



2017 Annual Playwriting Festival - Elementary School Winning Plays

First Place

Tahlid Bryant, *The High School Prom*

Crossroads Academy at Hunting Park, Teacher Diane McCabe, Teaching Artists Steve Gravelle and Christopher Santiago

Class Play, *Bees vs. Wasps...The Lost Hive*

Myers Elementary, Teacher Mimi Rubin, Teaching Artist Christopher Santiago

Lydia Hessel-Robinson, *The Book Girl*

Elkins Park School, Teacher Mary Aiken, Teaching Artists Katie Sink and Linnell Truchon

Charlotte Stiefel, *Mom!*

Upland Country Day School, Teachers Michael Patterson and Lori Reed

Jayvin Zoleta and Zion Edwards, *The Mysterious Machine*

Grover Washington Middle School, Teacher Gwendolyn Murray Huett, Teaching Artist Evan Raines

Second Place

Faruq Ajibade, *What? Where is Santa?*

Grover Washington Middle School, Teacher Michele McQuade, Teaching Artist Steve Gravelle

Judah Blitstein, Mallory Farr, Bridgette Gold, and Jemma Bleu Greenbaum, *The Kindness Club*

Wyncote Elementary, Teacher Kristin Krause, Teaching Artists MR Stine and Logan Kuba

Class Play, *Fighting For a Home*

Wyncote Elementary, Teacher Kristin Krause, Teaching Artists MR Stine and Logan Kuba

Shalom Cuker, *Stalking Taco*

Elkins Park School, Teacher Mary Aiken, Teaching Artists Katie Sink and Linnell Truchon

Leonardo DiFelice, Noah Jutzi, Amina McCain and Jeslyn Oppong, *The Invasion of the Terrible Goat*

Myers Elementary, Teacher Mimi Rubin, Teaching Artist Christopher Santiago

Nicholas Lam, Graham Larkin, Nicholas Nhu, and Jordan Rodriguez, *Trumps Mexican Separation*

Cheltenham Elementary, Teacher Gerald Aungst, Teaching Artists MR Stine and Logan Kuba

Jermaine Meares, Kanell Smith, and Taymar Smith, *Escape from Detention*

Freire Charter, Teacher Laura Hummer, Teaching Artist Evan Raines

Third Place

Carmen Bonner, Maxim Borisov, Xavier Chanoine, and Kendall Reese Nelson, *The Ancient Banana*

Wyncote Elementary, Teacher Kristin Krause, Teaching Artists MR Stine and Logan Kuba

Class Play, *A Fight Between Two Drinks*
Cheltenham Elementary, Teacher Gerald Aungst, Teaching Artists MR Stine and Logan Kuba

Elyssa Collins and Victoria Tanis, *Clowns Go Wrong*
Grover Washington Middle School, Teacher Michele McQuade, Teaching Artist Evan Raines

Betsy Cooper, Syrus Green, Isabella Lynn, and Abby Madeira, *In Gameworld*
Myers Elementary, Teacher Mimi Rubin, Teaching Artist Christopher Santiago

Demarion Creary, *Stranded on an Island*
Crossroads Academy at Hunting Park, Teacher Ramona Lewis, Teaching Artists Steve Gravelle and Christopher Santiago

Violet Hetherington, *Cupcake Wars*
Elkins Park School, Teacher Mary Aiken, Teaching Artists Katie Sink and Linnell Truchon

Jackson Kerstetter and Allison Phillips, *Mars*
Upland Country Day School, Teachers Michael Patterson and Lori Reed

Rasheen Newton and Kyrese Wilson, *Rolling Thunder*
Grover Washington Middle School, Teacher Gwendolyn Murray Huett, Teaching Artist Evan Raines

Summer Reid, *Trust Issues*
Penrose School, Teacher Lori Odum, Teaching Artist Kate McGrath

2017 Annual Playwriting Festival - Middle School Winning Plays

First Place

Delailah Diaz Lowery, *A Ride with Death*
Strath Haven Middle School, Teacher Eleanor Salgado, Teaching Artists Anthony Martinez-Briggs and Kate McGrath

Brooke Randa, *Ripped*
Springfield Township Middle School, Teacher Larken Doggett, Teaching Artist Shamus McCarty

Claire Sun, *Love is a Cliché - In a Café*
Bala Cynwyd Middle School, Teacher Rachel Nichols, Teaching Artist Phoebe Schaub

Second Place

Robin Barthelemy, *Grey Boy*
Beverly Hills Middle School, Teacher Pat Donnelly, Teaching Artists David Jacobi and Mitchell Bloom

Violet Calcut. *Uhrye*
Bala Cynwyd Middle School, Teacher Rachel Nichols, Teaching Artist Phoebe Schaub

Isis Calderon, *Summer Sucks or Rules*
St. Francis De Sales, Teacher Diane Bartley, Teaching Artists Ryan Walter and Jenna Stelmok

Soksopheap Chin, Michelle Lin, and Anna Irmetova, *The Hunter and the Elf*
JR Masterman School, Teacher Karen Celli, Teaching Artist Ryan Walter

Raina Farmer, *The Silent Killer*
Drexel Hill Middle School, Teacher Pat Livoy, Teaching Artist Kate McGrath

Jennah Gardner, Caleb Harris, Jamila Peterson, *Love Forgotten*
Freire Charter, Teacher Laura Hummer, Teaching Artist Evan Raines

Will Garrett, *Volo Omnes Ruinas*
Strath Haven Middle School, Teacher Eleanor Salgado, Teaching Artists Anthony Martinez-Briggs and Kate McGrath

Group Play, *Dysconnected!*
AIM Academy, Teacher Maryanne Yoshida, Teaching Artist Kate McGrath

Eric Hadley, *Imagine.*
Strath Haven Middle School, Teacher Eleanor Salgado, Teaching Artists Anthony Martinez-Briggs and Kate McGrath

Maya Jennings, *Fissures*
Springfield Township Middle School, Teacher Jill Vizza, Teaching Artist Anthony Martinez-Briggs

Carolyn Klopfenstein, *Hope*
Strath Haven Middle School, Teacher Eleanor Salgado, Teaching Artists Anthony Martinez-Briggs and Kate McGrath

Nicole Moreno, *Emotions Gone*
Beverly Hills Middle School, Teacher Pat Donnelly, Teaching Artists David Jacobi and Mitchell Bloom

Ella Nadler, *The Last Letters*
Elkins Park School, Teacher Mary Aiken, Teaching Artists Katie Sink and Linnell Truchon

Miles O'Rourke, *There Are No Strings on Me*
Springfield Township Middle School, Teacher Jill Vizza, Teaching Artist Shamus McCarty

Yazmin Ortiz, *Untitled*
Esperanza Academy, Teacher Dwight Wilkins

Ben Partyka and Brady Santoro, *Annahme und Ablehnung*
JR Masterman School, Teacher Nichole Geiger, Teaching Artist Ryan Walter

Isabella Rey, *Sir FiggenhobbinMcRuck*
Elkins Park School, Teacher Mary Aiken, Teaching Artists Katie Sink and Linnell Truchon

Ali Shabazz, *Once There Was One*
Independence Charter School, Teacher Olukemi Kamson, Teaching Artists Claire Moyer and Christopher Santiago

Winta Teferi, *See You in the Sea*
St. Francis De Sales, Teacher Diane Bartley, Teaching Artists Ryan Walter and Jenna Stelmok

Julian Williams, *The King's Key*
Independence Charter School, Teacher Olukemi Kamson, Teaching Artists Claire Moyer and Christopher Santiago

Third Place

Helen Adair, *Sorcerer*
Strath Haven Middle School, Teacher Eleanor Salgado, Teaching Artists Anthony Martinez-Briggs and Kate McGrath

Zyrae Allen-Williams, Mikayla Nelson-Clement, and Azia Ross, *Split*
Freire Charter, Teacher Laura Hummer, Teaching Artist Evan Raines

Riley Atkinson, *Behind Closed Eyes*
Springfield Township Middle School, Teacher Erin Bloom, Teaching Artist Anthony Martinez-Briggs

Calder Burke, Jeffrey Yin, and Isaiah Giles, *The Grand Adventure*
JR Masterman School, Teacher Karen Celli, Teaching Artist Ryan Walter

Ashley Burton, *By Your Side, Always*
Beverly Hills Middle School, Teacher Pat Donnelly, Teaching Artists David Jacobi and Mitchell Bloom

Lizbeth Castellanos-Benito, *Journey of Abuse*
Independence Charter School, Teacher Olukemi Kamson, Teaching Artists Claire Moyer and Christopher Santiago

Cassidy Gorman, *The Undergraduate*
Drexel Hill Middle School, Teacher Pat Livoy, Teaching Artist Kate McGrath

Jeisha Hernandez, *Broken Home*
Esperanza Academy, Teacher Dwight Wilkins

Fatima Iqbal, *The Encounter*
Drexel Hill Middle School, Teacher Pat Livoy, Teaching Artist Kate McGrath

Noor Kreidie, *Comradeship*
Independence Charter School, Teacher Olukemi Kamson, Teaching Artists Claire Moyer and Christopher Santiago

Alana Lewis, *Sincerely, Your Imagination*
Elkins Park School, Teacher Mary Aiken, Teaching Artists Katie Sink and Linnell Truchon

Rania Maayta, *The Scholarship*
Penrose School, Teacher Lori Odum, Teaching Artist Kate McGrath

Kiara Mar, *Untitled*
Esperanza Academy, Teacher Dwight Wilkins

Alice Padula and Maya Salzman, *A Sea of Words*
JR Masterman School, Teacher Karen Celli, Teaching Artist Ryan Walter

Kelly Roessler, *The Struggle for Happiness*
Springfield Township Middle School, Teacher Larken Doggett, Teaching Artist Shamus Hunter-McCarty

Mateo Ruiz, *Untitled*
Esperanza Academy, Teacher Dwight Wilkins

Troy Tavares and Nyzir, *The Comedian*
E.W Rhodes Elementary, Teacher Norma Jean Bouknight-Dow, Teaching Artist Christopher Santiago

Julian Wangkham, *A Glimmering Thought*
Beverly Hills Middle School, Teacher Pat Donnelly, Teaching Artists David Jacobi and Mitchell Bloom

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First Place

Willem Baumann, *64-Bit Love*
Central High School, Teacher Christine MacArthur, Teaching Artists Jesse Bernstein and April Davis

Brenden Dahl, *Imaginary*
Germantown Friends, Teacher Anne Gerbner, Teaching Artist David O'Connor

Victor Ginsburg, *A Tale of Two Rec Centers*
The Workshop School, Teacher Michael Clapper

Acacia Grose, *As We Struggle to Rewind*
High School for Creative and Performing Arts, Teacher Peter Syoum

Second Place

Autumn Angelettie, *Civil Disobedience*
Cheltenham High School, Teacher Brian Smith, Teaching Artists Tim Dugan and Brittany Brewer

Hannah Ballenger, *Twelve Down*
High School for Creative and Performing Arts, Teacher Pete Syoum

Cody Cannistraci, Javayah Griffin, Adam Hood, and Cynthia Roldan, *Wake Up*
First Philadelphia Prep Charter School, Teacher Stephanie Candoi, Teaching Artists Phoebe Schaub and Kyle Jackson

Class Play, *The Archer and The Cat in the Kingdom of Fantasia*
Roxborough High School, Teacher Dawn Geiger, Teaching Artists Claire Moyer and Kate McGrath

Juliet Dempsey, *A Gra(e)y Sky*
Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush, Teacher Sally Wojcik

Zillah Elcin, *Head Stuff*
Academy at Palumbo, Teacher Anissa Weinraub, Teaching Artists Anthony Martinez-Briggs and Donovan Lockett

Genesis Fernandez, *Money in the Heart*
Esperanza Academy, Teacher Dwight Wilkins

Micah Hauger, *The Fierce Urgency of Now*
The Workshop School, Teacher Michael Clapper

Trinity Horne, *FORWARD, BACKWARDS, FORWARD AGAIN*
High School for Creative and Performing Arts, Teacher Pete Syoum

Chanyia Kirkland, *When It Mattered Most*
Central High School, Teacher Christine MacArthur, Teaching Artists Jesse Bernstein and April Davis

Alexa Lahr, *Boxed*
Science Leadership Academy, Teacher Hanako Franz, Teaching Artist Kate McGrath

Capri Mancini, *Enduring*
Bayard Rustin, Teacher Sarah Gallagher

Nico Owens-Davis, *My Darling Ataraxia*
Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush, Teacher Sally Wojcik

Isabela Salas-Betsch, *Untitled*
JR Masterman, Teacher Alexandra Avelin, Teaching Artists Jesse Bernstein and Nia Benjamin

Kavon Scott-Patterson, *Life Mixed with After Life*
Furness High School, Teachers Christine Hsu and Rene Justis, Teaching Artists MR Stine and Phoebe Schaub

Julian Shapiro-Barnum, Noelle Mercer, *Expiring*
Friends Central, Teacher Terry Guerin

Isaiah Smith, *Can I Really Pass Math Class*
Roxborough High School, Teacher Dawn Geiger, Teaching Artists Claire Moyer and Kate McGrath

Devon Vonderschmalz, *Real White House Wives*
Mount Saint Joseph Academy, Teacher Jean Korey

Aidan Williams, *Dinah*
Science Leadership Academy, Teacher Hanako Franz, Teaching Artist Kate McGrath

Third Place

James Allen, *It's Going to be Okay*
Roxborough High School, Teacher Dawn Geiger, Teaching Artists Claire Moyer and Kate McGrath

Kendra Allman, *Magic Man*
Friends Central, Teacher Terry Guerin

Allison Bilger, *Untitled*
Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush, Teacher Sally Wojcik

Class Play, *Snowcones: The Story of King Marius*
Furness High School, Teachers Christine Hsu and Rene Justis, Teaching Artists MR Stine and Phoebe Schaub

Lauren Czymek, *Why She Left*
Bayard Rustin, Teacher Sarah Gallagher

Ramatoullaye Diallo, Matijanay Tiggie, *Friends With Benefits*
Academy at Palumbo, Teacher Cait Miner-Kay

Rory Durso, *The Dreams of Mary Bentley*
Cheltenham High School, Teacher Brian Smith, Teaching Artists Tim Dugan and Brittany Brewer

Paola Guzman-Sanchez, *Untitled*
Esperanza Academy, Teacher Dwight Wilkins

Samantha Holm, *I've Had Enough*
Upper Dublin High School, Teacher Nicole Gerenyi

Tajnia Hussain, *Under the Rubble*
Science Leadership Academy, Teacher Hanako Franz, Teaching Artist Kate McGrath

Hensley Julius, *Can't Be Silent*
Central High School, Teacher Christine MacArthur, Teaching Artists Jesse Bernstein and April Davis

Kate Kopf, *Obsequies*
Science Leadership Academy, Teacher Hanako Franz, Teaching Artist Kate McGrath

Timmy Lawrence, *Untitled*
High School for Creative and Performing Arts, Teacher Pete Syoum

Eli Luchak, *Dirtbike*
Friends Select, Teacher Donna Romero

Julia Maenza, *First Ladies*
The Baldwin School, Teacher Aileen McCulloch

Lawrence McCormick, *Good Intentions*
Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush, Teacher Sally Wojcik

Kenneth Nixon, *Tears of Joy*
Philadelphia Military Academy, Teacher Donna Bucknor, Teaching Artists Steve Gravelle and Logan Kuba

Bendriel Oniyama and Talia Saeid, *The Runaways*
JR Masterman, Teacher Alexandra Avelin, Teaching Artists Jesse Bernstein and Nia Benjamin

Laniaya Ray, *What I Like*
Building 21, Teacher Kelsey Romano, Teaching Artist Jesse Bernstein

Jayden Rivera, *Trenches*
First Philadelphia Prep Charter School, Teacher Stephanie Candoi, Teaching Artists Phoebe Schaub and Kyle Jackson

Erinda Sheno, *Dinner at 6:30*
Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush, Teacher Sally Wojcik

Tityana Smith, *A Closer Look*

Southern Philadelphia High School, Teacher Roberta Emmanuel, Teaching Artists Steve Gravelle and Donnell Powell

Miracle Townes, *Students Taking a Stand*

The Workshop School, Teacher Michael Clapper

Macksud Yillah, *In Memoriam*

Academy at Palumbo, Teacher Anissa Weinraub, Teaching Artists Anthony Martinez-Briggs and Donovan Lockett

Lily Zeng, *Stay Hidden*

JR Masterman, Teacher Alexandra Avelin, Teaching Artists Jesse Bernstein and Nia Benjamin