best part for me is the networking–meeting new people, catching up with old friends, and finding new theaters to work with. I’ve traveled around NJ and seen so many shows because of this night. A couple of weeks ago we lost our founder, Wm. Perry Morgan. Tonight won’t be somber. We will respect his legacy and enjoy the vision he had. We’re going to celebrate each other, make new memories, and honor the love he had for Community Theater.

In closing, remember life is precious. Don’t take things for granted. Let go of grudges and forgive. End your calls with “Love ya.” Make a little time for yourself and do a little good when you can. My goal tonight–and all year–is to help at least one person smile. Let’s come together and celebrate each other!

So, like I always say–Let’s get this party started!
With much love and respect,

P.J. Campacci

In Memoriam

WILLIAM PERRY MORGAN

1961 - 2025

IN MEMORIAM

We honor and remember the cherished members of our New Jersey theater community who have taken their final bow. Their passion, artistry, and dedication lit up our stages and touched our hearts. Whether behind the curtain or in the spotlight, they each brought stories to life and gave voice to the human spirit.

Their echoes remain in every line spoken, every light cue hit, and every audience moved. Though the curtain has closed on their time with us, their legacy lives on—in the laughter, the tears, and the moments of magic they helped create.

They will forever be part of the story we continue to tell.

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OPENING NUMBER

Hello, Perrys

VOCAL DIRECTOR:
JESS PEIRCE

CHOREOGRAPHER:
ANGIE RICCI

LYRICS BY:
HOWARD WHITMORE

PERFORMERS:

KEVIN ALBANESE
SHEILA KRAFT
RACHEL LOVE
ELLE MICHAELI
PAT NAPURANO
MARK PILTZ
ERICA STUPPLER

OUTSTANDING YOUTH ACTRESS IN A PLAY

Somni Baboulis
SHE KILLS MONSTERS
Aspire Performing Arts Company

Emma Brongo
SHE KILLS MONSTERS
Aspire Performing Arts Company

Allison Dassler
TWELFTH NIGHT
Stone Church Players

Meredith Gatto
DRACULA
Nutley Little Theater

Anaya Jain
CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF
Somerset Valley Players

Abigail Ryan
ALMOST, MAINE
Magnolia Productions

Meghan Shay
SHE KILLS MONSTERS
Aspire Performing Arts Company

OUTSTANDING YOUTH ACTOR IN A PLAY

Felix Harabin
CAT ON A TIN ROOF
Somerset Valley Players

Miles Imregi
ALMOST, MAINE
Magnolia Productions

Nathan Kossoy
THIRD ANNUAL TEEN ONE ACT JAMBOREE
StageWorks Theatre Group

Vihaan Mistry
CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF
Somerset Valley Players

Jackson Smith
THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK
Levoy Theatre

OUTSTANDING LIGHTING DESIGN OF A PLAY

Nia Abdullah
GRAND HORIZONS
Playhouse 22

Joey Braccino
THE MIDSUMMER PROJECT
Villagers Theatre

Kaitlin Coco O'Leary
THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION
Villagers Theatre

Joe Dugan
THE TEMPEST
For the Whim Productions

Mark Reilly
ANGELS IN AMERICA PART 1: MILLENIUM APPROACHES
CDC Theatre

Lenox Emery
TRAVESTIES
Nutley Little Theater

Ed Pearson
OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS
Somerset Valley Players

OUTSTANDING LIGHTING DESIGN OF A MUSICAL

Joe McKie
RENT
Mystic Vision Players

Sagan Modla
MAMMA MIA!
Pegasus Productions Company

Zach Pizza
ROCK OF AGES
Old Library Theatre

Joe Schiwall
TARZAN THE MUSICAL
The Bear Tavern Project

Daniel Schulze
RENT
Villagers Theatre

Rachael Smith
CARRIE THE MUSICAL
Cumberland Players

Lindsay Stevens
WHITE CHRISTMAS
Levoy Theater

PRESENTATION

The David P. McMenamie Award

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Alive By Heart

OUTSTANDING STAGE MANAGEMENT OF A PLAY

Carolyn Campen
YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU
Westfield Community Players

Grace Emley
A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE
First Avenue Playhouse

Bruce Hamilton
ALMOST, MAINE
Magnolia Productions

Melissa Noble
OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS
Somerset Valley Players

Stephanie Schoppe
PETER AND THE STARCATCHER
Phoenix Productions, Inc.

Mike Yoder
DRACULA:
A FEMINIST REVENGE FANTASY, REALLY
Chester Theatre Group

Dawn Zaleski
GRAND HORIZONS
Playhouse 22

OUTSTANDING STAGE MANAGEMENT OF A MUSICAL

Fran Centofante Katz
KINKY BOOTS
Phoenix Productions, Inc.

Jennifer Cooper
RENT
Pioneer Productions Company

Dana Dispoto
LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL
CDC Theatre

Jeff Parsons
NINE
Old Library Theatre

Kelly Rayner-Townes
NINE
Playhouse 22

Shannen Rivers
ANNIE
Somerset Valley Players

Amanda Thorn
ANYTHING GOES
Trilogy Repertory

OUTSTANDING SOUND DESIGN OF A PLAY

Kayla Elyse & Michael A. Muller
THE LADIES FOURSOME
Somerset Valley Players

Eric Collins
BLITHE SPIRIT
Theater to Go

Peter Downing & Chris Thorn
THE NORMAL HEART
Players Guild of Leonia

Lauri MacMillan
NATURAL SHOCKS
Chester Theater Group

L.A. Mars
TRAVESTIES
Nutley Little Theater

James Mosser
THE CRUSADE OF CONNOR STEPHENS
Radburn Players

Nadia Siwiec
THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION
Villagers Theatre

OUTSTANDING SOUND DESIGN OF A MUSICAL

Sam Franz & Daniel Gittler
PARADE
StageWorks Theatre Group

Tanner Freeman
THE WIZARD OF OZ
Levoy Theater

Madelyn Weitkunat
TARZAN THE MUSICAL
The Bear Tavern Project

Evan Paine
SCHOOL OF ROCK
Thank You 5 Productions

Sean Pedrick
WHITE CHRISTMAS
Levoy Theater

Cheryl Wilbur
ALICE BY HEART
Aspire Performing Arts Company

OUTSTANDING DIRECTION OF A PLAY

Katherine Decker Lewis
THE CRUSADE OF CONNOR STEPHENS
Radburn Players

Thomas J. Donohoe II
THE LARAMIE PROJECT
Studio Players

Bill Fikaris
GRAND HORIZONS
Playhouse 22

Anthony Greco
PETER AND THE STARCATCHER
Phoenix Productions, Inc.

Claudia MacDermott
THE NORMAL HEART
Players Guild of Leonia

L.A. Mars
TRAVESTIES
Nutley Little Theater

George Seylaz
CASA VALENTINA
Chester Theater Group

PRESENTATION

Nomination Committee Member of The Year

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

The Hunchback of Notre Dame

OUTSTANDING FEATURED ACTRESS IN A PLAY

Cindy Chait
PERFECT ARRANGEMENT
Playhouse 22

Samantha Clark
BLACK COFFEE
The Lord Stirling Theater Company

Ellyn Essig
THE TRAGEDY OF ROMEO AND JULIET
Players Guild of Leonia

Kathy Janovic
LEND ME A TENOR
First Avenue Playhouse

Anne Kaufman
ALMOST, MAINE
Magnolia Productions

Maureen Lambrix
STAGEWORKS ANNUAL ONE ACT FESTIVAL
StageWorks Theatre Group

Jojo Parks
DRACULA:
A FEMINIST REVENGE FANTASY, REALLY
Chester Theater Group

Sarah Pharaon
30TH ANNUAL JERSEY VOICES ONE ACT FESTIVAL
Chatham Community Players

OUTSTANDING FEATURED ACTOR IN A PLAY

Frank Blauer
TRAVESTIES
Nutley Little Theater

Michael Gilbert
GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER
The MTM Players

Matt Gochman
ALMOST, MAINE
Magnolia Productions

Carl Hoffman
NIGHT WATCH
Magnolia Productions

Andrew Marr
30TH ANNUAL JERSEY VOICES ONE ACT FESTIVAL
Chatham Community Players

Drew Jay McGuinness
THE LARAMIE PROJECT
OffBook Productions

Peter Valknoras
THE NORMAL HEART
Players Guild of Leonia

OUTSTANDING FEATURED ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL

Jessi Baden
NINE THE MUSICAL
Old Library Theatre

JoEllen Burton
MATILDA
Villagers Theatre

Avamichelina Hodgens
FUN HOME
The Summit Playhouse

Jaime Marcinczyk
BATBOY THE MUSICAL
Phoenix Productions, Inc.

Alyssa Mills
OKLAHOMA!
The Bear Tavern Project

Leslie Silverman
NINE THE MUSICAL
Old Library Theatre

Martha Marie Wasser
THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD
Haddonfield Plays & Players

OUTSTANDING FEATURED ACTOR IN A MUSICAL

Zack Bliss
BAT BOY: THE MUSICAL
Phoenix Productions, Inc.

Marc Cruz
INTO THE WOODS
Roundtable Theater Company

Darren DeAngelo
LITTLE WOMEN THE MUSICAL
Artist Collective Troupe

Tyler Kulik
THE LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS
The Blue Moon Theatre

Kevin Maphis
ONCE
StageWorks Theatre Group

Rostafa
RENT
Pioneer Productions Company

Robbie Stevens, Jr.
JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR
CDC Theatre

OUTSTANDING PROPERTIES IN A PLAY

Blaire Deziel
THE MOORS
Wharton Community Players

Thomas J. Donohoe II & Beatriz Esteban-Messina
THE LARAMIE PROJECT
Studio Players

Leslie Ellis, Chris Hietikko & Carol Saso
HOME, I'M DARLING
Chatham Community Players

Genevieve Estanislau & Victoria Gaydos
THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION
Villagers Theatre

Melissa Hommes & Michael A. Muller
THE LADIES FOURSOME
Somerset Valley Players

L.A. Mars
TRAVESTIES
Nutley Little Theater

Paul Poworski
PERFECT ARRANGEMENT
Playhouse 22

OUTSTANDING PROPERTIES IN A MUSICAL

Matthew Allegretta & Karen D'Entremont
INTO THE WOODS
Roundtable Theater Company

Scott Doyal & Devin Massih
MATILDA
Villagers Theatre

Sam Franz, Rebecca Horner, Leah Gaidos & Remi Presky
THE GUY WHO DIDN'T LIKE MUSICALS
StageWorks Theater Group

Ally Higgins
ONCE
StageWorks Theatre Group

Corina Lupp & Jessica Phelan
THE MUSIC MAN
The Summit Playhouse

Greg Murphy
THE LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS
The Blue Moon Theatre

Joellen Tierney & Cheryl Woertz
DESPERATE MEASURES
Players Guild of Leonia

PRESENTATION

Community Theatre of the Year

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Batboy

OUTSTANDING SCENIC DESIGN OF A PLAY

Frank Bergson
BREAKING LEGS
Readington Community Theater

Dorothy Bitetto & Edwin Ortiz
GRAND HORIZONS
Playhouse 22

Linda Correll & Linda Viel
YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU
Westfield Community Players

Ashley Cusack
PETER AND THE STARCATCHER
Phoenix Productions, Inc.

Thomas J. Donohoe II, Patrick Mannix & E. Dale Smith-Gallo
THE LARAMIE PROJECT
Studio Players

Chris Hietikko, Roy Pancirov & Ed Whitman
HOME, I'M DARLING
Chatham Community Players

Andrew Jarema & Rachel Sneed
THE TEMPEST
For the Whim Productions

Ian Smith
BLITHE SPIRIT
Theater to Go

OUTSTANDING SCENIC DESIGN OF A MUSICAL

Ashley Cusack
THE COLOR PURPLE
Phoenix Productions, Inc.

Georgia DeFrank & Megan Knowlton Balne
YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN
Masquerade Theater

Amethyst Fiorentino & Brenden Kortenhaus
SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL
The Premier Theatre Company

Susan Galli & Shawn Simmons
TARZAN THE MUSICAL
The Bear Tavern Project

Mark Lenard
THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD
Haddonfield Plays & Players

Roy Pancirov & Dean Sickler
A CHRISTMAS CAROL
Chatham Community Players

Ed Simmons & Shawn Simmons
GROUNDHOG DAY THE MUSICAL
Playful Theatre Productions

OUTSTANDING YOUTH ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL

Mary Anestis
MATILDA
Villagers Theatre

Noa Avrahami
SWEENEY TODD
Aspire Performing Arts Company

Emma Casper
ALICE BY HEART
Aspire Performing Arts Company

Rosie Gaeta
THE WEDDING SINGER
Pebble Players

Quinn Guerra
A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS
Main Street Theater Company

Liliana Noriega
9 TO 5
Porch Light Productions

Maggie Patience Poppell
TARZAN THE MUSICAL
The Bear Tavern Project

OUTSTANDING YOUTH ACTOR IN A MUSICAL

Karum Bhawnani
THE WEDDING SINGER
Pebble Players

Kaden Brightwell
LEGALLY BLONDE
ShowKids Invitational Theater

Anthony DiBenedetto
ALICE BY HEART
Aspire Performing Arts Company

V. Grant Falcigno
TARZAN THE MUSICAL
The Bear Tavern Project

Nolan Lardiere
THE WEDDING SINGER
Pebble Players

James Moffett
THE PROM
Villagers Theatre

Alexander Noerr
9 TO 5
Porch Light Productions

OUTSTANDING CHOREOGRAPHY

Nicole Ceballos
West Side Story
Phoenix Productions, Inc.

Riley Conaty, Heather Fleischman, Maria Mantak, Emma Nasto & Krisy Nasto
LEGALLY BLONDE
ShowKids Invitational Theater (SKIT)

Raven Dunbar-Abbott
JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR
CDC Theatre

Lyle Dungee
RENT
Villagers Theatre

Natalie Hayes-Scott
THE COLOR PURPLE
Phoenix Productions, Inc.

Maria Mantak & Krisy Nasto
MARY POPPINS
ShowKids Invitational Theater (SKIT)

Gina Morisano
MAMMA MIA!
Pegasus Productions Company

Melanie Della Peruti
ALICE BY HEART
Aspire Performing Arts Company

PRESENTATION

The William Perry Morgan Lifetime Achievement Award

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

The Color Purple

INTERMISSION

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Rent

OUTSTANDING COSTUME DESIGN OF A PLAY

Diane Arabella, Terri Caust & Marisa Dolkart Herlong
THE NORMAL HEART
Players Guild of Leonia

Ed Bontempo
YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU
Westfield Community Players

Lily Boyle
THE MOORS
Wharton Community Players

Lily Boyle & Michael Schulz
CASA VALENTINA
Chester Theater Group

Katie Kane, Catherine Rand & Muriel Rand
PERFECT ARRANGEMENT
Playhouse 22

Joey Nasta & Lisa Beth Vettoso
SHE KILLS MONSTERS
Aspire Performing Arts Company

Melissa Rittmann
BLITHE SPIRIT
Theater to Go

OUTSTANDING COSTUME DESIGN OF A MUSICAL

Derek Alfano & Victoria Merse
MATILDA
Villagers Theatre

Matthew Allegretta & Erin Miller
INTO THE WOODS
Roundtable Theater Company

Scott Baird, Mary Anne Hannon & Lisa Beth Vettoso
SWEENEY TODD
Aspire Performing Arts Company

Gabe Bagdazian & Jannette Fisher
THE COLOR PURPLE
Phoenix Productions, Inc.

Susan Galli & Jennifer Martinez
TARZAN THE MUSICAL
The Bear Tavern Project

Rebecca Sisley
YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN
Masquerade Theater

Sierra Wiessner
PARADE
StageWorks Theatre Group

OUTSTANDING MUSIC DIRECTION

Blaze Dalio
THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME
Haddonfield Plays & Players

Mike Doheny
THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD
Haddonfield Plays & Players

Angelina Francese
RENT
Villagers Theatre

Michael Gilch
BAT BOY: THE MUSICAL
Phoenix Productions, Inc.

Daniel Gittler
PARADE
StageWorks Theatre Group

Laurie Gougher
SCHOOL OF ROCK
Thank You 5 Productions

Rich Lovallo
SWEENEY TODD
Aspire Performing Arts Company

OUTSTANDING DIRECTION OF A MUSICAL

James Grausam
BAT BOY: THE MUSICAL
Phoenix Productions, Inc.

Lauren M. Grof-Tisza
JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR
CDC Theatre

Michael Kidney
PARADE
StageWorks Theatre Group

Jared Milian
RENT
Villagers Theatre

Lynn Polan
FUN HOME
The Summit Playhouse

Jarrod Scott
THE COLOR PURPLE
Phoenix Productions, Inc.

Lisa Beth Vettoso
ALICE BY HEART
Aspire Performing Arts Company

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Tarzan

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN A PLAY

Jessi Baden
TRAVESTIES
Nutley Little Theater

Elizabeth Drew
BLACK COFFEE
The Lord Stirling Theater Company

Darlene Ellis
GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER
The MTM Players

Marie Fiorello
OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS
Somerset Valley Players

Donna Fraissinet
THE LARAMIE PROJECT
Studio Players

S.E. Medcalf
THE CRUSADE OF CONNOR STEPHENS
Radburn Players

Jodi Reiss
THE NORMAL HEART
Players Guild of Leonia

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A PLAY

Brian Danner
THE TEMPEST
For the Whim Productions

John Fraissinet
THE LARAMIE PROJECT
Studio Players

Liam McGeary
THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION
Villagers Theatre

Richard Mooney
SENSE AND SENSIBILITY
For the Whim Productions

Mike Rush
CASA VALENTINA
Chester Theater Group

E. Dale Smith-Gallo
THE LARAMIE PROJECT
Studio Players

Jonathan Wierzbicki
BREAKING LEGS
Readington Community Theater

OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION OF AN ORIGINAL PLAY

30TH ANNUAL JERSEY VOICES ONE ACT FESTIVAL
Chatham Community Players
Authors: Alex Bernstein, Susan Braon-Peitz, Clinton Festa, Ed Friedman, Jeanne Johnston, Alexis Koza & Alex Wilkie
Producers: Aaron Kellner, Jessica Phelan
Directors: Julie Cassisi, Cass Cochrane, Ed Faver, Alyson Pemoulie Halter, John AC Kennedy, Stephen Manella & Michael Sasso

2025 MARSHALL PLAYWRIGHTS SHOWCASE
Players Guild of Leonia
Authors: Donald Loftus, Guy Newsham, Jay Stephenson & J. C. Svee
Producers: Lois Corwin, Robert Klein & Linda Wielkotz
Directors: Jonathan Bethea, Matthew Blum, Marisa Dolkart & Linda Wielkotz

2025 NEW JERSEY ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL
Dragonfly Multicultural Arts Center
Authors: Tom Cavanaugh, Laura Gaspari, Catherine LaMoreaux, Dan Maurer & Susan Cain McQuilkin
Producers: Tom Cavanaugh, Laura Gaspari, Catherine LaMoreaux, Dan Maurer & Susan Cain McQuilkin
Directors: Mimi B. Francis, Catherine LaMoreaux, Liz Rapelye, Annick Vasquez & Mead Winter

OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION OF AN ORIGINAL PLAY

CLASS OF '05: A KILLER REUNION - AN ORIGINAL MURDER MYSTERY
West Hudson Arts & Theater Company
Author: Allyssa Hynes
Producers: Brandi-Leigh Miller & Nilanthi Sangarabalan
Director: Allyssa Hynes

STAGEWORKS ANNUAL ONE ACT FESTIVAL
StageWorks Theatre Group
Authors: Leo Eigen, Paul Gulino, Kyle Hilsey, AJ Layague, Pete Mergel, Thomas J. Misuraca, Jennifer O'Grady, Straton Rushing & Anne Valentino
Producer: JoAnn Ventor
Directors: Brad Bebout, Gina Buongiorno, Danny Duda, Nat Gennace, Suzanne Goldensohn, Nancy LaShure, Heather Mauriello, Rob Nicholson & Don Pauselius

THE MIDSUMMER PROJECT
Villagers Theatre
Author: Mariella Klinger-Seamon (*adapted from William Shakespeare*)
Producers: Crystal Huau, Pam Luckenbaugh, Devin Massih & Jared Milian
Director: Mariella Klinger-Seamon

OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION OF AN ORIGINAL MUSICAL

CARDBOARD TREES AND A PAINTED MOON
Old Library Theatre
Author: Patrick Dwyer
Producer: David Toussas
Director: Valerie Caniglia

COYOTE: AN ORIGINAL MUSICAL
Center Players
Authors: Michael Aman & Tim McCorry
Producer: Bob Szita
Director: Bernice Garfield-Szita

FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S: AN UNOFFICIAL MUSICAL
Ferrell Studios
Author: Kristin Field
Producers: Luke Ferrell & Kristin Field
Director: Kristin Field

OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION OF AN ORIGINAL MUSICAL

GRINCHY GIRL: AN ORIGINAL MUSICAL
Porch Light Productions
Author: Ryan Pifher
Producers: Jenn Pifher & Ryan Pifher
Director: Patrick Grant

POST GRAD
Cumberland Players
Authors: Julian DeRoyce Bliss & Brady Bock
Producer: Cumberland Players
Director: Don Toal, Jr.

THE SNOW BALL
Porch Light Productions
Author: Ryan Pifher
Producers: Jenn Pifher & Ryan Pifher
Directors: Liz Bracer & Patrick Grant

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL

Melissa Calicchio
RENT
Villagers Theatre

Lisa Cortney Benke
NINE THE MUSICAL
Old Library Theatre

Rylee Gaskill
CARRIE THE MUSICAL
Cumberland Players

Haley Karlich
AMERICAN IDIOT
Secaucus Young Adult Theater

Elizabeth Rzasa
FOOTLOOSE
North Brunswick Drama Group

Jennie Santiago
ORDINARY DAYS
Masquerade Theater

Missa Thompson
THE COLOR PURPLE
Phoenix Productions, Inc.

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A MUSICAL

Andrew Fralinger
GUYS & DOLLS
Hammonton Towne Drama

Niko Lento
THE GUY WHO DIDN'T LIKE MUSICAL
StageWorks Theatre Group

AJ Minutillo
PARADE
Theatre Group

Marcus Alexander Ramos
RENT
Villagers Theatre

Carlos Allen Reyes
WEST SIDE STORY
Phoenix Productions, Inc.

Ezekiel Robinson
RENT
Villagers Theatre

Jack Tomy
BEAUTY & THE BEAST
Villagers Theatre

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Fun Home

OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTRESS IN A PLAY

Elena Marie Abdou
GRAND HORIZONS
Playhouse 22

Maria Angela
SYLVIA
Playhouse 22

Holly Cerelli
THE NICETIES
Players Guild of Leonia

Melissa Connell
THE SEARCH FOR SIGNS OF INTELLIGENT LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE
Arts at Camden County College

Maria Heitmann
PETER AND THE STARCATCHER
Phoenix Productions, Inc.

Gloria Lamoureux
NATURAL SHOCK
Chester Theater Group

Sarah Pharaon
DRACULA:
A FEMINIST REVENGE FANTASY, REALLY
Chester Theater Group

Rebecca Worthington
A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE
First Avenue Playhouse

OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTOR IN A PLAY

Matt Abad
SHE KILLS MONSTERS
Aspire Performing Arts Company

Arthur Carlson
THE CRUSADE OF CONNOR STEPHENS
Radburn Players

Corey Chichizola
ANGELS IN AMERICA, PART 1: MILLENNIUM APPROACHES
CDC Theatre

John Correll
LEND ME A TENOR
First Avenue Playhouse

Jonathan Ryan Hicks
THE NORMAL HEART
Players Guild of Leonia

Douglas McLaughlin
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Villagers Theatre

Jeff Parsons
THE NORMAL HEART
Players Guild of Leonia

OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL

Angelina Aragona
DESPERATE MEASURES
Players Guild of Leonia

Toni Braun
PARADE
Roundtable Theater Company

Alicia Brogan
CARRIE THE MUSICAL
Haddonfield Plays & Players

Dana Joy Carducci
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The Bear Tavern Project

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FUN HOME
The Summit Playhouse

Erica Wilkins
THE COLOR PURPLE
Phoenix Productions, Inc.

Tanya Wills
BAT BOY: THE MUSICAL
Phoenix Productions, Inc.

OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTOR IN A MUSICAL

Matt DeMarco
BAT BOY: THE MUSICAL
Phoenix Productions, Inc.

Sean Lynch-Littlejohn
PARADE
StageWorks Theatre Group

Brian Mulligan
FOOTLOOSE
North Brunswick Drama Group

Roman Sohor
SCROOGE THE MUSICAL
The Premier Theater Company

Greginald Spencer
THE COLOR PURPLE
Phoenix Productions, Inc.

Joe Tolentino
PARADE
Roundtable Theater Company

Karl Weigand
TARZAN THE MUSICAL
The Bear Tavern Project

OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION OF A PLAY

BLACK COFFEE
The Lord Stirling Theater Company
Producer & Director: David Kelley

NATURAL SHOCKS
Chester Theater Group
Producer: Lily Boyle
Director: Carol Holland

TAPE
Chatham Community Players
Producers: Aaron Kellner, Sarah Pharaon & Steve Ruskin
Director: Michael Sasso

THE CRUSADE OF CONNOR STEPHENS
Radburn Players
Producers: Laura Belle & Katherine Decker Lewis
Director: Katherine Decker Lewis

THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK
Levoy Theatre
Producer & Director: Lauren Van Embden

THE LARAMIE PROJECT
Studio Players
Producer: John Fraissinet
Director: Thomas J. Donohoe II

THE NORMAL HEART
Players Guild of Leonia
Producer: Michael Seymour
Director: Claudia MacDermott

THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION
Villagers Theatre
Producers: Crystal Huau, Pam Luckenbaugh, Devin Massih & Jared Milian
Director: Genevieve Estanislau

OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION OF A MUSICAL

ALICE BY HEART
Aspire Performing Arts Company
Producer & Director: Lisa Beth Vettoso

BAT BOY: THE MUSICAL
Phoenix Productions, Inc.
Producer: Tom Hessman
Director: James Grausam

FUN HOME
The Summit Playhouse
Producer: Karen Thornton
Director: Lynn Polan

RENT
Villagers Theatre
Producers: Crystal Huau,
Pam Luckenbaugh, Devin Massih & Jared Milian
Director: Jared Milian

TARZAN THE MUSICAL
The Bear Tavern Project
Producer & Director: Susan Galli

THE COLOR PURPLE
Phoenix Productions, Inc.
Producers: Fran Centofante Katz & Anthony Viera
Director: Jarrod Scott

THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME
Haddonfield Plays & Players
Producer: Chris Miller
Director: BillyD Hart

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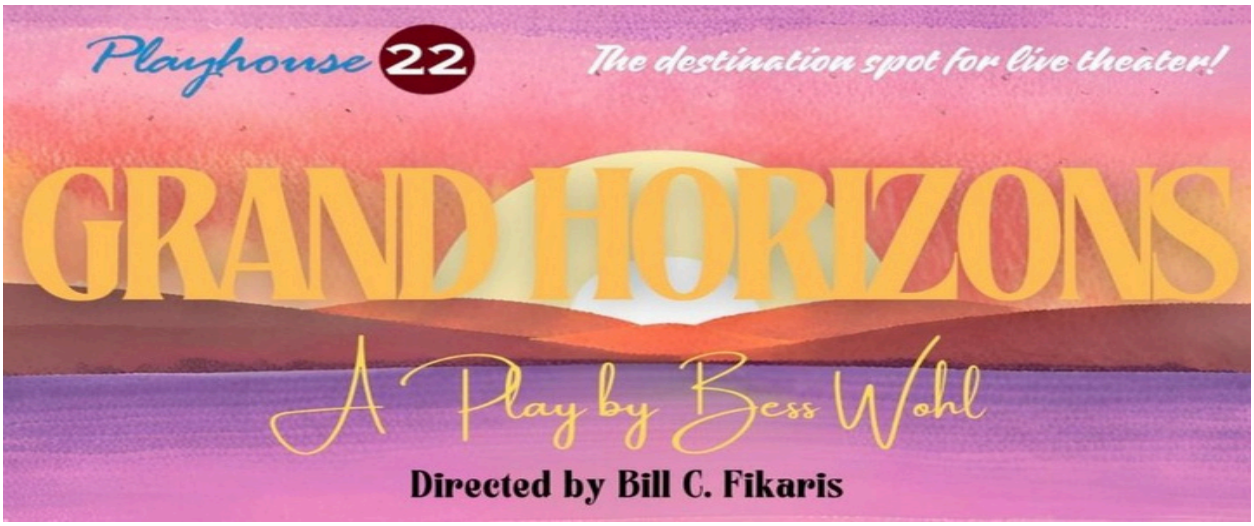

A Heartfelt Congratulations!

I want to extend my warmest congratulations to my fellow nominees, especially to my wonderful husband, who has brought this extraordinary play to life!

To the incredibly talented cast and crew members who may not have received the recognition you deserve, your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed. Thank you for your passion and creativity!

Elena Marie Abdou - Lead Actress in a Play

Edwin Ortiz & Dorothy Bitetto - Scenic Design of a Play

Dawn Zaleski - Stage Management of a Play

Nia Abdullah- Lighting Design of a Play

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to Playhouse 22, my new theater family. I'm grateful for the opportunity to "play" in a space that embodies professionalism, artistic integrity, and a genuine commitment to community theater awareness.

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Bill C. Fikaris

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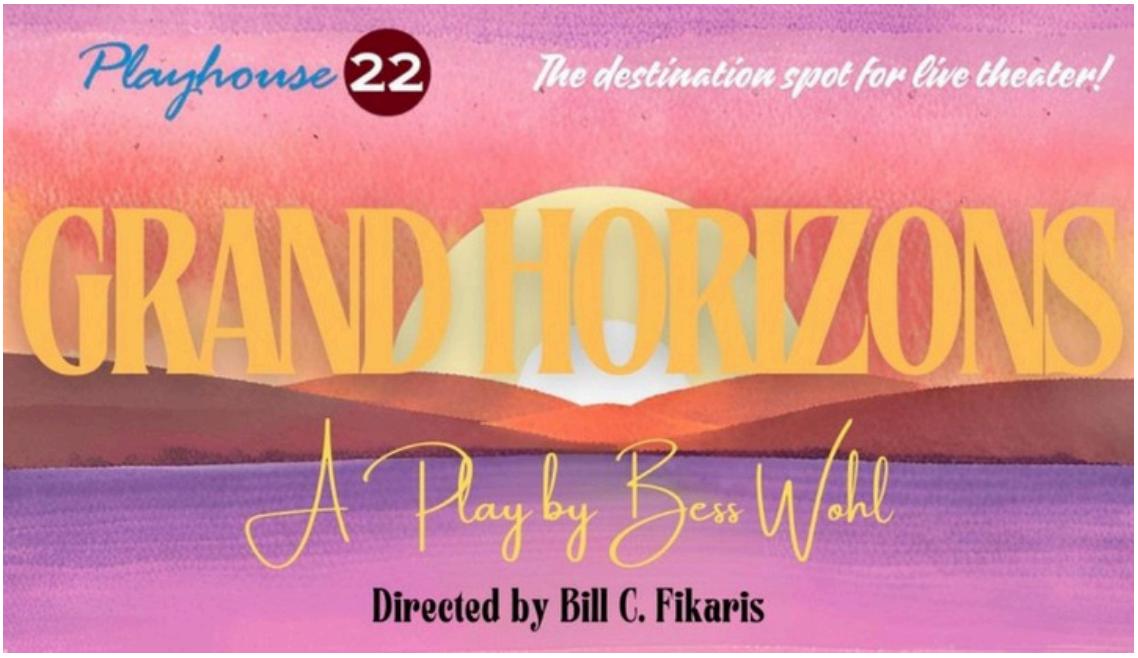
~Bev & Jen

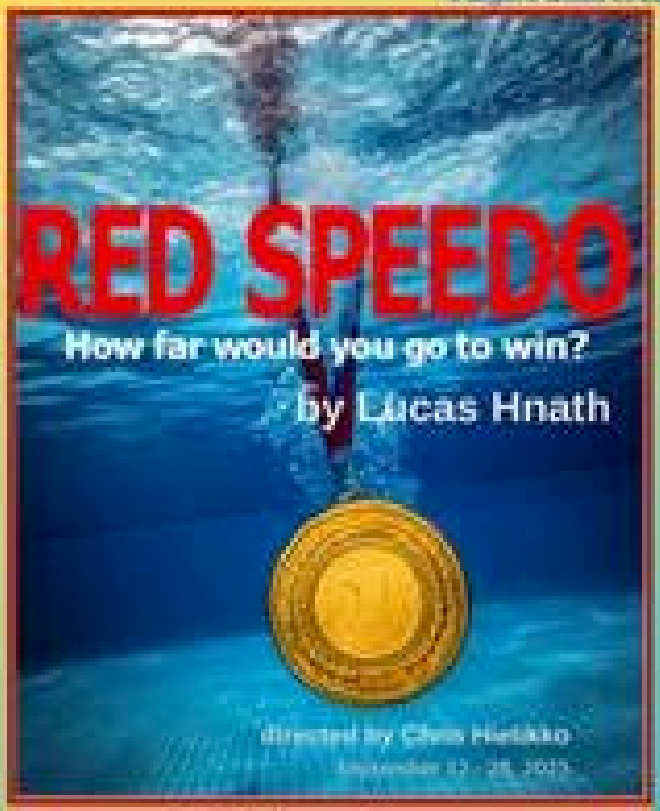
Dearest Bill C. Fikaris:

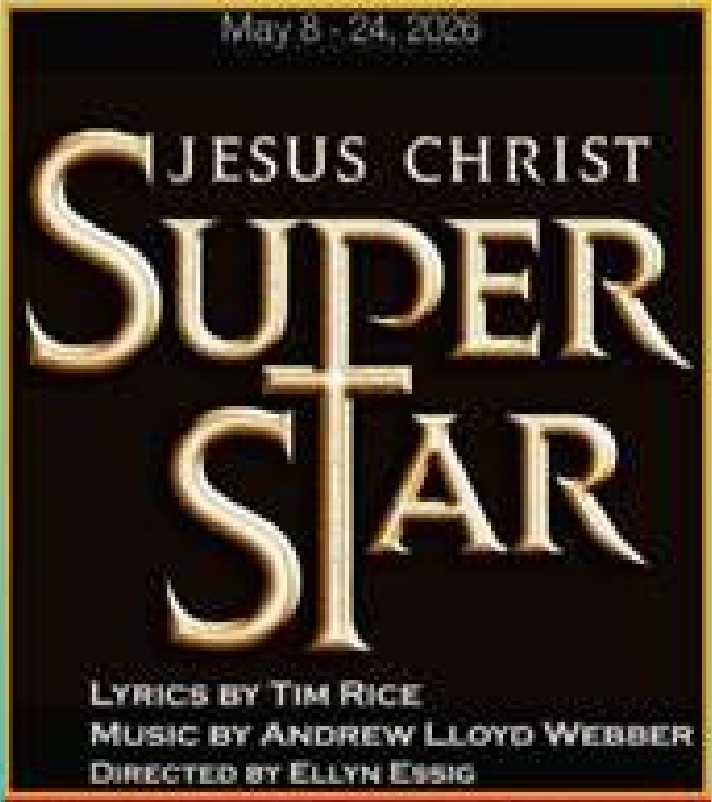


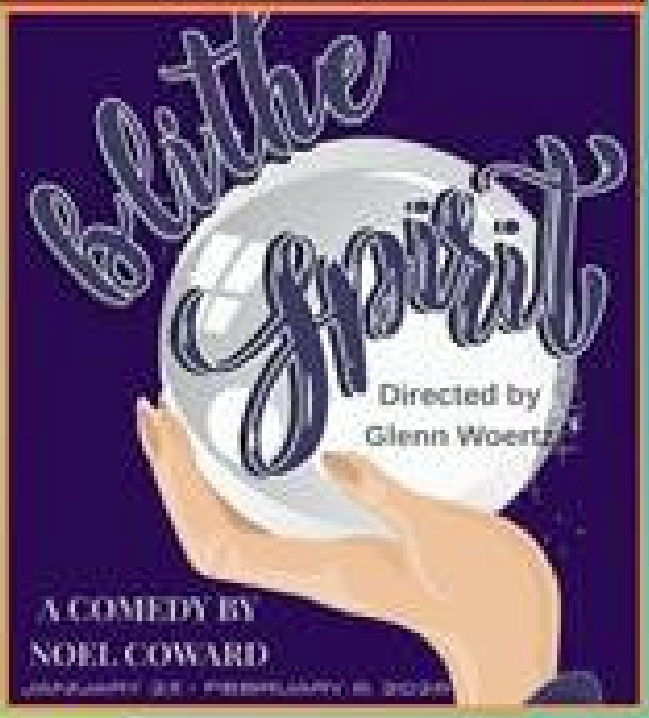
Congratulations on your Perry Award nomination for Outstanding Direction of a Play. You ALWAYS impress us with your skillful direction and special touches that make any production shine and come alive on stage. You're always a winner to us!

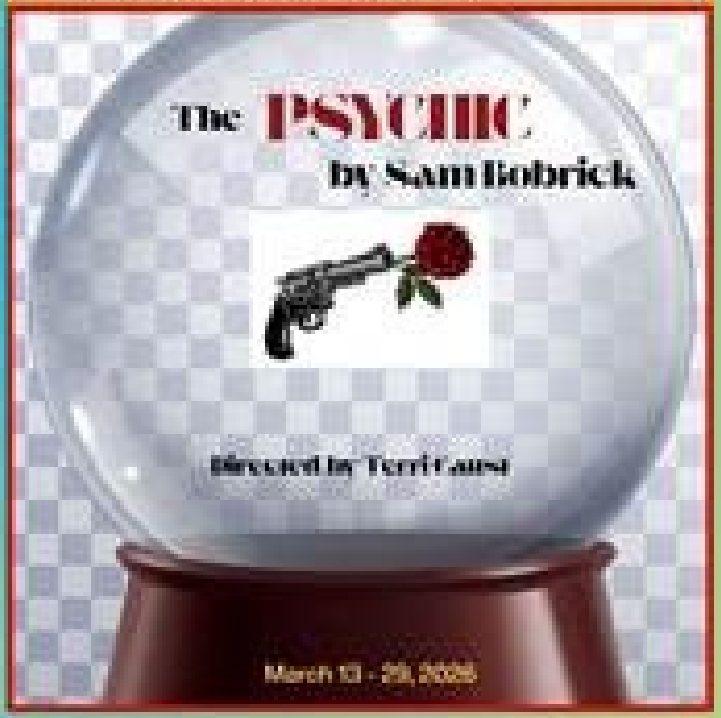
All our Love,

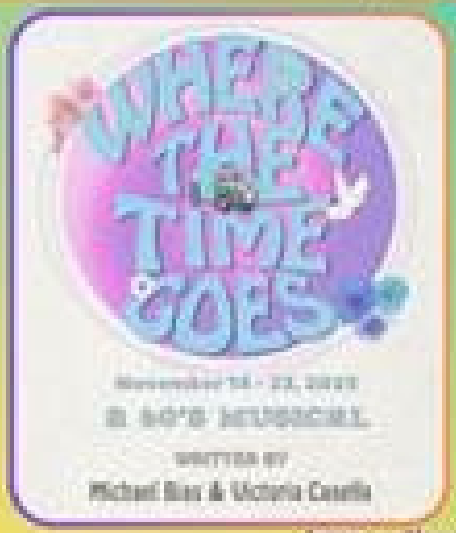
Ed, Cassie, Phoebe & Finn


RED SPEEDO
How far would you go to win?
by Lucas Hnath
Directed by Chris Hellikko


May 8 - 24, 2026
JESUS CHRIST
SUPER STAR
Lyrics by Tim Rice
Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber
Directed by Ellyn Essig


Blithe Spirit
Directed by
Glenn Woerth
A COMEDY BY
NOEL COWARD


The PSYCHIC
by Sam Bobrick
March 13 - 29, 2026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A 60'S MUSICAL
Michael Buss & Victoria Casella

2025 - 2026 PGL Season

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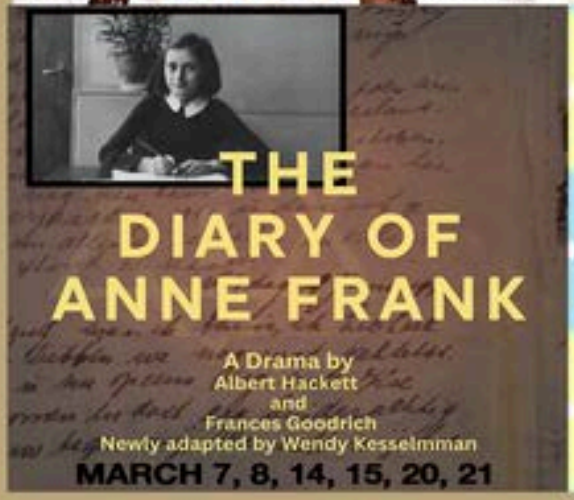
OUR NJACT PERRY NOMINEES

Ed Bontempo
OUTSTANDING COSTUME DESIGN OF A PLAY
You Can't Take It with You

Linda Correll and Linda Viel
OUTSTANDING SCENIC DESIGN OF A PLAY
You Can't Take It with You

Carolyn Campen
OUTSTANDING STAGE MANAGEMENT OF A PLAY
You Can't Take It with You



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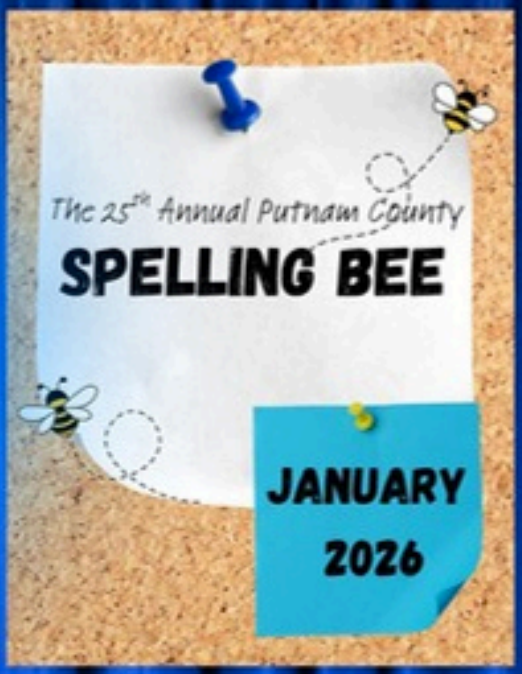

The Blue Moon Theatre
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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR STUDIO PLAYERS NOMINEES!

OUTSTANDING DIRECTION OF A PLAY
THOMAS J. DONOHOE II

OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION OF A PLAY
THOMAS J. DONOHOE II, JOHN FRAISSINET

OUTSTANDING SCENIC DESIGN OF A PLAY
THOMAS J. DONOHOE II, PATRICK MANNIX, E. DALE SMITH-GALLO

OUTSTANDING PROPERTIES IN A PLAY
BEATRIZ ESTEBAN-MESSINA, THOMAS J. DONOHOE II

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A PLAY
JOHN FRAISSINET, E. DALE-SMITH GALLO

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN A PLAY
DONNA FRAISSINET

CHECK OUT OUR 2025-2026 SEASON!

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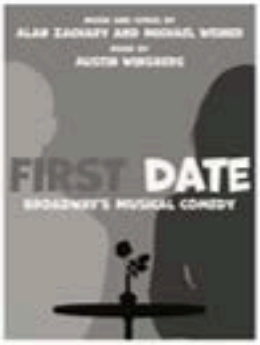

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OUTSTANDING YOUTH ACTOR IN A PLAY
FELIX HARABIN
CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF

OUTSTANDING YOUTH ACTOR IN A PLAY
VIHAAN MISTRY
CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF

OUTSTANDING YOUTH ACTRESS IN A PLAY
ANAYA JAIN
CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN A PLAY
MARIE FIORELLO
OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS

OUTSTANDING LIGHTING DESIGN OF A PLAY
ED PEARSON
OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS

OUTSTANDING STAGE MANAGEMENT OF A PLAY
MELISSA NOBLE
OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS

OUTSTANDING SOUND DESIGN OF A PLAY
KAYLAELYSE AND MICHAELA.MULLER
THE LADIES FOURSOME

OUTSTANDING PROPERTIES IN A PLAY
MELISSAHOMMESAND MICHAELA.MULLER
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