

## **2023-2024 WODL AWARD WINNERS**

### **Best Juvenile**

Rendall Lackenbauer - Young Man - *Last Romance* - Theatre Tillsonburg

**Julia Trelford - Belle - *Beauty and the Beast* - Kincardine Theatre Guild**

Jameson May - Lefou - *Beauty and the Beast* - Kincardine Theatre Guild

Katie Johnson - Chip - - *Beauty and the Beast* - Kincardine Theatre Guild

### **Best Newcomer**

Mandy Davidson - Janine - *Halfway There* - Theatre Sarnia

Stephanie MacDonald - Madame - *Cinderella* - Theatre Woodstock

**Becky Tanton - Charlotte - *Cinderella* - Theatre Woodstock**

James Black - Will Shakespeare - *Something Rotten!* - Owen Sound Little Theatre

### **Best Cameo**

**Terina Wnuk - Babette - *Beauty and the Beast* - Kincardine Theatre Guild**

Alexandra Porter - Diane Roeder - *Radium Girls* - Elora Community Theatre

Linda Schinkel - Mildred - *Cemetery Club* - Theatre Kent

Dan Herrick - Robin - *Something Rotten!* - Owen Sound Little Theatre

### **Best Visually Coordinated Costumes**

Deanna Clatworthy - *CLUE the Musical* - Ayr Community Theatre

**Catherine Tilley - *Something Rotten!* - Owen Sound Little Theatre**

Debra Chandler - *Dracula* - London Community Players / Odesa Company

Barbara Pollard - *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* - Theatre Burlington

### **Best Sound Design**

Holly Calnan - *Dracula* - London Community Players / Odesa Company

**Mandy Carson - *The Mousetrap* - Cambridge Community Players**

Tiffany Clark - *Radium Girls* - Elora Community Theatre

Matt Martin - *Something Rotten!* - Owen Sound Little Theatre

### **Best Set Design**

Chris Smalley - *Dracula* - London Community Players / Odesa Company

**Ruth Innes - *Last Resort* - Thistle Theatre**

Michelle Spanik - *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* - Theatre Burlington

Corina Dunn - *The Mousetrap* - Cambridge Community Players

### **Outstanding Lighting Design**

**Rob Coles - *Dracula* - London Community Players / Odesa Company**

Tricia Ward - *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* - Theatre Burlington

Catherine Johnston - *Radium Girls* - Elora Community Theatre

David Beisel - *Something Rotten!* - Owen Sound Little Theatre

### **Best Production of a Canadian Play**

*Opening Night* - St. Marys Community Players

*The Last Resort* - Theatre Thistle

***Halfway There* - Theatre Sarnia**

*Bear Bare Bones* - Guelph Little Theatre

### **Outstanding Performance in a Lead Role (x2)**

Kimberly Jonasson - M'Lynn - *Steel Magnolias* - Binbrook Little Theatre

Laura Williams - Van Helsing - *Dracula* - London Community Players / Odesa Company

Pete Matthews - Ralph - *Last Romance* - Theatre Tillsonburg

### **Rob Grundy - Solomon - *Little Heaven* - Penny & Pound Theatre Productions**

Mark Ellis - George - *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* - Theatre Burlington

### **Kelly Kimpton - Martha - *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* - Theatre Burlington**

Rachel Estok - *Grace Fryer* - Radium Girls - Elora Community Theatre

Jamie Smith - Nick Bottom - *Something Rotten!* - Owen Sound Little Theatre

### **Outstanding Performance in a Supporting Role (x2)**

Jessica O'Connor - Cillia Fraser - *Opening Night* - St. Marys Community Players

William Flood - Renfield - *Dracula* - London Community Players / Odesa Company

### **Chloe Weir - Julia / Jessica - *The Last Resort* - Theatre Thistle**

### **Holly Wenning - Rita - *Halfway There* - Theatre Sarnia**

Kassidy Davies - Marie - *Cinderella* - Theatre Woodstock

Micha Beech - Christopher Wren - *The Mousetrap* - Cambridge Community Players

Lacey Mooney - Nancy Nostradamus - *Something Rotten!* - Owen Sound Little Theatre

Becky Robinson - Bea Bottom - *Something Rotten!* - Owen Sound Little Theatre

### **Outstanding Direction**

Costin Manu - *Opening Night* - St. Marys Community Players

### **Jan Walker - *Halfway There* - Theatre Sarnia**

Deb Dagenais - *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* - Theatre Burlington

Kathleen Cassidy - *Something Rotten!* - Owen Sound Little Theatre

### **Outstanding Ensemble Production**

Cast of *Steel Magnolias* - Binbrook Little Theatre

Cast of *CLUE the Musical* - Ayr Community Theatre

**Cast of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* - Theatre Burlington**

Cast of *Halfway There* - Theatre Sarnia

### **Best Visual Production**

***Dracula* - London Community Players / Odesa Company**

*The Mousetrap* - Cambridge Community Players

*The Last Resort* - Theatre Thistle

*Radium Girls* - Elora Community Theatre

### **Outstanding Production**

*Opening Night* - St. Marys Community Players

***Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* - Theatre Burlington**

*Halfway There* - Theatre Sarnia

*Something Rotten!* - Owen Sound Little Theatre

### **Travelling Adjudicator's Award**

#### **Clarity & Consistency of an accent/dialect**

**"Louisiana" - Entire cast of *Steel Magnolias* - Binbrook Little Theatre**

"Various" accents - Stephanie Kraus (Miss Scarlet) Kieron Higgs (Mr Green) and Ashley Grimshaw (Mrs White) - *CLUE the Musical* - Ayr Community Theatre

"New York" - Erin Blackmore - Mrs Macneil - *Radium Girls* - Elora Community Theatre

"French" Fabio Saposnik- Mr. Paravicini - *The Mousetrap* - Cambridge Community Players

### **Outstanding Direction by First Time Director**

Kayla Rulys - *Steel Magnolias* - Binbrook Little Theatre

Chris Smalley & Scott Smalley - *Dracula* - London Community Players / Odesa Company

**Deb Dagenais - *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* - Theatre Burlington**

Emil Wijnker - *Cinderella* - Theatre Woodstock

### **Outstanding Musical Direction**

Shannon Wijnker - *Cinderella* - Theatre Woodstock

Joy King - *Beauty and the Beast* - Kincardine Theatre Guild

**Alexander W. Halma-Reed - *Little Heaven* - Penny & Pound Theatre Productions**

Gord McConachie-Anderson - *Something Rotten!* - Owen Sound Little Theatre

### **Outstanding Choreography**

Nora Wardell - *Radium Girls* - Elora Community Theatre

**Paula Mercer - *Something Rotten!* - Owen Sound Little Theatre**

### **Creative Production Design in a Limited Stage Space**

**Steve Sherry, Carol Devlin and John Bigelow - *CLUE the Musical* - Ayr Community Theatre**

Don Wells - *Opening Night* - St. Marys Community Players

Tamar Malic-Burnett & Keith Burnett - *The Cemetery Club* - Theatre Kent

Paul Nicolson - *Something Rotten!* - Owen Sound Little Theatre

### **Award of Merit Behind the Scenes**

Amanda Jenkins - FOH display (depicting the reverse of set-stage) - *Halfway There* - Theatre Sarnia

Mark Collis & John Spanik - building a "Prop umbrella-rifle" for *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* - Theatre Burlington

**Kristin Klein for the design of transformation dresses, and Jocelyne Klein for building the Fairy Godmother transformation dress - *Cinderella* - Theatre Woodstock**

Tatiana Cooper - Design & application of glowing make-up and facial lesions - *Radium Girls* - Elora Community Theatre

### **Memorable Moment in a show:**

"Lenny's Exit with a cooler" in *Bear Bare Bones* - Guelph Little Theatre - for his bravery (Myles Austin)

The first appearance of the Thralls and Giant Human-sized Bat - *Dracula* - London Community Players / Odesa Company

The magical appearance of Cinderella's Carriage pulled by a team of dance horses - - *Cinderella* - Theatre Woodstock

**The surprise reveal of tap-shoes and the tap routine by Will Shakespeare (James Black) & Nick Bottom (Jamie Smith) - *Something Rotten!* - Owen Sound Little Theatre**

### **Show Must Go On Award**

Crew & community of St Marys when sound system failure happened 10 minutes before the adjudication performance of *Opening Night* - St. Marys Community Players. While the cast improvised alternate sound methods during act 1, the crew and community rallied to have it up and working by intermission.