

## PCA Theatre Awards

2007-08

PCA Theatre Company has been selected four times as an American High School Theatre Festival USA representative at Edinburgh, Scotland's Fringe Festival (1998, 2002, 2004, and 2007).

### 2008 SOUTH CAROLINA SPEECH AND THEATRE ASSOCIATION AWARDS

#### ***Preliminary Round***

1ST PLACE Duet Acting- Crystal Stewart and Jasmine James

1ST PLACE Group Acting - Yotum Almor, Johnny O'Dell and Jasmine James

1ST PLACE Group Acting - Elizabeth Stepp, Stephanie Walden, Johnny O'Dell, Rory Gilbert

1st PLACE Readers Theatre - Jasmin Wilson, Herman Whaley, Chandler Wienecke, & Sheridan Covington

1st PLACE Solo Acting - Bianca Davis

1st PLACE Literary Interpretation - Rashida Beach

#### ***Final Round for state awards students won the following:***

1st PLACE Duet Acting - Crystal Stewart and Jasmine James

1st PLACE Group Acting - Yotum Almor, Johnny O'Dell and Jasmine James

1st PLACE - Readers Theatre Jasmin Wilson, Herman Whaley, Chandler Wienecke, & Sheridan Covington

1st PLACE - Ensemble Theatre - Elizabeth Stepp, Stephanie Walden, Devin Anderson, Alexis Counts, Crystal Stewart

2nd PLACE Solo Acting - Bianca Davis

2nd PLACE Literary Interpretation - Rashida Beach

2nd PLACE Television Broadcasting - Rashida Beach

3rd PLACE - Ensemble Theatre - Yotum Almor, Devin Anderson, Alexis Counts, Torron Grimes

2008 PALMETTO DRAMATICS ASSOCIATION FESTIVAL AWARDS

***Awards for Production of Doubt, A Parable by John Patrick Shanley***

SUPERIOR for production

SUPERIOR FOR ENSEMBLE, including Alec Grooms Elizabeth Stepp, Stephanie Walden and Jasmine James

SUPERIOR for Individual Performance – Alec Grooms for his portrayal of Father Flynn

***Original Play Category***

HONORABLE MENTION for “The Product,” an original play written by PCA junior theatre student, Whitney Sullivan.

***Scholarship***

PCA senior theatre student, Elizabeth Stepp, is the recipient of the Blair Beasley Award of Excellence \$1000 Scholarship.

This scholarship was established this year to honor Professor Beasley, who served as the sponsor of the Palmetto Dramatics Association for over 20 years.

2008 SC STATE THESPIAN FESTIVAL

***1ST PLACE – Duet Acting*** – Elizabeth Stepp and Alec Grooms

***1st PLACE – Duet Musical*** – Crystal Stewart and Torron Grimes

***\$1000 Thespian Scholarship for Theatre Education*** – Elizabeth Stepp

PCA drama students performed a 40 minute excerpt of the Pulitzer Prize winning play, *Doubt, A Parable*, by John Patrick Shanley at the SC Theatre Association's Secondary School Festival in November 2007 in Rock Hill. The cast included Elizabeth Stepp, Stephanie Walden, Alec Grooms and Jasmine James. Crystal Stewart served as Stage Manager. In addition to an outstanding response from the audience, the cast received many appreciative comments from the judges, and Alec Grooms and Jasmine James received ALL-STAR-CAST AWARDS for their performance.

**PCA Theatre** students competed in the SC Speech and Theatre Association Festival at USC Upstate in Spartanburg, Feb. 3 and the joint Palmetto Dramatics Association & SC Thespian Festivals held this past weekend at Converse College.

Awards - USC Upstate

**1st Place - Group Performance**

Jeff Driggers, Alec Grooms, Sam Lafrage, and Elizabeth Stepp

**2nd Place - Ensemble Performance**

Devin Anderson, Julian Deleon, Torron Grimes, Alec Grooms, Sam Lafrage, and Elizabeth Stepp

*Recognition(Preliminary Round)*

**2nd Place - Solo Acting**

Stephanie Reeves

**2nd Place - Duet Acting**

Jeff Driggers and Stephanie Walden

**3rd Place - Group Performance**

Amandaliz Crespo, Jalissa Fulton, Darby Shuler and Kayla Spigner

Palmetto Dramatics Association (PDA) awards Converse College

**Superior Rating - Agnes of God production**

Stephanie Reeves, Elizabeth Stepp and Jenny McCormick

**Superior Rating - Ensemble Acting -Agnes of God**

**Superior Rating - Acting - Agnes of God**

Elizabeth Stepp and Jenny McCormick

**Excellence Rating - Acting - Agnes of God**

Stephanie Reeves

**Special Award - Staging (Creating Stage Pictures) Agnes of God**

Donna Wilson

**Superior Rating Costume Design**

Stephanie Reeves and Elizabeth Stepp

**Superior Rating – Make-up Design**

Stephanie Reeves and Elizabeth Stepp

**5th Place - Playwriting**

Jeff Driggers

Thespian Awards**1st Place - Group Acting**

Julian Deleon, Jeff Driggers, Alec Grooms and Stephanie Walden

**1st Place - Duet Acting**

Jeff Driggers and Stephanie Walden

**Recognition– Costume Design**

Alexis Taylor

**Recognition - Publicity**

Karah Brown

**\$500 Thespian Scholarship - Musical Theatre**

Jenny McCormick

**2005-06**SC Thespian Convention –USC –Columbia

## DUET ACTING

1st Place : Elizabeth Bays

Recognition: Andrew Stepp &amp; Jeff Driggers

## DUET MUSICAL THEATRE:

Recognition: Elizabeth Bays &amp; Andrew Stepp

Invited to perform at International Thespian Convention: Elizabeth Bays and Andrew Stepp

\$500 scholarship for outstanding work in musical theatre: Elizabeth Bays

SC Speech Communication Association - USC Upstate Spartanburg

*FIRST PLACE - ENSEMBLE THEATRE:*

PCA Theatre for Seussical.

*FIRST PLACE - IMPROMPTU SPEAKING:*

Patrick Dunphy

*THIRD PLACE - COSTUME DESIGN:*

A Midsummer Night's Dream portfolio.

*Second in the preliminary rounds:*

Solo Acting: Jenny McCormick & Elizabeth Stepp

Group Performance:

Patrick Dunphy, Jeff Driggers and Andrew Stepp

Duet Acting: Stephanie Reeves and Elizabeth Stepp

Palmetto Drama Festival - Lander University – Greenwood, SC**Ensemble Awards**

*SUPERIOR Rating:* PCA Theatre – SEUSSICAL

*Excellence in Ensemble:* PCA Theatre SEUSSICAL

*Excellence in Design Concept and Execution:* PCA Theatre – SEUSSICAL

**Individual Performance Awards**

*SUPERIOR in ACTING:* Jenny McCormick, Elizabeth Bays

*SUPERIOR in VOCAL PERFORMANCE* – Jenny McCormick

*SUPERIOR in VOCAL PERFORMANCE* - Brittani Minnieweather

*EXCELLENT in ACTING:* Andrew Stepp

*EXCELLENT in VOCAL PERFORMANCE:* Andrew Stepp

*2nd PLACE -PLAYWRITING:* Andrew Stepp “Destiny's Calling”

(one of three selected for performance at the Festival)

*EXCELLENT - Production:* A. Stepp, Director. “Destiny’s Calling”

*SUPERIOR – Acting:* Elizabeth Bays “Destiny’s Calling”

*SUPERIOR – Acting:* Sam Ervin – “Destiny’s Calling”

*4TH PLACE – Playwriting:* J.Benton “Dogfights, Flyboys & Dames”

*EXCELLENT – Costume Design & Make-Up:*

Jenny McCormick, Karah Brown, Brittani Minnieweather, Elizabeth Stepp

Stephanie Reeves

