

N.E.T.G. SHOWCASE FESTIVAL 2016-17 NOMINATIONS

WINNERS IN ITALICS

(30 productions were adjudicated this season)

KING COSTUME AWARD

B.A.T.S: Little Shop of Horrors

C.M.T.S. Youth: Alice in Wonderland

The Essex Group: Puss in Boots

Headgate Theatre Productions: Father Christmas

Kelvedon Players: Camelot-the Panto

KYDS: Aladdin

Little Waltham Drama Group: Pirates of the Panto

Manifest Theatre Group: Scrooge-the Musical

Orpen Players: Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs

Platform Musicals & Plays: On the Twentieth Century

Tollesbury Amateur Players: Alice in Wonderland

Village Players Nayland: Cinderella

Wickham Bishops Drama Club: Babes in the Wood

W.A.O.S: Spamalot

Wivenhoe Pantomime Group: Alice in Wonderland

JEAN JONES AWARD FOR SET DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION/DRESSING

Bentley Green Players: Jack and the Beanstalk

B.A.T.S: Little Shop of Horrors

Brightlingsea Musical Theatre Group: Bad Girls-the Musical

Colne Engaine Dramatic Society: Treasure Island

Kelvedon Players: Camelot-the Panto

Orpen Players: Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs

Tollesbury Amateur Players: Alice in Wonderland

Village Players Nayland: Cinderella

Westcliff Youth Theatre: Oliver!

W.O.W: Loserville

Wivenhoe Pantomime Group: Alice in Wonderland

TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT

B.A.T.S: the construction & presentation of Audrey 2/ sound effects in Little Shop of Horrors

Brightlingsea Musical Theatre Group: lighting/sound/projections in Bad Girls-the Musical

The Essex Group: lighting/sound in Puss in Boots

The Essex Group: lighting/sound Les Miserables

Kelvedon Players: lighting in Camelot-the Panto

Manifest Theatre Group: lighting/sound/effects in Scrooge-the Musical

Orpen Players: lighting/sound in Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs

Platform Musicals & Plays: lighting in On the Twentieth Century

Platform Musicals & Plays: lighting in Bernstein on Broadway

W.A.O.S: lighting/projections in Spamalot

W.O.W: lighting in Loserville

ADJUDICATORS' AWARD

Bentley Green Players: The enthusiasm of the young chorus in Jack and the Beanstalk
Bures Stage Society: The energy and performances of the young cast in Good King Wenceslas
The Essex Group: Choreography, dancing and chorus work in Puss in Boots & Les Miserables
The Kelvedon Players: Martyn and Lesley Hill for their pair-playing in Camelot-the Panto
KYDS: The enthusiasm and discipline of the ensemble in Aladdin
KYDS: The four Narrators in Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat
Mad Hatter Productions: Nathan Rigg and Ella D'Arcy Jones for their pair performances as Gilbert & Joyce Chilvers in Betty Blue Eyes (Joint nomination)
Platform Musicals & Plays: Wade Ablitt for his performance in Bernstein on Broadway
Village Players Nayland: The performance and presentation of the "Harlequinade" sequence in Cinderella
Westcliff Youth Theatre: The ensemble performance of "Who Will Buy?" in Oliver!
W.A.O.S: Choreography and dancing in Spamalot

BEST YOUNG ACTOR (21 and Under)

C.M.T.S. Youth: Nathan & Robbie Peck as Tweedledum and Tweedledee in Alice in Wonderland (Joint nomination)
The Essex Group: Tom Jervis as Ruffalino & George Bedwell as King Flange in Puss in Boots (Joint nomination)
The Essex Group: Scott Olley as Jean Valjean in Les Miserables
KYDS: Charlie Warner as Wishee Washee in Aladdin
KYDS: Ben Collins as Joseph in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
Westcliff Youth Theatre: Luke Grint as Mr. Bumble in Oliver!
Wickham Bishops Drama Club: Jenson Bacon as Tommy in Babes in the Wood
W.A.O.S: Harry Tunningley as Not Dead Fred/Concorde in Spamalot, Cookie in Return to the Forbidden Planet & Lucas Lloyd in Loserville (W.O.W.)
W.O.W: Chris Tierney as Michael Dork in Loserville

BEST YOUNG ACTRESS (21 and Under)

Bentley Green Players: Faith Garner as Sally Snatchett in Jack and the Beanstalk
B.A.T.S: Rebecca Hoskyns as Audrey in Little Shop of Horrors
Bures Stage Society: Lucy Turner as Wenceslas in Good King Wenceslas
C.M.T.S. Youth: Hermione Wood as Cater P in Alice in Wonderland
C.M.T.S: Tabither Mann as Small Alice in Alice in Wonderland
The Essex Group: Lily Downes as Felene in Puss in Boots
The Essex Group: Maddy Rydzik as Eponine in Les Miserables
Kelvedon Players: Millie Etherington as Prince Arthur in Camelot-the Panto
KYDS: Ellie Russell as Ethelazar in Aladdin
Mad Hatter Productions: Ellena Bacon as Mother Dear in Betty Blue Eyes
Orpen Players: Abby Sadler as Prince Rupert in Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs
Westcliff Youth Theatre: Phoebe Wiggett as Widow Corney in Oliver! & Sylvia in All Shook Up for C.M.T.S.
W.O.W: Isabella Chapman as Holly Manson in Loserville
Wivenhoe Pantomime Group: Imy Purkiss as Alice & Maisy Reed as Little Alice in Alice in Wonderland (Joint Nomination)

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

C.M.T.S: Drew Welham as Rico Castelli in Copacabana
C.M.T.S: David Richardson as Dennis in All Shook Up

Headgate Theatre Productions: Kevin Topple as The Toy Professor in Father Christmas-the Panto

Little Waltham Drama Group: Ash Cobden as Captain Spongebag Roundpants in Pirates of the Panto

Manifest Theatre Group: Adrian Bolton as Ghost of Christmas Present in Scrooge-the Musical

Manifest Theatre Group: John Roberts as Bob Cratchit in Scrooge-the Musical

Tollesbury Amateur Players: Ian Clark & Jon Salmon as Tweedledee & Tweedledum in Alice in Wonderland (Joint nomination)

Wickham Bishops Drama Club: Jack Williams as Jingles in Babes in the Wood

W.A.O.S: Trevor Marks as Patsy in Spamalot

Wivenhoe Pantomime Group: Glynn Evans as The Mad Hatter in Alice in Wonderland

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Brightlingsea Musical Theatre Group: Lynne Farlie as Julie Saunders in Bad Girls-the Musical

C.M.T.S: Katie Barnett as Conchita Alvarez in Copacabana

Colne Engaine Dramatic Society: Belinda Hector as Sam and Melissa Harris as Ella in Treasure Island (Joint nomination)

The Essex Group: Jackie Parry as Queen Verminilla in Puss in Boots

Manifest Theatre Group: Anna Maria Hyman as Isabel/Helen in Scrooge-the Musical

Tollesbury Amateur Players: Jackie Quilter as The White Rabbit in Alice in Wonderland

Village Players Nayland: Maggie Ryan as The Fairy Godmother in Cinderella

Wivenhoe Pantomime Group: Megan Smith as Queen of Hearts in Alice in Wonderland

BEST DAME

Bentley Green Players: Doug Garner as Dame Trot in Jack and the Beanstalk

Colne Engaine Dramatic Society: Darran Lingley as Ma Hawkins in Treasure Island

Headgate Theatre Productions: David King as Reindeer Ruby in Father Christmas-the Panto

Pantoloons: Bernie Smith as Beryl in Sleeping Beauty

BEST ACTOR

B.A.T.S: Ryan Maslen as Seymour in Little Shop of Horrors

Brightlingsea Musical Theatre Group: Danny Wallis as Fenner in Bad Girls-the Musical

Colne Engaine Dramatic Society: Dom Casey as Long John Silver in Treasure Island

Manifest Theatre Group: Paul George as Young Ebenezer/Harry in Scrooge-the Musical

Pantoloons: Craig Tyler as Prince Phillipe in Sleeping Beauty

Platform Musicals & Plays: Ben Adams as Oliver Webb & Will Mugford as Owen O'Malley in On the Twentieth Century (Joint nomination)

Village Players Nayland: John McCarroll as Baron Hardup in Cinderella

W.A.O.S: David Everest-Ring as Captain Tempest in Return to the Forbidden Planet

BEST ACTRESS

Brightlingsea Musical Theatre Group: Joanne Morris as Nikki in Bad Girls-the Musical

C.M.T.S: Rachel Welham as Lola/Samantha in Copacabana

C.M.T.S: Kirstie Heathcote as Natalie Haller in All Shook Up

Little Waltham Drama Group: Tash Wootton as Capt. Zac Sparrow in Pirates of the Panto

Orpen Players: Debra Hornigold as Queen Malicious in Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs

Platform Musicals & Plays: Sara Green as Letitia Primrose in *On the Twentieth Century*
Platform Musicals & Plays: Jayne Sheeran as Lily Garland in *On the Twentieth Century*
W.A.O.S: Constance Lawton as The Lady of the Lake and Princess Aurora in Sleeping Beauty for Pantoloons

COLLYER-SMITH MARINE TROPHY FOR BEST MUSICAL

B.A.T.S: Little Shop of Horrors directed by Pippa Revell
Brightlingsea Musical Theatre Group: *Bad Girls-the Musical* directed by Lucy Weaver
The Essex Group: *Les Miserables (Junior)* directed by Gary Sullivan
KYDS: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* directed by Alex Berriman
Mad Hatter Productions: *Betty Blue Eyes* directed by Wade Ablitt
Manifest Theatre Group: *Scrooge-the Musical* directed by Kerry King
Platform Musicals & Plays: *On the Twentieth Century* directed by Andrew Hodgson*
W.A.O.S: Spamalot directed by Nikki Mundell-Poole
W.O.W: *Loserville* directed by Cathy Court

ERIC DYSTER CUP FOR BEST PANTOMIME/CHILDREN'S PLAY

C.M.T.S: *Alice in Wonderland* directed by Sam McCarthy
Colne Engaine Dramatic Society: Treasure Island directed by Pat Seward & Jo Davidson
The Essex Group: *Puss in Boots* directed by Gary Sullivan
Kelvedon Players: *Camelot-the Panto* directed by Rosemary Townsend
Little Waltham Drama Group: *Pirates of the Panto* directed by Jenny Broadway
Village Players Nayland: *Cinderella* directed by Emma Wallis
Wivenhoe Pantomime Group: *Alice in Wonderland* directed by Greg & Sarah Smith

The following categories cover both the SHOWCASE and FULL-LENGTH PLAY Festivals:

TIMMENS AWARD FOR MUSIC

B.A.T.S: Musical direction (John Hoskyns) and accompaniment in *Little Shop of Horrors*
The Essex Group: Musical direction (Richard Harrison) and accompaniment in *Les Miserables*
Little Waltham Drama Group: Musical accompaniment and Company singing in *Pirates of the Panto*
Mad Hatter Productions: Musical direction (Daniel Warren) and ensemble singing (with special commendation for the ladies trio) in *Betty Blue Eyes*
Maldon Drama Group: Use of music (incl. cello playing and singing) in *Far From the Madding Crowd*
Platform Musicals & Plays: Musical direction (Phil Toms) and ensemble singing in On the Twentieth Century & Bernstein on Broadway
W.A.O.S: Musical direction (Geoff Osborne) and orchestral playing in *Spamalot*
W.A.O.S: Collective "out of this world" singing of the cast in *Return to the Forbidden Planet*
W.O.W: The on-stage band in *Loserville*
Wivenhoe Pantomime Group: Musical accompaniment of the band in *Alice in Wonderland*

THE TERRY SADLER MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR FRONT OF HOUSE incl: F.O.H. arrangements, refreshments, displays, programmes etc.

Bardfield Players
C.M.T.S
The Essex Group
Headgate Theatre Productions
L.A.D.S.
Little Waltham Drama Group
Tollesbury Amateur Players
Wickham Bishops Drama Club
W.A.O.S

THE MILLENNIUM WRITERS AWARD FOR BEST ORIGINAL SCRIPT

Bures Stage Society: Good King Wenceslas by Ross McCory
The Essex Group: Puss in Boots by Gary Sullivan
Orpen Players: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs by Peter Cox
Pantaloons: Sleeping Beauty by Katrina Holding & Nathan Rowland
Tollesbury Amateur Players: Home Free by Joanne Smith

THE JIMMY JAMES MEMORIAL AWARD FOR DIRECTION

Gary Sullivan for "Puss in Boots"/ "Les Miserables Jnr" for The Essex Group

N.E.T.G. FULL-LENGTH PLAY FESTIVAL NOMINATIONS

(35 productions adjudicated this season)

COSTUME AWARD

B.A.T.S: Bunkered
Colchester Theatre Group: Daisy Pulls It Off
Colchester Theatre Group: Miss Julie
Dedham Players: Lend Me a Tenor
Dedham Players: God of Carnage
Headgate Theatre Productions: Di and Viv and Rose
Headgate Theatre Productions: For Services Rendered
Kelvedon Players: The Rivals
Manifest Theatre Group: Lady in the Van
Village Players Nayland: The Deep Blue Sea
Wivenhoe Open Air Shakespeare: The Merchant of Venice
Writtle Cards: A Tomb with a View

SET DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION/DRESSING

Colchester Theatre Group: Miss Julie
Dedham Players: Lend Me a Tenor
Headgate Theatre Productions: Yes Prime Minister
Headgate Theatre Productions: For Services Rendered
Kelvedon Players: The Love Nest
L.A.D.S: The Hound of the Baskervilles
Maldon Drama Group: Prescription Murder
Manifest Theatre Group: The Lady in the Van
Orpen Players: Something's Burning
Village Players Nayland: The Deep Blue Sea
Writtle Cards: My Own Show

LYNDON TROPHY FOR TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT

Colchester Theatre Group: lighting/ sound in Daisy Pulls It Off

Colne Engaine Dramatic Society: lighting/sound in Fools Call It Fate

Dedham Players: sound in Lend Me a Tenor

Headgate Theatre Productions: lighting/sound Harold Pinter Double Bill

Headgate Theatre Productions: lighting in For Services Rendered

Kelvedon Players: lighting in The Rivals

L.A.D.S: lighting/sound/effects in The Hound of the Baskervilles

Manifest Theatre Group: lighting/sound in Glorious

Phoenix Theatre Company: lighting in Nightmare

THE NORMAN HARRIS TROPHY- ADJUDICATORS AWARD

Colne Engaine Dramatic Society: The committed performances of the cast in Fools Call It Fate

Dedham Players: Claire Nicholson for her production concept in God of Carnage

Headgate Theatre Productions: The acquisition and use of props in The Play What I Wrote

Headgate Theatre Productions: Elly Kent Dyson, Charlie Still and Amy Bleasdale for their team playing in Di and Viv and Rose

Headgate Theatre Productions: The ensemble acting of the cast in For Services Rendered
****WINNER****

Mad Hatter Productions: The class of Boys in The History Boys

Manifest Theatre Group: Amanda Rowe for her performance of "The Queen of the Night's Aria" (as Florence Foster Jenkins) in Glorious!

Wivenhoe Open Air Shakespeare: Robin Durance for his delightful cameo performance as Old Gobbo in The Merchant of Venice

Writtle Cards: Paulette Harris for her comic playing in My Own Show

BEST YOUNG ACTOR

Bocking Theatre Group: Scott McIntyre as Tom in Poetic Justice

Kelvedon Players: Tom Campe as Capt. Jack Absolute in The Rivals

Mad Hatter Productions: Jack Nayler as Dakin & Nathan Rigg as Posner in The History Boys (Joint nomination)

Phoenix Theatre Company: Liam O'Connor as Raymond Shapley in Nightmare

BEST YOUNG ACTRESS

Sophie Mercer in "Bunkered" for Brantham Amateur Theatrical Society

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

B.A.T.S: Mark Hinson as Connor in Bunkered

Colchester Theatre Group: Rob Sadler as Miss Grenville/Mademoiselle in Daisy Pulls It Off

Dedham Players: Colin Biggins as Saunders in Lend Me a Tenor

Headgate Theatre Productions: Colin Downer as Bardolph in Entertaining Angels

Headgate Theatre Productions: Jack Biggs as Bernard Woolley in Yes Prime Minister

Headgate Theatre Productions: Wayne Setford as Sydney Ardsley in For Services Rendered (special commendation for his acting debut in a play)

Kelvedon Players: Michael Howard as Faulkland in The Rivals

L.A.D.S: Robin Warnes as Dr. Watson in The Hound of the Baskervilles

Village Players Nayland: Justin Dowding as Philip Welch in The Deep Blue Sea

Wivenhoe Open Air Shakespeare: Martin Sparks as Antonio in The Merchant of Venice

Writtle Cards: Daniel Curley as Marcus & Boot Banes as Lucien Tomb in A Tomb with a View
(Joint nomination)

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Bardfield Players: Louisa Ruthven as Violet in Steaming

B.A.T.S: Sophie Mercer as Taylor in Bunkered (also eligible in the Best Young Actress category)

Colchester Theatre Group: Megan Symkiss as Trixie Meredith in Daisy Pulls It Off

Colchester Theatre Group: Rebecca Wieland as Christine in Miss Julie

Dedham Players: Claire Nicholson as Maria Merelli in Lend Me a Tenor

Kelvedon Players: Heidi Hamber as Tina Lewis in The Love Nest & Lydia Languish in The Rivals

Manifest Theatre Group: Gina Macmillan as Mam in The Lady in the Van

Manifest Theatre Group: Angie Smith as Maria in Glorious

Phoenix Theatre Company: Jade Flack as Laura Vinnecombe in Nightmare

Village Players Nayland: Sharon Pentney as Mrs. Elton in The Deep Blue Sea

Writtle Cards: Liz Curley as Agatha Hammond in A Tomb with a View

Writtle Cards: Michele Moody as Maxine Stuart in 84 Charing Cross Road

Wivenhoe Open Air Shakespeare: Julie Thompson as Lancelot Gobbo in The Merchant of Venice

THE DAVID KNIGHT SHIELD FOR BEST ACTOR

Colchester Theatre Group: Michael Cook as Farquhar & Will Parrick as Styler in Mindgame (Joint nomination)

Colne Engaine Dramatic Society: Ian Pike as Henry Smith in Short Tails and Tall Tales

Dedham Players: Paul Reed as Max in Lend Me a Tenor

Headgate Theatre Productions: Kevin Topple as Joe in The Play What I Wrote

Headgate Theatre Productions: Anthony Roberts as Harry Kane in The Collection (Harold Pinter Double Bill)

Kelvedon Players: Russell Winsor as Sir Anthony Absolute in The Rivals

L.A.D.S: Daniel Tunbridge as Gordon in The Farndale "A Christmas Carol"

L.A.D.S: Alan Elkins as Sherlock Holmes in The Hound of the Baskervilles

Maldon Drama Group: Paul Bonnicci as Gabriel Oak in Far From the Madding Crowd

Maldon Drama Group: Scott Peters as Lt. Colombo in Prescription Murder

Manifest Theatre Group: Paul George & Paul Reed as Alan Bennett in The Lady in the Van (Joint nomination)

Wickham Bishops Drama Club: Graham Pipe as Rene in Allo Allo

Wivenhoe Open Air Shakespeare: Tim Glover as Shylock in The Merchant of Venice

BEST ACTRESS

Colchester Theatre Group: Charlotte Harknett as Miss Julie in Miss Julie

Colne Engaine Dramatic Society: Michelle Sparkes as Ginger/Sally in Short Tails and Tall Tales

Headgate Theatre Productions: Jackie Grant as Grace in Entertaining Angels & Deborah in A Kind of Alaska (Harold Pinter Double Bill)

Headgate Theatre Productions: Ely Kent Dyson as Di in Di and Viv and Rose **JOINT WINNER**

Headgate Theatre Productions: Sara Green as Charlotte Ardsley in For Services Rendered

Kelvedon Players: Giovanna Austin as Mrs. Malaprop in The Rivals

Maldon Drama Group: Nikita Eve as Bathsheba Everdene in *Far From the Madding Crowd*
Manifest Theatre Group: Helen Bridge as Miss Shepherd in *The Lady in the Van*
Orpen Players: Debra Hornigold as Nell in *Something's Burning*
Phoenix Theatre Company: Jo Fosker as Katherine Willis in *Nightmare*
Village Players Nayland: Suzanne Harknett as Hester Collyer in The Deep Blue Sea
Wivenhoe Open Air Shakespeare: Clare Kane as Portia in *The Merchant of Venice*

THE CLIFF HUDSON AWARD FOR COMEDY (PRODUCTION)

Bardfield Players: *Streuth!* directed by Ian Ruffle
Colchester Theatre Group: *Daisy Pulls It Off!* directed by Ian Amos
Dedham Players: Lend Me a Tenor directed by Kelvin Hastings-Smith
***Headgate Theatre Productions: The Play What I Wrote* directed by Anthony Roberts**
****JOINT WINNER****
L.A.D.S: Farndale Avenue "A Christmas Carol" directed by Carole Hart
Wickham Bishops Drama Club: *Allo, Allo* directed by Michelle Bacon
Writtle Cards: *My Own Show* directed by Clare Williams

THE DORIS GRIFFITH MEMORIAL CUP FOR BEST (DRAMATIC) FULL-LENGTH PLAY

Colchester Theatre Group: *Miss Julie* directed by Anthony Roberts
***Headgate Theatre Productions: Di and Viv and Rose* directed by Steve Wooldridge**
***Headgate Theatre Productions: Harold Pinter Double Bill: A Kind of Alaska* directed by Andrew Hodgson* & *The Collection* directed by Sheila Foster**
Headgate Theatre Productions: For Services Rendered* directed by Andrew Hodgson
Manifest Theatre Group: *The Lady in the Van* directed by Kerry King
Village Players Nayland: The Deep Blue Sea directed by Chrissie Kettle
Wivenhoe Open Air Shakespeare: The Merchant of Venice directed by Clare Durance with Sheila Foster

* commendation only, not eligible for competition