2025 – 2026 NOMINEES

BEST OVERALL PRODUCTION

Play	
5th Wall Playhouse	Wit
Almost Famous Theatre Company	The Cottage
Banzerini House	Our American Tragedy
Chandler Gilbert Community College	Almost Maine
Don Bluth Front Row Theatre	Heaven Can Wait
Ghostlight Theatre	The Shark is Broken
MCC Theatre and Film Arts	Witch
Order Chaos Theater Company	Kimberly Akimbo
Ronin Theatre Collaborative	Shrines
Southwest Shakespeare Company	1984

Musical	
Almost Famous Theatre Company	Come From Away
ASU School of Music, Dance and Theatre – Music Theatre and Opera	Spring Awakening
B3 Theater	The Guy Who Didn't Like Musicals
Fountain Hills Theater	Evil Dead the Musical
Grand Canyon University's Ethington Theatre	Bright Star
MCC Musical Theatre	Into the Woods
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Legally Blonde
Scottsdale Community College Musical Theatre	Cabaret
Velvet Curtain Productions	Ride The Cyclone
Zao Theatre	Daddy Long Legs

BEST OVERALL PRODUCTION

Youth Play	
Actors PLAYground	Puffs
Banzerini House	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
BlackBox Foundation	The Wizard of OZ
Chandler Youth Theatre	Clue: High School Edition
East Valley Children's Theatre	The Secret Medusa
Limelight Performing Arts	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
Spotlight Youth Theatre	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time
Velvet Curtain Productions	The Wolves

Youth Musical	
Center Stage Academy	The Swan Princess
Chandler Youth Theatre	The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical
CYT Phoenix	Shrek
Fuse Performing Arts Center	Disney's Newsies
Greasepaint Youth Theatre / Scottsdale Community Players	Hadestown: Teen Edition
Limelight Performing Arts	Six: Teen Edition
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Matilda Jr.
Shine Theatre Company	Disney's Tarzan
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Something Rotten
Velvet Curtain Productions	Bring It On

ACTRESS IN A MAJOR ROLE

Play		
5th Wall Playhouse	Hand to God	Kelly Hurley
5th Wall Playhouse	Wit	Kristin Moran
Almost Famous Theatre Company	The Cottage	Leslie Kempton
Order Chaos Theater Company	A Moon for the Misbegotten	Jennifer Gantwerker
Order Chaos Theater Company	Jane Anger	Cynnita Agent
Order Chaos Theater Company	Jane Anger	Emily Mohney
Order Chaos Theater Company	Kimberly Akimbo	Shari Watts
Ronin Theatre Collaborative	Shrines	Melody Knudson
Southwest Shakespeare Company	1984	Tahni Delong
Southwest Shakespeare Company	Elizabeth In Her Own Words	Tamara Meneghini

Musical		
Almost Famous Theatre Company	Come From Away	Brianne Gobeski
Almost Famous Theatre Company	Come From Away	Channing Cooper
Fountain Hills Theater	Private Lives the Musical	Emma Giffen
Limelight Performing Arts	Sweeney Todd	Meredith Woodward
MCC Musical Theatre	Into the Woods	Gianna Arrighi
MCC Musical Theatre	Into the Woods	Sammie Lideen
Mesa Encore Theatre	Pippin	Amanda Federico
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Shrek	Janelle Paris
Scottsdale Community College Musical Theatre	Cabaret	Kenzie Knudson
Zao Theatre	Daddy Long Legs	Juli Buehrle

ACTRESS IN A MAJOR ROLE

Youth Play		
Actors PLAYground	Little Women	Ellie Mae Smith
Actors PLAYground	Little Women	Izabella Sorenson
Actors PLAYground	Little Women	Kate Donick
Actors PLAYground	Puffs	Avrie Grubb
Actors PLAYground	Puffs	Kayla Lucero
Actors PLAYground	To The Moon	Anora Biggs
Banzerini House	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	Emelia Cavaleri
Chandler Youth Theatre	Clue: High School Edition	Mackenzie Austin
Spotlight Youth Theatre	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Malia Koberstein
Velvet Curtain Productions	The Wolves	Shayla Forero

Youth Musical		
Center Stage Academy	The Swan Princess	Zoey Shenkman
CYT Phoenix	Shrek	Pepper Porter
Greasepaint Youth Theatre / Scottsdale Community Players	Hadestown: Teen Edition	Hallie Merrill
Greasepaint Youth Theatre / Scottsdale Community Players	Mean Girls: High School Edition	Sienna Stoll
Limelight Performing Arts	Bonnie and Clyde	Allie Weid
Limelight Performing Arts	Bonnie and Clyde	Maddie Sue Miller
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Matilda Jr.	Brooklyn Raciak
Shine Theatre Company	The Prince of Egypt	Isela Tovar
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Chicago: Teen Edition	Vivienne Spamer
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Something Rotten	Darcy Sylvester

ACTOR IN A MAJOR ROLE

Play		
5th Wall Playhouse	Hand to God	Spencer Shaw
Ghostlight Theatre	I Hate Hamlet	Robert Bubon
Ghostlight Theatre	The Shark is Broken	Justin Harris
New Carpa Theater Company	Let's Rock: From Shakespeare to Tupac	Christopher Owens
Order Chaos Theater Company	A Moon for the Misbegotten	J. Kevin Tallent
Order Chaos Theater Company	Jane Anger	CJ Mascarelli
Order Chaos Theater Company	Jane Anger	Johnny Kalita
Ronin Theatre Collaborative	Shrines	Connor Wanless
Southwest Shakespeare Company	1984	Marshall Glass
Southwest Shakespeare Company	Moby Dick	Tom Mangum

Musical		
Almost Famous Theatre Company	Come From Away	Damon Bolling
ASU School of Music, Dance and Theatre – Music Theatre and Opera	Curtains	Henry Morton
B3 Theater	The Guy Who Didn't Like Musicals	E.C Darling-Bond
Chandler Gilbert Community College	Ride the Cyclone	Porter Molinar
Fountain Hills Theater	Private Lives the Musical	Tom Mangum
Grand Canyon University's Ethington Theatre	Little Shop of Horrors	Erick Resendiz Jr.
Mesa Encore Theatre	Pippin	Austin Porter
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Legally Blonde	Devin Mock
Scottsdale Community College Musical Theatre	Cabaret	Angel Castaneda
Zao Theatre	Daddy Long Legs	Jordan Giannetti

ACTOR IN A MAJOR ROLE

Youth Play		
Actors PLAYground	Little Women	Tyler Scruggs
Actors PLAYground	Little Women	William Polvino
Actors PLAYground	Puffs	Daniel Parra
Actors PLAYground	Puffs	Isaiah Asmare
Actors PLAYground	Puffs	Zachary MacIntyre
Chandler Youth Theatre	Clue: High School Edition	Theo Doran
Chandler Youth Theatre	Clue: High School Edition	Orion Doran
East Valley Children's Theatre	The Secret Medusa	Alonzo Reyes
East Valley Children's Theatre	The Secret Medusa	Ethan Bogert
Spotlight Youth Theatre	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Jonah Naplan

Youth Musical		
Chandler Youth Theatre	The Addams Family: School Edition	Samuel Ryan
CYT Phoenix	Shrek	Calvin Ierley
East Valley Children's Theatre	James and the Giant Peach Jr.	Brody Willette-Zebell
Greasepaint Youth Theatre / Scottsdale Community Players	Hadestown: Teen Edition	Andrei Igdanes
Greasepaint Youth Theatre / Scottsdale Community Players	Hadestown: Teen Edition	Sebastian Girodroux
Limelight Performing Arts	Bonnie and Clyde	Westley Caryl
Scottsdale Desert Stages Theatre	Seussical	Josiah Elliott
Shine Theatre Company	The Prince of Egypt	Zayden Burks
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Something Rotten	Calvin Corey
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Something Rotten	Dominic DeMark

ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Play		
5th Wall Playhouse	Wit	Kathie Merritt
5th Wall Playhouse	Wit	Kris McQuaid
Almost Famous Theatre Company	The Cottage	Angela Duffy
Almost Famous Theatre Company	The Cottage	Ann Marie Sun
Banzerini House	Our American Tragedy	April Rock
Don Bluth Front Row Theatre	Blithe Spirit	Barbara McBain
Order Chaos Theater Company	Kimberly Akimbo	Andrea Hough
Order Chaos Theater Company	Kimberly Akimbo	Hillary Low
Southwest Shakespeare Company	1984	Serena Poggi
Stage Left Productions	Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead	Veronica Harris

Musical		
Almost Famous Theatre Company	Come From Away	Corielle James
ASU School of Music, Dance and Theatre – Music Theatre and Opera	Songs for a New World	Jocelyn Dorsey
Emerald City Players	Bare: a Pop Opera	Kori Stearns
Fountain Hills Theater	Evil Dead the Musical	Daisha Hill
Fountain Hills Theater	Evil Dead the Musical	Jamie Graves
Fountain Hills Theater	The Secret Garden	Morgan Goldberg
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Legally Blonde	Kaitlyn Hale
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Legally Blonde	Rayla Everson
Velvet Curtain Productions	Ride The Cyclone	Aalyah Harris
Velvet Curtain Productions	Ride The Cyclone	Jazlynn Damasco

ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Youth Play		
Actors PLAYground	Little Women	Ellie Bridges
Actors PLAYground	Little Women	Emmalyn Hiller
Actors PLAYground	Little Women	Kayla Lucero
Actors PLAYground	Puffs	Anora Biggs
East Valley Children's Theatre	The Secret Medusa	Alyson Avery
Spotlight Youth Theatre	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Eva Axman
Velvet Curtain Productions	The Wolves	Hailey Crick
Velvet Curtain Productions	The Wolves	Hailey Glicksman
Velvet Curtain Productions	The Wolves	Hope Kalin
Velvet Curtain Productions	The Wolves	Sadie Miller

Youth Musical		
Limelight Performing Arts	Bonnie and Clyde	Abigail Lovell
Limelight Performing Arts	Six: Teen Edition	Abigail Spector
Limelight Performing Arts	Six: Teen Edition	Addison Roundy
Limelight Performing Arts	Six: Teen Edition	Alivia DesMarteau
Limelight Performing Arts	Six: Teen Edition	Olivia Starks
Limelight Performing Arts	Six: Teen Edition	Emma-Louise Coxon
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Ride the Cyclone	Amber Poirier
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Ride the Cyclone	Isabella Penza
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Seussical Jr.	Winnie Harris
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Something Rotten	Brooklyn Martin

ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Play		
5th Wall Playhouse	Wit	Glenn Parker
Almost Famous Theatre Company	The Cottage	Chad Krolczyk
Banzerini House	Our American Tragedy	Bryan Snodgrass
Don Bluth Front Row Theatre	Heaven Can Wait	Danny Rosenbaum
Don Bluth Front Row Theatre	Treasure Island	James Coates
Grand Canyon University's Ethington Theatre	Romeo and Juliet	Anthony Piunno
Order Chaos Theater Company	Kimberly Akimbo	Andrew J. Cupo
Order Chaos Theater Company	Kimberly Akimbo	Isaac Greenland
Southwest Shakespeare Company	1984	Johnny Kalita
Southwest Shakespeare Company	1984	Phillip Beaupre

Musical		
Almost Famous Theatre Company	Come From Away	Miguel Jackson
B3 Theater	The Guy Who Didn't Like Musicals	Brett Schnebelt
B3 Theater	The Guy Who Didn't Like Musicals	Philip Amerine
Fountain Hills Theater	A Christmas Carol	Stefan Mladenov
Fountain Hills Theater	A Christmas Carol	Tommy Graca
Fountain Hills Theater	Evil Dead the Musical	Adam Gobeski
Fountain Hills Theater	Evil Dead the Musical	Benjamin Rogers
Fountain Hills Theater	The Secret Garden	Zeke Collins
Grand Canyon University's Ethington Theatre	Bright Star	Easton Ikenaga
MCC Musical Theatre	Into the Woods	Trenton Halterman

ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Youth Play		
Actors PLAYground	Puffs	Brandon Post
Actors PLAYground	Puffs	Parker Chandler
Actors PLAYground	Puffs	William Polvino
East Valley Children's Theatre	The Secret Medusa	Justin Sanders
East Valley Children's Theatre	The Secret Medusa	Kaeden Zantout
Limelight Performing Arts	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	Patricio Serrano
Limelight Performing Arts	The Love and Hate	Brendan Lucas
Limelight Performing Arts	The Love and Hate	Westley Caryl
Spotlight Youth Theatre	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Kingston Bates
Spotlight Youth Theatre	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Kylan Chait

Youth Musical		
CYT Phoenix	Shrek	Miles Gustafson
Greasepaint Youth Theatre / Scottsdale Community Players	Elf Jr.	Sam Roalofs
Greasepaint Youth Theatre / Scottsdale Community Players	Hadestown: Teen Edition	Oliver Christie
Greasepaint Youth Theatre / Scottsdale Community Players	Mean Girls: High School Edition	Albert Mendoza
Limelight Performing Arts	Bonnie and Clyde	Tyler Bateman
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Matilda Jr.	Dorien Looper
Shine Theatre Company	Disney's Tarzan	Killian Thompson
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Ride the Cyclone	Erick Resendiz
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Ride the Cyclone	Nova Farrell
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Ride the Cyclone	Taylor Nunziato-Cruz

DIRECTOR

Play		
5th Wall Playhouse	Wit	Rob Evans
Almost Famous Theatre Company	The Cottage	Jan Williams, Garth Williams
Banzerini House	Our American Tragedy	Jack Filsinger
Chandler Gilbert Community College	Almost Maine	Randy Duren
Don Bluth Front Row Theatre	Heaven Can Wait	Diedra Celeste Miranda
Order Chaos Theater Company	Jane Anger	Chanel Bragg
Order Chaos Theater Company	Kimberly Akimbo	Mark-Alan C. Clemente
Ronin Theatre Collaborative	Shrines	Van Rockwell
Southwest Shakespeare Company	1984	Maren Maclean
Southwest Shakespeare Company	Elizabeth In Her Own Words	Sabin Epstein

Musical		
Chandler GIlbert Community College	Ride the Cyclone	Justus Popken, Anthony Procopio
Fountain Hills Theater	A Christmas Carol	Peter J. Hill
Fountain Hills Theater	Evil Dead the Musical	Elias Matthews
MCC Musical Theatre	Bright Star	Darl Jones
Mesa Encore Theatre	Pippin	Stephen Cole
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Legally Blonde	Molly Davis Jacobs
Scottsdale Community College Musical Theatre	Cabaret	Mark Stoddard
Velvet Curtain Productions	Ride The Cyclone	Mari Guitierezz, Landon Kalin
Zao Theatre	Daddy Long Legs	David Buehrle
Zao Theatre	Titanic	Michael E. Bryce

DIRECTOR

Youth Play		
Actors PLAYground	Little Women	Rachel Cummings, Amber Ryan
Actors PLAYground	Puffs	Amber Ryan
Actors PLAYground	The Nutcracker	Rachel Cummings
Banzerini House	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	Angela Lavelle
Chandler Youth Theatre	Clue: High School Edition	Keith Burns
East Valley Children's Theatre	The Secret Medusa	Taylor Finnell-Stroupe, Bryanna Patrick Blanco
Limelight Performing Arts	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	Emma England, Christian Graca, Allie Weid
Limelight Performing Arts	The Love and Hate	Christian Graca, Thomas F. Graca
Spotlight Youth Theatre	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Kenny Grossman
Velvet Curtain Productions	The Wolves	Bertha Cortez, Landon Kalin

Youth Musical		
Center Stage Academy	The Swan Princess	Katherine Tait
East Valley Children's Theatre	James and the Giant Peach Jr.	Aaron Blanco
Fuse Performing Arts Center	101 Dalmatians	Calli Overstreet, Grace Davis
Greasepaint Youth Theatre / Scottsdale Community Players	Hadestown: Teen Edition	Bob Sorenson
Greasepaint Youth Theatre / Scottsdale Community Players	Mean Girls: High School Edition	Dale Nakagawa
Limelight Performing Arts	Six: Teen Edition	Emma England, Paige Erdmann, Kaitlyn Woodward
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Matilda Jr.	Molly Jacobs
Shine Theatre Company	The Prince of Egypt	Laura McGinnis
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Ride the Cyclone	Jack Taylor
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Something Rotten	Van Rockwell

MUSIC DIRECTION

Almost Famous Theatre Company	Come From Away	John Luke Osorio
ASU School of Music, Dance and Theatre – Music Theatre and Opera	Flight	Sara Tarana Jobin
ASU School of Music, Dance and Theatre – Music Theatre and Opera	Spring Awakening	Jarrett Moncibaez
Fountain Hills Theater	The Wizard of Oz	Kathleen Berger
Grand Canyon University's Ethington Theatre	Bright Star	Mark Fearey
MCC Musical Theatre	Into the Woods	Thomas Strawser
Mesa Encore Theatre	Pippin	Elise Stoffer
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Legally Blonde	Emily Stanton
Scottsdale Community College Musical Theatre	Cabaret	Dr. Kira Zeeman Rugen
Zao Theatre	Daddy Long Legs	David Thomas

Youth Theatre		
Chandler Youth Theatre	The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical	Maya Hartzell-Robbins
CYT Phoenix	Shrek	Elisabeth Vaughn
East Valley Children's Theatre	James and the Giant Peach Jr.	James Melberg
Greasepaint Youth Theatre / Scottsdale Community Players	Hadestown: Teen Edition	Stefan Mladenov
Limelight Performing Arts	Bonnie and Clyde	Emma England
Limelight Performing Arts	Six: Teen Edition	Emma England, Savannah Springer
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Matilda Jr.	Krista Richards, Rebecca Hale
Shine Theatre Company	Disney’s Tarzan	Kinsey Baumann
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Ride the Cyclone	Elise Kurbat
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Something Rotten	Kendra Goodenberger

CHOREOGRAPHY

Almost Famous Theatre Company	Come From Away	Kayla King
ASU School of Music, Dance and Theatre – Music Theatre and Opera	Curtains	Chelsea Anderson
ASU School of Music, Dance and Theatre – Music Theatre and Opera	Spring Awakening	Joo Jang
Fountain Hills Theater	The Wizard of Oz	Andrew McDuff
Grand Canyon University's Ethington Theatre	Bright Star	Madison Strider, Gabriela Suarez
Mesa Encore Theatre	Pippin	Bruce Goolsby
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Legally Blonde	Molly Davis Jacobs
Ronin Theatre Collaborative	Fat Men in Yoga Pants	Ben Corbett
Scottsdale Community College Musical Theatre	Cabaret	Kathleen Brazie
Velvet Curtain Productions	Ride The Cyclone	Hope Kalin

Youth Theatre		
Center Stage Academy	The Swan Princess	Katherine Tait, Mikella Markovic
Fuse Performing Arts Center	Disney's 101 Dalmatians	Calli Overstreet, Felix Lopez
Fuse Performing Arts Center	Annie, KIDS	Felix Lopez
Fuse Performing Arts Center	Nutcracker: A Christmas Adventure	Calli Overstreet
Greasepaint Youth Theatre / Scottsdale Community Players	Hadestown: Teen Edition	Taylor Penn
Limelight Performing Arts	Six: Teen Edition	Emma England, Paige Erdmann, Kayla King
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Matilda Jr.	Molly Jacobs
Shine Theatre Company	Disney's Tarzan	Kebra Laidlaw, Claudia Cadena
Shine Theatre Company	The Prince of Egypt	Kebra Laidlaw, Isis Benefield
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Something Rotten	Bella Swope

SPECIALIZED CHOREOGRAPHY

5th Wall Playhouse	Hand to God	Nat Coe – Intimacy Choreography
ASU School of Music, Dance and Theatre	Romeo and Juliet	Dart -Fight Choreography, Jeika Gonzalez Pou – Intimacy Choreography
ASU School of Music, Dance and Theatre – Music Theatre and Opera	Spring Awakening	Amie Bjorklund - Intimacy Choreography
Fountain Hills Theater	Evil Dead the Musical	Aaron Blanco - Fight Choreography, Nat Coe -Intimacy Choreography
Ghostlight Theatre	The Shark is Broken	Laura Vines, Justin Harris - Fight Choreography
Grand Canyon University's Ethington Theatre	Bright Star	Monica Sampson- Intimacy Choreography
Grand Canyon University's Ethington Theatre	Romeo and Juliet	Michael Kary- Fight Choreography
Ronin Theatre Collaborative	Shrines	Sidney Kolinsky- Intimacy Choreography
Ronin Theatre Collaborative / All Queer Shakespeare	Six Rounds of Vengeance	Rachelle Dart, Courtney Kenyon, Marshall Vosler- Fight Choreography, Monica Sampson - Intimacy Choreography
Velvet Curtain Productions	We Are The Tigers	Landon Kalin - Fight Choreography

Youth Theatre		
Center Stage Academy	The Swan Princess	Katherine Tait- Physical Comedy
Chandler Youth Theatre	Clue: High School Edition	Keith Burns - Physical Comedy
Fuse Performing Arts Center	Nutcracker: A Christmas Adventure	Calli Overstreet - Physical Comedy
Limelight Performing Arts	Bonnie and Clyde	Cody Dull- Intimacy Choreography
Shine Theatre Company	Disney's Tarzan	Kebra Laidlaw, Zachary Ross- Fight Choreography
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Something Rotten	Van Rockwell- Intimacy Choreography
Spotlight Youth Theatre	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Kenny Grossman- Fight Choreography
Velvet Curtain Productions	Bring It On	Caitlyn Sieffert- Stunt Choreography
Velvet Curtain Productions	Six: Teen Edition	Hope Kalin, Paige Erdmann- Physical Comedy
Velvet Curtain Productions	The Wolves	Landon Kalin – Soccer Choreography

SCENIC DESIGN

ASU School of Music, Dance and Theatre – Music Theatre and Opera	Spring Awakening	Harrison Rosenberg
Chandler Gilbert Community College	Almost Maine	Randy Duren
Chandler Gilbert Community College	The Importance of Being Earnest	Ron Keller
Fountain Hills Theater	Evil Dead the Musical	Jeff Blake
MCC Musical Theatre	Into the Woods	Douglas Clarke
MCC Theatre and Film Arts	Explorer's Club	Zoe G. Barkman
MCC Theatre and Film Arts	Witch	Kara Thomson
Paradise Valley Community College	Between the Lines	Ryan Wentzel
Scottsdale Community College Musical Theatre	Cabaret	Mike Armstrong
Southwest Shakespeare Company	Moby Dick	Tiana Torrilhon

Youth Theatre		
Actors PLAYground	Puffs	Amber Ryan
Banzerini House	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	Angela Lavelle
CYT Phoenix	Shrek	Jami Kratz
Fuse Performing Arts Center	Disney’s Newsies	Sandy Stones, Calli Overstreet
Greasepaint Youth Theatre / Scottsdale Community Players	Hadestown: Teen Edition	Jonathan Rooney
Limelight Performing Arts	Bonnie and Clyde	Emma England, Joe Woodward
Limelight Performing Arts	Six: Teen Edition	Emma England, Michael Rush
Shine Theatre Company	Disney’s Tarzan	Vikke Sherrard
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Ride the Cyclone	Rob Adams
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Seussical Jr.	Brianna Funk, Becky Funk

COSTUME DESIGN

5th Wall Playhouse	Wit	Ansley Garner
Banzerini House	Our American Tragedy	Angela Lavelle, Mary Danner
Chandler Gilbert Community College	The Importance of Being Earnest	Patti Duggar
Fountain Hills Theater	A Christmas Carol	Mickey Courtney
Fountain Hills Theater	The Wizard of Oz	Toya Abrams, Matt Abrams
MCC Musical Theatre	Into the Woods	Maci Hosler
MCC Theatre and Film Arts	Witch	Adriana Diaz
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Legally Blonde	Denise Brinkman
Scottsdale Community College Musical Theatre	Cabaret	Judi Longo
Southwest Shakespeare Company	Elizabeth In Her Own Words	Markas Henry

Youth Theatre		
CYT Phoenix	Shrek	Stephanie Carpenter
East Valley Children's Theatre	Charlotte's Web	Amy Shuttleworth
Fuse Performing Arts Center	Nutcracker: A Christmas Adventure	Calli Overstreet, Stephanie Filbrun
Greasepaint Youth Theatre / Scottsdale Community Players	Hadestown: Teen Edition	Celia Erickson
Limelight Performing Arts	Bonnie and Clyde	Emma England
Limelight Performing Arts	Finding Nemo Jr.	Emma England, Janet England
Limelight Performing Arts	Six: Teen Edition	Emma England, Luann Roundy
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Matilda Jr.	Denise Brinkman
Shine Theatre Company	The Prince of Egypt	Tracy Stoltz, Alexis Stoltz
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Something Rotten	Samantha Utpadel

HAIR AND MAKEUP DESIGN

Actors PLAYground	Little Women	Amber Ryan
Chandler Gilbert Community College	The Importance of Being Earnest	Brittany Woodbury
Don Bluth Front Row Theatre	Crazy For You	Matthew Harris
Fountain Hills Theater	A Christmas Carol	MaryBeth Ingram, Patsy Johnson
Ghostlight Theatre	Rock of Ages	GinaKay Howell
Grand Canyon University's Ethington Theatre	Romeo and Juliet	Gabrielle Martin
MCC Musical Theatre	Into the Woods	Josh Lutton, Melody Stuart
Mesa Encore Theatre	Pippin	Lewis Eckman
Scottsdale Community College Musical Theatre	Cabaret	Scotlyn Mascarelli
Velvet Curtain Productions	Ride The Cyclone	Landon Kalin, Mari Guttierez

Youth Theatre		
Actors PLAYground	Little Women	Amber Ryan
CYT Phoenix	Shrek	Elise Palma
East Valley Children's Theatre	James and the Giant Peach Jr.	Ellie Lagergren
Limelight Performing Arts	Bonnie and Clyde	Emma England, Christian Graca
Limelight Performing Arts	Six: Teen Edition	Emma England, Luann Roundy
Shine Theatre Company	Disney's Tarzan	Tracy Stoltz, Alexis Stoltz, Lily Gary
Shine Theatre Company	The Prince of Egypt	Tracy Stoltz, Alexis Stoltz
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Beetlejuice Jr.	Ian Rey Sausendo
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Something Rotten	Ixy Utpadel
Velvet Curtain Productions	Six: Teen Edition	Landon Kalin, Mari Guttierez

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LIGHTING DESIGN

5th Wall Playhouse	Wit	Autumn Ford
ASU School of Music, Dance and Theatre – Music Theatre and Opera	Curtains	Nate Wheatly
Banzerini House	Our American Tragedy	Chase Boyajian
Chandler Gilbert Community College	Almost Maine	Timothy Pellettieri
MCC Theatre and Film Arts	Picasso at the Lapin Agile	Bradley Taylor
Mesa Encore Theatre	Pippin	Matt Stetler
Order Chaos Theater Company	A Moon for the Misbegotten	Maybe Stewart
Scottsdale Community College Musical Theatre	Cabaret	Indigo Garcia
Southwest Shakespeare Company	Moby Dick	Stacey Walston
Zao Theatre	Daddy Long Legs	Sharyn Sheffer

Youth Theatre		
Actors PLAYground	Puffs	Amber Ryan
Chandler Youth Theatre	Alice By Heart	Maya Hartzell-Robbins
CYT Phoenix	Shrek	Catherine Andrus
Fuse Performing Arts Center	Witches' Tea	Calli Overstreet, DJ Gates
Greasepaint Youth Theatre / Scottsdale Community Players	Elf Jr.	Spencer Shaw
Greasepaint Youth Theatre / Scottsdale Community Players	Hadestown: Teen Edition	Stacey Walston
Limelight Performing Arts	Bonnie and Clyde	Emma England
Limelight Performing Arts	Six: Teen Edition	Emma England, Addison Roundy
Shine Theatre Company	The Prince of Egypt	Logan Farrington
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Something Rotten	Sarah Ray

SOUND DESIGN

5th Wall Playhouse	Wit	Glenn Parker, Rob Evans
Banzerini House	Our American Tragedy	Isaac Rodriguez, Nick Roy
Chandler Gilbert Community College	Almost Maine	Evan Randell
Fountain Hills Theater	A Christmas Carol	Elias Matthews
MCC Musical Theatre	Into the Woods	Adrian Goldenthal
Order Chaos Theater Company	Kimberly Akimbo	J.P. Clemente
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Legally Blonde	Santiago Arias
Scottsdale Community College Musical Theatre	Cabaret	J Terry
Southwest Shakespeare Company	Moby Dick	Jacob Nichols
Stage Left Productions	The Miss Firecracker Contest	Glenn Parker

Youth Theatre		
Center Stage Academy	The Swan Princess	Katherine Tait, Amber Casselman
CYT Phoenix	Shrek	Shawn Breeden
Greasepaint Youth Theatre / Scottsdale Community Players	Elf Jr.	Josh Rife
Greasepaint Youth Theatre / Scottsdale Community Players	Hadestown: Teen Edition	Pete Bish
Limelight Performing Arts	Six: Teen Edition	Emma England, Paige Erdmann
Shine Theatre Company	Disney's Tarzan	Brendan Lawrence
Shine Theatre Company	The Prince of Egypt	Kinsey Baumann
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Ride the Cyclone	Jack Taylor
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Something Rotten	Sarah Ray
Spotlight Youth Theatre	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Kenny Grossman, Jack Taylor

PROPERTY DESIGN

Actors PLAYground	Little Women	Shannon Biancamano, Yesmeen Duncan, Jami Kratz, Paris Rayne, Amber Ryan
Banzerini House	Our American Tragedy	Angela Lavelle
Fountain Hills Theater	A Christmas Carol	Alisa Feugate, Bob Feugate
Fountain Hills Theater	Evil Dead the Musical	Allison Hacker
MCC Musical Theatre	Into the Woods	Amber Campbell
MCC Theatre and Film Arts	Witch	Dolores Mendoza
Mesa Encore Theatre	Pippin	Cheryl Briley, Randi Jill Condit
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Legally Blonde	Autumn Eggers
Ronin Theatre Collaborative	Shrines	Meghan Van Dobben
Scottsdale Community College Musical Theatre	Cabaret	Kristen Meiners

Youth Theatre		
Actors PLAYground	Little Women	Alisha Simeroth, Shannon Biancamano, Jami Kratz, Amber Ryan
Chandler Youth Theatre	Clue: High School Edition	Jolie Dobyns
CYT Phoenix	Shrek	Lyndsey Huff
Fuse Performing Arts Center	Disney's Newsies	Scott Lee, Aileen Speakman
Greasepaint Youth Theatre / Scottsdale Community Players	Hadestown: Teen Edition	Breagh Watson
Limelight Performing Arts	Bonnie and Clyde	Emma England, Angela Gloyd
Limelight Performing Arts	Finding Nemo Jr.	Emma England
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Matilda Jr.	Autumn Eggers
Shine Theatre Company	Disney's Tarzan	Alexis Stoltz
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Something Rotten	Kelly Swope

ARTISTIC SPECIALIZATION

ASU School of Music, Dance and Theatre	Peter and the Starcatcher	Atticua Adair – Percussion
Don Bluth Front Row Theatre	Treasure Island	Brett Etzel-Skeleton Design
Grand Canyon University's Ethington Theatre	Little Shop of Horrors	Klay Wandelear, Lydia Schroeder, Shai Ball – Puppet Design
Limelight Performing Arts	Sweeney Todd	Joe Woodward - Barber Chair Mechanism
MCC Theatre and Film Arts	Explorer's Club	Amber Campbell -Growing Plant Design
MCC Theatre and Film Arts	Julius Caesar	Brian Wayne - Guitar mill work, 3D printing, and painting
Ronin Theatre Collaborative / All Queer Shakespeare	Six Rounds of Vengeance	Connie Galeener, Ric Alpers-Puppet Design
Ronin Theatre Collaborative / All Queer Shakespeare	Six Rounds of Vengeance	Marshall Vosler-Mask Design
Space 55	The Broken Age	Brian Maticic, Kim Porter, Megan Holcomb - Wasp Invasion (Paintings, Walls, Projections, Puppetry)
Velvet Curtain Productions	Ride The Cyclone	Landon Kalin- Rat Design

Youth Theatre		
Chandler Youth Theatre	Frozen	Maya Hartzell-Robbins - Olaf Puppet Design
CYT Phoenix	Shrek	Kevin Huff, Elizabeth Cook - Dragon Puppet-
CYT Phoenix	Shrek	Fireflies - Elizabeth Cook
East Valley Children's Theatre	The Secret Medusa	Brenda Cranson-Puppet Design
Limelight Performing Arts	Finding Nemo Jr.	Emma England, Janet England – Puppet Design
Shine Theatre Company	Disney’s Tarzan	Leighanne Harris, Kebra Laidlaw, Claudia Cadena, Ropes, Aerial/Silks
Shine Theatre Company	The Prince of Egypt	Vikke Sherrard – Horse Puppets
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Beetlejuice Jr.	Brianna Funk, Becky Funk-Sandworm Puppet
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Ride the Cyclone	Rob Adams, Brooke Adams-Curtains
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Ride the Cyclone	Samantha Utpadel-Karnak Mask

ORIGINAL WRITING

Original Script		
Desert Foothills Theater	Stung	Andrea Markowitz
Fountain Hills Theater	Shrew	Peter J. Hill
New Carpa Theater Company	Post 41	James Garcia
Ronin Theatre Collaborative	Fat Men in Yoga Pants	Ben Corbett
Ronin Theatre Collaborative	Shrines	Ashley Rose Wellman
Ronin Theatre Collaborative	Glen Oaks	John Perovich
Space 55	Peppermint Beehive	Ashley Naftule
Space 55	Occupational Hazards	Rob Evans
Sun City Grand Drama and Comedy Club	A Greater Loesser Moment	Conceived by Robert O. Davis - Written by Matt Newhard
Valley Players	Grieving Girls and their Totally Magic Sourdough Spell	Allyson Harding

ORIGINAL SCORE

Original Score		
B3 Theater	Much Ado About Nothing	Eduardo Bahena
Fountain Hills Theater	Private Lives the Musical	Peter J. Hill, Jay Melberg
Ghostlight Theatre	Defying Gravity	Tiffany Martinez
Grand Canyon University's Ethington Theatre	Romeo and Juliet	Scott Lawrence
Ronin Theatre Collaborative / All Queer Shakespeare	Six Rounds of Vengeance	Randall Downs

MEDIA DESIGN

Chandler Gilbert Community College	Ride the Cyclone	Anthony Procopio, Joey Boudreaux, Mekhi Williams, Spencer Shaw
Fountain Hills Theater	The Secret Garden	Peter J. Hill, Elias Matthews
Fountain Hills Theater	The Wizard of Oz	Elias Matthews
Grand Canyon University's Ethington Theatre	Bright Star	Eugene Pak
Paradise Valley Community College	Between the Lines	Ryan Wentzel, Gabrielle Lawrie
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Legally Blonde	Joel Johnson
Ronin Theatre Collaborative / All Queer Shakespeare	Six Rounds of Vengeance	Maybe Stewart
Scottsdale Community College Musical Theatre	Cabaret	Paula Kimbrell
Southwest Shakespeare Company	1984	Jacob Nichols
Zao Theatre	Titanic	Michael E. Bryce

Youth Theatre		
-Actor's Youth Theatre	Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat	Tasha Fink
Center Stage Academy	The Swan Princess	Katherine Tait
Chandler Youth Theatre	Frozen	Maya Hartzell-Robbins
Fountain Hills Youth Theater	Alice In Wonderland	Tiana Torrilhon-Wood
Fuse Performing Arts Center	Annie, KIDS	Michael Overstreet, Calli Overstreet
Fuse Performing Arts Center	Disney’s Newsies	Michael Overstreet
Limelight Performing Arts	Bonnie and Clyde	Emma England
Limelight Performing Arts	Six: Teen Edition	Emma England, Paige Erdmann
Shine Theatre Company	Disney’s Tarzan	James Abbitt
Spotlight Youth Theatre	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Jack Taylor

RISING STAR

Actor's Youth Theatre	Les Misérables High School Edition	Leon Ewing
Actor's Youth Theatre	Les Misérables High School Edition	Miles VanSlyke
CYT Phoenix	Shrek	Mamie Garcia
Fuse Performing Arts Center	Disney’s 101 Dalmatians	Estelle Jarman
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Disney’s Alice in Wonderland Jr.	Blayke Decker
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Matilda Jr.	Brooklyn Richards
Queen Creek Performing Arts Center	Matilda Jr.	Krew Brewer
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Seussical Jr.	Blair Yaron
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Seussical Jr.	Emery Mueller
Spotlight Youth Theatre	Something Rotten	Harper Thompson

GUEST ACTOR

Desert Foothills Theater	Annie	Penny Currier
Don Bluth Front Row Theatre	Crazy For You	Jaden Sparkman
Don Bluth Front Row Theatre	It's a Wonderful Life	Faisal Baluchi
Don Bluth Front Row Theatre	Treasure Island	Christopher Devous
Fountain Hills Theater	The Wizard of Oz	Matthew Schmidt
Limelight Performing Arts	Sweeney Todd	Zach Desmangles
Mesa Encore Theatre	Pippin	Eleanor Hover Rios
Velvet Curtain Productions	We Are The Tigers	Campbell Carr
Velvet Curtain Productions	We Are The Tigers	Hope Kalin
Velvet Curtain Productions	We Are The Tigers	Sadie Miller

Youth Theatre		
Actors PLAYground	Little Women	Rachel Cummings
Actors PLAYground	Puffs	Kaycee Aldaz
Shine Theatre Company	Disney's Tarzan	Caleb Shreckengost
Shine Theatre Company	Disney's Tarzan	Kimberly Anderson
Shine Theatre Company	Disney's Tarzan	Noah Weaver
Shine Theatre Company	Disney's Tarzan	Simon Gary
Shine Theatre Company	The Prince of Egypt	Brandon Dahl
Shine Theatre Company	The Prince of Egypt	Eli Schreckengost
Shine Theatre Company	The Prince of Egypt	Isis Bennefield
Spotlight Youth Theatre	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Zachary Snyders