

**American Alliance for Theatre & Education
Announces 2023 Award Recipients**

WASHINGTON, D.C.–June 26, 2023–Each year, the American Alliance for Theatre & Education (AATE) honors exceptional individuals as well as organizations for the high-quality work they perform in the field of theatre with and for young audiences. Recipients will be recognized at the AATE Awards Ceremony taking place **July 29 at 6pm PST** in Seattle, WA during the AATE Annual Conference. The list of 2023 AATE Award recipients is included below.

“We’re proud to recognize these award recipients for their contributions to theatre and theatre education,” said Alexis Truitt, executive director of AATE. “Their accomplishments and this recognition underscores the impact of theatre with and for young audiences.”

AATE Award recipients represent the best of the field and inspire others with the outstanding work, commitment, and dedication that makes them outstanding colleagues and allies.

The complete list of AATE Award recipients can be found below.

AATE Awards Recipients

<p>The Johnny Saldaña Outstanding Professor of Theatre Education Award Mindy R. Carter, PhD</p> <p>Sara Spencer Artistic Achievement Award Roseann Sheridan</p> <p>Don and Elizabeth Doyle Fellowship Mateo Hernandez</p> <p>Winifred Ward Scholar Alex Turner</p> <p>Distinguished Dissertation Award Winner Quenna L. Barrett</p> <p>“Re-Writing the Declaration: Re-Writing the Past to Fix the Future from a Black, Queer, Feminist Lens”</p> <p>Distinguished Dissertation Award Honorable Mention</p>	<p>Zena</p> <p>“Participatory Action Research and Theatre: Decolonizing Secondary Theatre Education Through Process-Based Culturally Sustaining Pedagogy and Methodology”</p> <p>Distinguished Thesis Award Winner Jessica Cortez “Carework Theatre Project”</p> <p>Distinguished Thesis Award Honorable Mention Lucy Kania “Against Type: Fatphobia, Bias, and Typecasting in Educational Theatre”</p> <p>Distinguished Book Award Winner <i>Hope in a Collapsing World: Youth, Theatre, and Listening as a Political Alternative</i> Kathleen Gallagher Publisher: University of Toronto Press</p>
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Distinguished Book Award Honorable Mention
*Smallest Circles First: Exploring Teacher
Reconciliatory Praxis through Drama Education*

Mindy R. Carter, PhD

Publisher: University of Toronto Press

Distinguished Play Award: Category A
Desvelado

José Casas

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing

Distinguished Play Award: Category B
Bulletproof Backpack

Eric Coble

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing

Distinguished Play Award: Category C
Carmela Full of Wishes

Alvaro Saar Rios

Publisher: TRW Plays

Distinguished Play Award: Category D
Wish, A Musical

Paul Lewis

Publisher: YouthPLAYS

Playwrights for Change Adult Category Winner
Hiking

Claudia Haas

Playwrightsfor Change Adult Category Runner Up
You, Me and Victor Hugo!

Candace Amarante

Playwrights for Change High School Category
Winner

When We Say Goodbye

Mackenzie Bonilla

Playwrights for Change High School Category
Runner Up

The Mechanics of a Goodbye

Agathe Robert

Playwrights for Change Middle School Category
Winner

Masks

Elena M. Meloy

Playwrights for Change Middle School Category
Runner Up

The 1.5 Lives of Oliver Peters

Annabeth Glick

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