



# MTA ROCKS

## MTA Membership Meeting 2023

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## Business Meeting

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To...**

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**Tupelo  
Community  
Theatre**

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**MTA Board of Directors**

**MTA EDI Committee**

**MTA Dreamteam**

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**Sydney Tapley**

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**Adjudicators**

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**Stephen Cunetto  
Award**

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**Stephen Cunetto Award**

**Deborah Hardy**

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**Playwriting Competition  
Awards**

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**Adult Playwriting Committee**

**Eli Schleicher**

**John Haman**

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**Submit for 2023 Festival!**

**Open Call Scripts begin April 1 - October 1**

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## Playwriting Competition Results

**1. Flyover by Thomas Easterling**

**2. Caldwell by Joedda Gore and  
Robin Beasley**

**3. Bum Rush by Phillip Milner**

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## Adult Individual Events

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# **MTA ROCKS**

## **Acting Category**

- 1. Sarah Grammar (Biloxi High School)**
- 2. Emily Miller and Erick Weeks (Pearl Community Theatre)**
- 3. Angela Boatner and Jessie Palmer (Neshoba Central High School)**

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## **Musical Performance Category**

- 1. Jeremy Cooper (Pearl Community Theatre)**
- 2. Emily Miller (Pearl Community Theatre)**
- 3. Angela Boatner (Neshoba Central High School)**

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**AACT Presentation**

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**Secondary**

**Awards**

**Ceremony**

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## **Thank you Dream Team!**

**Harley Armstrong**

**Aysha Celestin**

**Esther Cloyd**

**Tabitha Hewitt-Rafferty**

**Kayla Jacobs**

**Olivia Kidd**

**Reese Overstreet**

**Alyssa Sheppard**

**Riley Tuccio**

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# **MTA ROCKS**

## **Special Recognition**

# **Reese Overstreet**

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**Outstanding  
Contribution to Theatre  
Melanie Harris**

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**Outstanding  
Contribution to Theatre  
Sarah Bartos**

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**MTA Scholarship Finalist  
and Winners**

**1st Runner Up - Stella Allen**

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**MTA Scholarship Winner**

**Ashleigh Duncan**

**Makyla Fleming**

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**Playwriting Competition  
Awards**

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**Youth Playwriting Committee**

**Jesse Wade**

**Kathryn Lewis**

**John Haman**

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## Playwriting Competition Results

- 1. View from Inside the China Cabinet by Elliott Nix**
- 2. Selfish Creatures by Emma Stapp**
- 3. Something Domestic by Jordan Brown**

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**Theatre for  
Youth Awards**

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**Special Awards**

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# **MTA ROCKS**

**Spirit of Theatre for  
Youth Award**

**Clinton High School  
Folk Tails**

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# **MTA ROCKS**

**Technical Achievement  
for Growing Above and  
Beyond**

**Oak Grove High School  
Jack and the Beanstalk**

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# **MTA ROCKS**

**Outstanding Live  
Musical Accompaniment**

**Ocean Springs High School  
The Snow Queen**

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**Achievement in Performance**

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# **MTA ROCKS**

## **Achievement in Performance**

**Matthew Gazzo - Ocean Springs High School**  
**Arabella Brown - Ocean Springs High School**  
**Dustin Roberts - Pearl Junior High School**  
**Jahari Haley - Pearl Junior High School**  
**Austin Smith - Oak Grove High School**  
**Briseida Salas-Tena - Oak Grove High School**  
**Jake Antinnes - Oak Grove High School**

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## **Achievement in Performance**

**Emmaleigh Gary - Biloxi High School**

**Thy Nguyen - Biloxi High School**

**Que Hall - Gulfport High School**

**Dizz Labit - Gulfport High School**

**Sachi Carroll - Northwest Rankin High School**

**Lowe Tran - Northwest Rankin High School**

**Onyx Sandle - Clinton High School**

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**Achievement in Performance**

**Gabriella Lopez - St. Martin High School**

**Emma White - St. Martin High School**

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## **Outstanding Performers**

**Aliya Douglas - St. Martin High School**

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## Outstanding Performer

**Steffan Ardis - Oak Grove High School**

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**Production Runner-Up**

**Ocean Springs High School  
Snow Queen**

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**Best Production**

**St. Martin High School**

**The Struggles**

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## Youth Individual Events Awards

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# MTA ROCKS

## Acting 9/10

- 1. Clay Nelson - Northwest Rankin High School**
- 2. Hayden Rogers - Clinton High School**
- 3. Matthew Cronin - Northwest Rankin High School**

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## Acting 11/12

- 1. Aiden Flowers - Brandon High School**
- 2. Kalen Wallace - Northwest Rankin High School**
- 3. Makyla Fleming - Northwest Rankin High School**

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## Acting Duet

- 1. Morris/Jones - Tupelo High School**
- 2. (Tie) Williams/Oliver - Ocean Springs High School and Simpson - Tupelo High School**
- 3. Nelson/Moody - Northwest Rankin High School**

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## Acting Group

- 1. Fleming/DeVaul/Walker - Northwest Rankin High School**
- 2. Shoja/Smith/Thomas - Oak Grove High School**
- 3. Banks/Cronin/Davidson/Evans/Heard/Mask/McAuley/Morris/Stephenson, Stewart - Northwest Rankin High School**

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## Musical 9/10

- 1. Henley Nance - Jackson Academy**
- 2. Emily Waterloo - Jackson Prep**
- 3. Talia Harsa - Ocean Springs High School**

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# MTA ROCKS

## Musical 11/12

- 1. Samuel Somervell - Ocean Springs High School**
- 2. Patrick Robbins - Brandon High School**
- 3. Makyla Fleming - Northwest Rankin High School**

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## Musical Duet

- 1. Robbins/Smith - Brandon High School**
- 2. Steichen/Merrit - Biloxi High School**
- 3. Ardis/Carey - Oak Grove High School**

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## Musical Group

- 1. Buster / Haug / Hymel / Padula / Provins / Lott-Knipe / Oliver / Romano / Williams / Williamson - Ocean Springs High School**
- 2. Szewczyk / Cliburn / Thompson - Hernando High School**
- 3. Allen / Dean / Berry / Hearn / Earl - Jackson Academy**

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## Original Scene

- 1. “Sea Shanties and Sea-nanigans” by Evie O’Gwynn Carruth/McDonald/Moody/Sebren/Southam**
- 2. “Care Bears and Karma” by Dorothy Carter Carter/Willis/**
- 3. “Nothing but the Blood” by Mason Lee Lee/Graham**

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## **ODEO EXCELLENCE**

**Caleb Haber**  
**Caroline Johnston**  
**Logan Shipman**  
**Sidda Stephenson**  
**Madison DeVaul**  
**Maddy Badeaux**  
**Abel Teel**

**Saadiya Love**  
**Devan Lott-Knipe**  
**Kailyn Gavin**  
**Jacey Robinson**  
**Brailee Eubanks**  
**Kinsey Nicholson**

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## **ODEO OUTSTANDING**

**Kennedy Carruth**  
**Evie O'Gwynn**

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## Costume

- 1. Chloe McHann - Clinton High School**
- 2. Emma Goodlett - Northwest Rankin High School**
- 3. Kinsey Nicholson - Northwest Rankin High School**

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## Makeup Design

- 1. Amber McKaig - St. Martin High School**
- 2. Trish Hammond - Ocean Springs High School**
- 3. Gracie Hudson - Ocean Springs High School**

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## Publicity

- 1. Riley Mickelson - St. Martin High School**
- 2. Madison DeVaul - Northwest Rankin High School**
- 3. (Tie) Matelyn Hill - Northwest Rankin High School**  
**Eli Martin - Oak Grove High School**  
**Sidda Stephenson - Northwest Rankin High School**

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## Scenic Design

- 1. Grace Finlay - Ocean Springs High School**
- 2. Caleb Haber - Long Beach High School**
- 3. Brian Wright - Biloxi High School**

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**Secondary  
Awards**

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**Special Awards**

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# **MTA ROCKS**

## **Achievement in Make-up Design**

**Oak Grove High School**

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## **Achievement in Puppetry**

**Clinton High School**

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## All Star Cast

**Tierney Cronin - Clinton High School**

**Micah Shepherd - Clinton High School**

**Makyla Fleming - Northwest Rankin High School**

**Kaylen Wallace - Northwest Rankin High School**

**Jacob Williams - Ocean Springs High School**

**Klarissa Comes Flying - Ocean Springs High School**

**Farrah Wild - Oak Grove High School**

**Corey Trotter - Oak Grove High School**

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## All Star Cast

**Matthew Vanderwall - Lafayette High School**

**Abigail Lamphear - Lafayette High School**

**Angelique Herrin - Saint Martin High School**

**Jonathan Steele - Saint Martin High School**

**Eva Pickering - Stone High School**

**Morgan Bradford - Stone High School**

**Henley Nance - Jackson Academy**

**Danielle Wallace - Jackson Academy**

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## Best Supporting Actor

**Kaden Heusser - Oak Grove High School**

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## **Best Supporting Actress**

**Lyndzie Padula - Ocean Springs High School**

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## Best Actor

**Xavier Rechibaum - Ocean Springs High School**

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**Best Actress**

**Carlee Lemasters - Stone High School**

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**Best Costume  
Design**

**Jackson Academy**

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**Best Scenic**

**Design**

**Northwest Rankin High School**

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## **Ensemble Acting**

**Northwest Rankin High School**

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**Peer Choice Award**

**Oak Grove High School**

**A Breach in the Darkness**

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**Outstanding Technical  
Achievement**

**Stone High School**

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**Outstanding  
Direction**

**Sarah Bartos**

**St. Martin High School**

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**The Dominic  
Cunetto Award for  
Best Production**

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**2nd Runner Up**

**Northwest Rankin**

**High School**

**Babette's Feast**

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**MTA ROCKS**

**1st Runner Up**

**Oak Grove High School**

**A Breach in the**

**Darkness**

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**The Dominic Cunetto Award for  
Best Production**

**Ocean Springs High  
School**

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