2009 Winners of Young Playwrights’ Annual Playwriting Festival

1st Place – High School

Kerri Horvay, *A Requiem for the Fallen*
George Washington High School, Teacher: Randee Hurvitz, Teaching Artist(s): Kate McGrath
Jennifer Hudes, *Glass Keys*
Cheltenham High School, Teacher: Kathleen Bonanno
Benjamin Tindal Jr., *A Harmless Game at Recess*
J.R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School, Teacher: Carolyn Cohen, Teaching Artist(s): Kate McGrath

2nd Place – High School

Shawna Alger, *My Angel*
Sts. Neumann-Goretti High School, Teacher: Jim Gildea, Teaching Artist(s): David Raphaely
Cambriae Bates, *Painting on Walls*
Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts, Teacher: Carol Pellegrino, Teaching Artist(s): Walt Vail
Theo Brown, *The Big City*
Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts, Teacher: Carol Pellegrino, Teaching Artist(s): Walt Vail
Melissa Carangi, *I Was Made For You*
Sts. Neumann-Goretti High School, Teacher: Jim Gildea, Teaching Artist(s): David Raphaely
Jessica Cook, *A Nursery*
The Baldwin School, Teacher: Beth Crisculo
Kiana Crump, *The Road to Recovery*
Strawberry Mansion High School, Teacher: Donna Bassler-Hart, Teaching Artist(s): Seth Bauer
Farukh Khan and Chieuanh Nguyen, *The Playhouse*
Abraham Lincoln High School, Teacher: Joan Asprakis, Teaching Artist(s): Diane Leslie
Igor Lavrov, *Robert’s Good Heart*
George Washington High School, Teacher: Randee Hurvitz, Teaching Artist(s): Kate McGrath
Alante Lewis, *The Witch of Payne’s Basement*
Strawberry Mansion High School, Teacher: Donna Bassler-Hart, Teaching Artist(s): Seth Bauer
Christiny Martin, *Peach (Dear Prudence)*
J.R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School, Teacher: David Meketon, Teaching Artist(s): Kate McGrath
Erin O’Donnell, *Under the Tracks*
The Baldwin School, Teacher: Beth Crisculo
Shaneice Price, *His Special Project*
Parkway Northwest School for Peace and Social Justice, Teacher: Beverly Trimboli, Teaching Artist(s): Katie Clark-Gray
Joshua Santiago, *Three Bro’s*
Edward Bok Technical High School, Teacher: Michael Halko, Teaching Artist(s): Carla Emmanuel
Nicole Soll, *Walking On Stones*
Cheltenham High School, Teacher: Kathleen Bonanno
Alice Thornburgh, *The Love of My Lady*
Germantown Friends School, Teacher: Christopher Singler
Lauren Wesley, *The Emotional Rollercoaster*
Constitution High School, Teacher: Resa McMillan and Kathleen Mellville, Teaching Artist(s): Justin Jain
Shakyra Wilson, *Unwanted*
Constitution High School, Teacher: Resa McMillan and Kathleen Mellville, Teaching Artist(s): Justin Jain
Kelly Yao, *Okay*
J.R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School, Teacher: Carolyn Cohen, Teaching Artist(s): Kate McGrath
3rd Place – High School

Yazan Busaad and Hamam Elabed, *War in Palestine*
  Abraham Lincoln High School, Teacher: Joan Asprasikis, Teaching Artist(s): Diane Leslie

Max Behar, *Detective Phillip P. Ryan*
  J.R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School, Teacher: Carolyn Cohen, Teaching Artist(s): Kate McGrath

Susan Casillo, *Lisa’s Secret*
  Mast Community Charter School, Principal: Faye Miller-Musika

Benjamin Cross, *Lying Down*
  Cheltenham High School, Teacher: Kathleen Bonanno

Alfreda Davis, *Rise and Fall*
  Constitution High School, Teacher: Resa McMillan and Kathleen Melville, Teaching Artist(s): Justin Jain

Marcus Doe, *Who Am I*
  Constitution High School, Teacher: Kathleen Melville, Teaching Artist(s): Justin Jain

Khaliah DuPont, *I Wanna Sing*
  Edward Bok Technical High School, Teacher: Michael Halko, Teaching Artist(s): Carla Emmanuel

Caroline Durlacher, *Knowing*
  The Baldwin School, Teacher: Beth Crisculo

Leah Freilich, *Three Buses Later*
  J.R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School, Teacher: Carolyn Cohen, Teaching Artist(s): Kate McGrath

Alicia Goins, *The Cold Shoulder*
  Northeast High School, Teacher: Theresa Bramwell, Teaching Artist(s): David Hoxter

Juanita Harvey, *All the Peices...*
  Philadelphia High School for Girls, Teacher: Allison Levine

Spencer Katz, *The Family Tree*
  J.R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School, Teacher: Carolyn Cohen, Teaching Artist(s): Kate McGrath

Eugena Lee, *Lunatics Are People Who Chase The Moon*
  J.R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School, Teacher: Carolyn Cohen, Teaching Artist(s): Kate McGrath

Salvatore Martino, *Cape Fear*
  Sts. Neumann-Goretti High School, Teacher: Jim Gildea, Teaching Artist(s): David Raphaely

Caitlin McLean, *Wonderwall*
  Norristown Area High School, Teacher: Rory Zummo, Teaching Artist(s): Kim Carson

C.J. O’Brien, *The Flannel*
  Norristown Area High School, Teacher: Rory Zummo, Teaching Artist(s): Kim Carson

Gincy Thomas, *Champagne Anyone?*
  George Washington High School, Teacher: Randee Hurvitz, Teaching Artist(s): Kate McGrath

Charlotte Weisberg, *The Polish Artist*
  Lower Merion High School, Teacher: Jeane Mastriano

Alicia Wexler, *The Apartment*
  Northeast High School, Teacher: Theresa Bramwell, Teaching Artist(s): David Hoxter

1st Place – Middle School

Jasmin Burton, *Sent to Me Was You*
  Morrison Elementary School, Teacher: Ilene Poses, Teaching Artist(s): Sally Wojick

Andrea Chang, *And Away He Flew*
  Independence Charter School, Teacher: Julie Lenard, Teaching Artist(s): Justin Jain

Dana Duncombe, *The Heart of the Notebook*
  Drexel Hill Middle School, Teacher: Tim Brown, Teaching Artist(s): Jackie Ruggerio Jacobson

Unique Jeter and Anthony Rodriguez, *Monster Butterfly*
  Morrison Elementary School, Teacher: Ilene Poses, Teaching Artist(s): Sally Wojick
Kierra Jones-Fogle, Temple High  
St. Francis de Sales School, Teacher: Cecilia Barr, Teaching Artist(s): Jackie Ruggerio Jacobson  
Jamekea S. Lee, I Should Have Never Changed!  
General George G. Meade School, Teacher: Lori Odum, Teaching Artist(s): Dwight Wilkins  
Lindsay Peichel, The Huckleberry  
Strath Haven Middle School, Teacher: Eleanor Salgado, Teaching Artist(s): Gerre Gerret, Walt Vail  
Gina Zwickyi, Apollo 64  
Strath Haven Middle School, Teacher: Eleanor Salgado, Teaching Artist(s): Gerre Gerret, Walt Vail  

2nd Place – Middle School  

Briana Arrington, That Game Called Love  
Overbrook Educational Center, Teacher: Patricia Foley-Tuzman, Teaching Artist(s): David O’Connor  

Group Authored, The Janitor Did It  
Home Schooled Students, Teaching Artist: Frannie Calter  

Jonathan Keneth Eldridge, II, School Shinanigans; War and Peace  
Elkins Park Middle School, Teacher: Beth Braverman and Roberta Jacoby, Teaching Artist(s): Saundra Gilliard-Davis  

Haley Gordon, Beads  
Cedarbrook Middle School, Teacher: Peggy Cooper, Teaching Artist(s): Kate McGrath  

Sierra Hall, Caught up  
McCall Elementary School, Teacher: Barbara Marshall  

Hannah Herrera, Limbo  
Strath Haven Middle School, Teacher: Eleanor Salgado, Teaching Artist(s): Gerre Gerret, Walt Vail  

Vance Holloway, I’m not Scared  
Overbrook Educational Center, Teacher: Patricia Foley-Tuzman, Teaching Artist(s): David O’Connor  

Isaiah Brown and Shaniec Ingram, Addiction  
Morrison Elementary School, Teacher: Ilene Poses, Teaching Artist(s): Sally Wojick  

Aaron Jacobs, What Would You Do?  
Strath Haven Middle School, Teacher: Eleanor Salgado, Teaching Artist(s): Gerre Gerret, Walt Vail  

Samantha Jeune, The Struggle for a Normal Life  
Beverly Hills Middle School, Teacher: Eleanor Salgado, Teaching Artist(s): Gerre Gerret, Walt Vail  

Sydney Marchiano, The Wonderful World of Lilly and James  
McCall Elementary School, Teacher: Barbara Marshall  

Taylor McCulley, Next Stop: Heaven  
Strath Haven Middle School, Teacher: Eleanor Salgado, Teaching Artist(s): Gerre Gerret, Walt Vail  

Rudy Miller, The Chosen One  
The Haverford School, Teacher: Lori Reed  

Terry Rossi, The Hippie, The Wrestler, and the Cereal  
The Haverford School, Teacher: Lori Reed  

Farzana Samad, Truth vs Stereotype  
Beverly Hills Middle School, Teacher: Toni Ruddy, Teaching Artist(s): Jan Michener  

Sophie Sepel, The Stuttering Girl  
Elkins Park Middle School, Teacher: Roberta Jacoby, Teaching Artist(s): Saundra Gilliard-Davis  

Sectorial J Speller, Young Boy  
Independence Charter School, Teacher: Julie Lenard, Teaching Artist(s): Justin Jain  

Tiara K Taylor, The Youth of Black America  
Beverly Hills Middle School, Teacher: Toni Ruddy, Teaching Artist(s): Jan Michener  

Kylie Teller, To Forgive and Forget  
Strath Haven Middle School, Teacher: Eleanor Salgado, Teaching Artist(s): Gerre Gerret, Walt Vail  

Lauryn Thomas, Queen Bea  
Drexel Hill Middle School, Teacher: Tim Brown, Teaching Artist(s): Jackie Ruggerio Jacobson  

Vidya Venkatesh, Aunt Annabelle  
Strath Haven Middle School, Teacher: Eleanor Salgado, Teaching Artist(s): Gerre Gerret, Walt Vail
3rd Place – Middle School

- Jordyn Avery, Just Friends
  Stewart Middle School, Teacher: Cheryl. Levine, Teaching Artist(s): Elena Bossler
- Brianna Barber, Music Speaks
  Beverly Hills Middle School, Teacher: Toni Ruddy, Teaching Artist(s): Jan Michener
- Charlotte Comell, Fallin' for a Memory
  Drexel Hill Middle School, Teacher: Tim Brown, Teaching Artist(s): Jackie Ruggerio Jacobson
- Devon Curtis, Yo Mama
  St. Francis de Sales School, Teacher: Cecilia Barr, Teaching Artist(s): Jackie Ruggerio Jacobson
- Kyle Davis, Johnny Gets Busted
  Elkins Park Middle School, Teacher: Beth Braverman and Roberta Jacoby

3rd Place – Middle School, Continued

- Kevin Dixon, The Beginning
  William C. Bryant School, Teacher: Elizabeth Whatley, Teaching Artist(s): Dwight Wilkins
- Ayanna Harmon and Sashanna Yates, The Missing Dog: Chaos
  Morrison Elementary School, Teacher: Ilene Poses, Teaching Artist(s): Sally Wojick
- Ryan Harris, Sin & Punishment
  Independence Charter School, Teacher: Julie Lenard, Teaching Artist(s): Justin Jain
- Anay Hindupur, The Red Race
  Drexel Hill Middle School, Teacher: Tim Brown, Teaching Artist(s): Jackie Ruggerio Jacobson
- Matthew Larson, The Tale of Lord Dragonator
  The Haverford School, Teacher: Lori Reed
- Jameeka Lee, Untitled
  General George G. Meade School, Teacher: Lori Odum, Teaching Artist(s): Dwight Wilkins
- Claire Lennon, Furry Wings
  J.R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School, Teacher: Karen Celli, Teaching Artist(s): David Raphaely
- Dan Lordan, To Serve Him is to Die
  Strath Haven Middle School, Teacher: Eleanor Salgado, Teaching Artist(s): Gerre Gerret, Walt Vail
- Catherine Mendel, Life In Progress
  Independence Charter School, Teacher: Julie Lenard, Teaching Artist(s): Justin Jain
- Marshea Miller, The Fashion Dream
  St. Francis de Sales School, Teacher: Cecilia Barr, Teaching Artist(s): Jackie Ruggerio Jacobson
- Phuong Nguyen, To Our New Life
  John B. Stetson Middle School, Teacher: Stephani Halpern, Teaching Artist(s): Kate McGrath
- Samuel Ortiz, A Prankster's Revenge
  Drexel Hill Middle School, Teacher: Tim Brown, Teaching Artist(s): Jackie Ruggerio Jacobson
- Katie Packel, Nutmeg and Happiness
  Strath Haven Middle School, Teacher: Jessica Radcliffe, Teaching Artist(s): Gerre Gerret, Walt Vail
- India Pines, The Love of my City and Friends
  St. Francis de Sales School, Teacher: Cecilia Barr, Teaching Artist(s): Jackie Ruggerio Jacobson
- Jhanelle Richards, Addictive Love
  Overbrook Educational Center, Teacher: Patricia Foley-Tuzman, Teaching Artist(s): David O’Connor
- Celine Ridgway, Family Differences
  Drexel Hill Middle School, Teacher: Tim Brown, Teaching Artist(s): Jackie Ruggerio Jacobson
- Damar Rudd, Cold Case
  General George G. Meade School, Teacher: Lori Odum, Teaching Artist(s): Dwight Wilkins
- Jessica Shapiro, The Spymaster's Son
  Cedarbrook Middle School, Teacher: Mrs. Cooper, Teaching Artist(s): Kate McGrath
- Salyndrea Wilson, The Clique
  East Norriton Middle School, Teacher: Steve DiNenno, Teaching Artist(s): Erin Reilly

1st Place – Elementary School

- Christopher Wong, An Adventure to the Future-istic Past
  The Haverford School, Teacher: Lori Reed
Robert Austin, Hunter Beacham and Jacob Smith, Bo-Bo the Space Monkey
Myers Elementary School, Teacher: Mimi Rubin, Teaching Artist(s): Jerrell Henderson

Group Authored, Cheesette’s Lesson
Cheltenham Elementary School, Teacher: Marilyn Golden, Teaching Artist(s): Jerrel Henderson

Group Authored, The King and Queen’s Ultimate Omelet Adventure
Glenside Elementary School, Teacher: Angela Melvin-Schell, Teaching Artist(s): Jessica Conda

Group Authored, The Mysterious Tunnel Through Time
Wyncote Elementary School, Teacher: Maria Sirolli, Teaching Artist(s): Jackie Ruggerio Jacobson

Henry Centeno, The Search for a Frown
William Penn Charter School, Teacher: Ruth Aichenbaum, Teaching Artist(s): Gigi Naglak

Isiah Taylor, Catnapped
William Penn Charter School, Teacher: Ruth Aichenbaum, Teaching Artist(s): Gigi Naglak

Danielle Yampolsky, Falling Apart
William Penn Charter School, Teacher: Ruth Aichenbaum, Teaching Artist(s): Gigi Naglak

2nd Place – Elementary School

Group Authored, Now We’re Really In This Game
Wyncote Elementary School, Teacher: Maria Sirolli, Teaching Artist(s): Jackie Ruggerio Jacobson

Sarah Barr, True Friends
William Penn Charter School, Teacher: Ruth Aichenbaum, Teaching Artist(s): Gigi Naglak

Group Authored, A Wish Come True
Myers Elementary School, Teacher: Mimi Rubin, Teaching Artist(s): Jerrell Henderson

Zoe Chambliss, Forbidden Love
Elkins Park Middle School, Teacher: Beth Braverman and Roberta Jacoby, Teaching Artist(s): Saundra Gilliard-Davis

Group Authored, The Rat Attack
Myers Elementary School, Teacher: Mimi Rubin, Teaching Artist(s): Jerrell Henderson

Katie DeVries, One Tooth, Two Teeth
William Penn Charter School, Teacher: Ruth Aichenbaum, Teaching Artist(s): Gigi Naglak

Sean Foley, The Bugs and the Feet
William Penn Charter School, Teacher: Ruth Aichenbaum, Teaching Artist(s): Gigi Naglak

Miriam Francisco, Switching Spots
William Penn Charter School, Teacher: Ruth Aichenbaum, Teaching Artist(s): Gigi Naglak

Brendon George, Bully
William Penn Charter School, Teacher: Ruth Aichenbaum, Teaching Artist(s): Gigi Naglak

Kolby Kaller, A Christmas to Remember
William Penn Charter School, Teacher: Ruth Aichenbaum, Teaching Artist(s): Gigi Naglak

Santino Primerano, The Friend Wanter
William Penn Charter School, Teacher: Ruth Aichenbaum, Teaching Artist(s): Gigi Naglak

Sarah Richart, Why Not?
Elkins Park Middle School, Teacher: Beth Braverman and Roberta Jacoby, Teaching Artist(s): Saundra Gilliard-Davis

Samantha Grace Robertson, The Last Flight
Elkins Park Middle School, Teacher: Beth Braverman and Roberta Jacoby, Teaching Artist(s): Saundra Gilliard-Davis

Jessica Sheed, The Brave Knight
Queen Memorial Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia, Teacher: Elizabeth Corbett

Caroline Uhlmann, The Magical Book
William Penn Charter School, Teacher: Ruth Aichenbaum, Teaching Artist(s): Gigi Naglak

3rd Place – Elementary School

Group Authored, The Mystery of the Missing Margarine
Myers Elementary School, Teacher: Mimi Rubin, Teaching Artist(s): Jerrell Henderson

Group Authored, How a Mouse Can Save Your Life
Myers Elementary School, Teacher: Mimi Rubin, Teaching Artist(s): Jerrell Henderson
Isabelle Ashley, *Happy Endings*
  William Penn Charter School, Teacher: Ruth Aichenbaum, Teaching Artist(s): Gigi Naglak

Geoff Beere, *Switching Places*
  William Penn Charter School, Teacher: Ruth Aichenbaum, Teaching Artist(s): Gigi Naglak

Miguersley Despinasse and Brigid Payne, *Trapped Inside the Video*
  Cheltenham Elementary School, Teacher: Marilyn Golden, Teaching Artist(s): Jerrell Henderson

Alexis Grady, *The Friendship Dare*
  Elkins Park Middle School, Teacher: Beth Braverman and Roberta Jacoby, Teaching Artist(s): Saundra Gilliard-Davis

Sarah Kim, *Gone*
  Elkins Park Middle School, Teacher: Beth Braverman and Roberta Jacoby, Teaching Artist(s): Saundra Gilliard-Davis

Mckenna Krall, *Father?*
  William Penn Charter School, Teacher: Ruth Aichenbaum, Teaching Artist(s): Gigi Naglak

Tate Miller, *One Last Hope*
  William Penn Charter School, Teacher: Ruth Aichenbaum, Teaching Artist(s): Gigi Naglak

Abby Salem, *The New School*
  Elkins Park Middle School, Teacher: Beth Braverman and Roberta Jacoby, Teaching Artist(s): Saundra Gilliard-Davis

Lucy Toledo, *Pinata Peril* (3rd Place – Elementary, Continued)
  Elkins Park Middle School, Teacher: Beth Braverman and Roberta Jacoby, Teaching Artist(s): Saundra Gilliard-Davis

Shaquana Wells, *The Water Bill*
  Elkins Park Middle School, Teacher: Beth Braverman and Roberta Jacoby, Teaching Artist(s): Saundra Gilliard-Davis

Daniel Woody-Guyton, *The Man Mayor Conference*
  William C. Bryant School, Teacher: Denise Moore, Teaching Artist(s): Dwight Wilkins

Sam Zipin, *I want to be popular*
  William Penn Charter School, Teacher: Ruth Aichenbaum, Teaching Artist(s): Gigi Naglak