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

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

Playwrights for 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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