

# NORTH ESSEX THEATRE GUILD

## SHOWCASE FESTIVAL NOMINATIONS 2021-22

(18 Productions adjudicated)

### **THE KING COSTUME AWARD (can include hair, make-up etc):**

Clacton Musical Theatre Society (C.M.T.S):	Beauty and the Beast
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Jack 'n' the Beanstalk
Kelvedon Players:	The Wizard of Oz
Orpen Players:	Cinderella
Pantaloons:	Alice in Wonderland
West Cliff Youth Theatre:	Kipps
Witham Amateur Operatic Society (W.A.O.S):	Made in Dagenham
W.A.O.S:	Betty Blue Eyes

### **THE JEAN JONES TROPHY for SET DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION:**

Brantham Amateur Theatrical Society (B.A.T.S):	Alice in Wonderland
Kelvedon Players:	The Wizard of Oz
Orpen Players:	Cinderella
West Cliff Youth Theatre:	Kipps
Witham Operatic Workshop (W.O.W):	Guys and Dolls
Wivenhoe Pantomime Group:	Rapunzel
Writtle Cards:	Mother Goose

### **TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT (can include lighting, sound, projections, video, special effects etc):**

C.M.T.S:	Beauty and the Beast
Colchester Operatic Society:	The Hunchback of Notre Dame
Colchester Operatic Society:	From Page to Stage
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Jack 'n' the Beanstalk
Headgate Theatre Productions:	I Love You Because
Kelvedon Players:	The Wizard of Oz
Platform Musicals:	The Sound of Rodgers and Hammerstein
W.A.O.S:	Betty Blue Eyes
W.O.W:	Guys and Dolls
Wivenhoe Pantomime Group:	Rapunzel

### **THE DAVE ROSS ADJUDICATORS' AWARD:**

B.A.T.S:	the "If I did not work for the Queen", the Mad Hatter's tea party and the Chess Game sequences in Alice in Wonderland
Colchester Operatic Society:	the pair playing of Sean Hynes (vocals) & Jestin Bartlett (signing) as Quasimodo in The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Kelvedon Players:	Rosemary Townsend, Glynis Yates & Dave Clay for their ensemble playing in The Wizard of Oz
KYDS Youth Drama Society (KYDS):	for their ensemble playing in Elf Jnr. the musical & Seussical Jnr.
Pantaloons:	Bethany Retter as Boo & Bee in Alice in Wonderland
Platform Musicals:	for the concept & informal presentation of Stephen Sondheim: There's Always a Woman
W.A.O.S:	Alison Mason for her expressive handling of Betty the Pig in Betty Blue Eyes

### **THE DAVID WENDEN AWARD for BEST YOUNG ACTOR:**

KYDS:	George Govus as Horton the Elephant in Seussical Jnr.
West Cliff Youth Theatre:	Edward Wayland as Arthur Kipps in Kipps
West Cliff Youth Theatre:	Simon Hipkin as Sid, Aaron Elam as Buggins & John Cullen Kennedy as Pierce in Kipps
W.O.W:	Will Hackett as Nicely-Nicely Johnson in Guys and Dolls

### **THE KATS TROPHY for BEST YOUNG ACTRESS:**

B.A.T.S:	Sophie Reid as the White Rabbit in Alice in Wonderland
C.M.T.S:	Ruby Cowley as Fairy Dust in Beauty and the Beast
KYDS:	Grace Bryson as Buddy the Elf in Elf Jnr. the musical & the Cat in Seussical Jnr.
KYDS:	Katie Taylor as Manager/Reporter in Elf Jnr. the musical
W.O.W:	Hannah Ireland as Miss Adelaide in Guys and Dolls
Wivenhoe Pantomime Group:	Maisy Reed as Wobbly Bob in Rapunzel

### **THE BENTLEY GREEN PLAYERS AWARD for BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR:**

C.M.T.S:	Peter Norfolk as Potty Pierre in Beauty and the Beast
Colchester Operatic Society:	Thomas Pleasant as Phoebus in The Hunchback of Notre Dame
Headgate Theatre Productions:	John Roberts as Igor in Jack 'n' the Beanstalk
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Adam Duarte Dias as Jeff in I Love You Because
Kelvedon Players:	John Holmes as the Wizard in The Wizard of Oz

West Cliff Youth Theatre:  
W.A.O.S:

James Hooker as Chitterlow in Kipps  
David Slater as Henry Allardyce in Betty  
Blue Eyes

### **BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS:**

C.M.T.S:

Phoebe & Scarlet Wiggett as Beauregard  
& Marcel in Beauty and the Beast **(joint  
nomination)**

Headgate Theatre Productions:

Helen McCraw as Diana in I Love You  
Because

Orpen Players:

Karen-Jane Linsell as Buttons in  
Cinderella

Orpen Players:

Jenny Deal & Faith Spinlove as Ruff and  
Tuff in Cinderella **(joint nomination)**

Pantaloons:

Susie Fitch-Bartlett as Mad Hatter in  
Alice in Wonderland

Pantaloons:

Clare Ryan as Queen of Hearts in Alice in  
Wonderland

Writtle Cards:

Jan Irving as Gertie in Mother Goose

W.A.O.S:

Justine Ephgrave as Connie in Made in  
Dagenham

W.A.O.S:

Corrina Wilson as Barbara Castle in  
Made in Dagenham

W.A.O.S:

Fiona Bocking as Mother Dear in Betty  
Blue Eyes

### **THE KERRY KING AWARD for BEST DAME:**

C.M.T.S:

Douglas Garner as Madame Marie  
Macaroon in Beauty and the Beast

Kelvedon Players:

Jack Williams as Aunt Em in The Wizard  
of Oz

Orpen Players:

Frank Barker as Magenta & Neil Springall  
as Saffron in Cinderella **(joint  
nomination)**

Pantaloons:

Emma Loring as the Duchess in Alice in  
Wonderland

Wivenhoe Pantomime Group:

Sam Phoenix as Dame Bimini in  
Rapunzel

Writtle Cards:

Daniel Curley as Mother Goose in  
Mother Goose

### **THE JOYCE LUCKING SHIELD for BEST ACTOR:**

Colchester Operatic Society:

Wayne Setford as Frollo in The  
Hunchback of Notre Dame

Headgate Theatre Productions:

Thomas Pleasant as Austin in I Love You  
Because

Pantaloons:

Bernie Smith as Cheshire Cat in Alice in  
Wonderland

W.A.O.S: Kris Tyler as Eddie O'Grady in Made in Dagenham  
W.A.O.S: Matt Bacon as Gilbert Chilvers in Betty Blue Eyes

**THE ANNE SEXTON AWARD for BEST ACTRESS:**

B.A.T.S: Natalie Dwan as Queen of Hearts in Alice in Wonderland  
Colchester Operatic Society: Cally Kline as Esmeralda in The Hunchback of Notre Dame  
Headgate Theatre Productions: Lisa Wakely as Jack in Jack 'n' the Beanstalk  
Headgate Theatre Productions: Holly Bird as Marcy in I Love You Because  
Kelvedon Players: Heidi Hamber as Witch of the West in The Wizard of Oz  
Pantaloons: Tierney Butcher as Alice in Alice in Wonderland  
West Cliff Youth Theatre: Gabrielle Tyler as Helen Walsingham in Kipps  
W.A.O.S: Amy Pryce as Rita O'Grady in Made in Dagenham  
W.A.O.S: Aimee Hart as Joyce Chilvers in Betty Blue Eyes

**THE PETER & JACQUE COLLYER CUP for BEST MUSICAL:**

Colchester Operatic Society: The Hunchback of Notre Dame directed by Adam Woodhouse with Laura Hicks  
Headgate Theatre Productions: I Love You Because directed by Shannon Hannah  
Platform Musicals: The Sound of Rodgers and Hammerstein\* directed by Andrew Hodgson with Caroline Fritz  
West Cliff Youth Theatre: Kipps directed by Chris Bareham  
W.A.O.S: Made in Dagenham directed by Nikki Mundell Poole  
W.A.O.S: Betty Blue Eyes directed by Claire Carr  
W.O.W: Guys and Dolls directed by Nikki Mundell Poole

\* nomination only; not eligible for competition

**THE ERIC DYSTER MEMORIAL CUP for BEST PANTOMIME/CHILDREN'S PLAY**

B.A.T.S: Alice in Wonderland directed by Tom Hitchcock with Mark Hinson  
C.M.T.S: Beauty and the Beast directed by Lucy Weaver with Ray Sharp  
Orpen Players: Cinderella directed by Catherine Streatfield with Maxine Roberts & Debra Hornigold  
Pantaloons: Alice in Wonderland directed by Craig Tyler  
Wivenhoe Pantomime Group: Rapunzel directed by Shane Diggins

**The following categories cover both the SHOWCASE and FULL-LENGTH PLAY FESTIVALS**

**THE MCKAY AWARD for PROPS & SET DRESSING (NEW CATEGORY):**

B.A.T.S:	Alice in Wonderland
C.M.T.S:	Beauty and the Beast
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Two
Headgate Theatre Productions:	The Diary of Anne Frank
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Still Life
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Titus Andronicus
Headgate Young Company:	Blue Stockings
L.A.D.S:	Educating Rita
Maldon Drama Group:	The Ladykillers
Pantaloons:	Alice in Wonderland
Seven Acre Productions:	Blithe Spirit
Village Players (Nayland):	Absurd Person Singular
W.A.O.S:	Betty Blue Eyes
Writtle Cards:	Confusions

**THE TIMMENS AWARD for MUSIC:**

B.A.T.S:	Hannah Wainwright & Guy Eade for musical direction and accompaniment in Alice in Wonderland
Colchester Operatic Society:	Neil Somerville for musical direction, and the singing of the whole company in The Hunchback of Notre Dame
Colchester Operatic Society:	Phil Toms and the band for musical accompaniment, and the ensemble singing of the company, in From Page to Stage
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Franky Garland and the band for their musical accompaniment in Jack 'n' the Beanstalk
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Oliver Wood for musical direction, and the playing of the band, in I Love You Because
Platform Musicals:	The singing of the whole company, and the musical accompaniment of Phil Toms & Sandy Tate, in The Sound of Rodgers and Hammerstein.
Platform Musicals:	Neil Somerville for his musical direction & accompaniment, and the singing of the company, in Stephen Sondheim: There's Always a Woman
W.O.W:	Emma Nash for musical direction, and the playing of the band, in Guys and Dolls
Wivenhoe Open Air Shakespeare:	Tim Glover and the band for their musical accompaniment in The Comedy of Errors
Writtle Cards:	Adam Thomas, Neil Hamblin, & Steven Burdge for original music and songs in Mother Goose

**THE TERRY SADLER MEMORIAL CUP for FRONT OF HOUSE (can include hospitality, displays, programmes etc.):**

C.M.T.S:	Beauty and the Beast
B.A.T.S:	Alice in Wonderland
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Two
Kelvedon Players:	The Wizard of Oz
Manifest Theatre Group:	The Thrill of Love
Orpen Players:	Cinderella
Princes Acting Centre:	D.N.A.
Seven Acre Productions:	Blithe Spirit
Wivenhoe Open Air Shakespeare:	The Comedy of Errors
Writtle Cards:	Confusions

**THE MILLENNIUM WRITER'S AWARD:**

B.A.T.S:	Alice in Wonderland by Tom Hitchcock
Pantaloons:	Alice in Wonderland by Craig Tyler
Wivenhoe Pantomime Group:	Rapunzel-the Pantomime by Hazel Humphreys

**THE DEBBIE MILLAR SCHOOL OF DANCE AWARD for CHOREOGRAPHY:**

C.M.T.S:	Ashleigh Masters for Beauty and the Beast
Colchester Operatic Society:	Amanda Powell & Holly Bird in From Page to Stage
W.O.W:	Nikki Mundell Poole for Guys and Dolls
W.A.O.S:	Claire Carr for Betty Blue Eyes

**THE JIMMY JAMES MEMORIAL AWARD in recognition of outstanding achievement in DIRECTION (to be announced at the Awards evening)**

**FULL- LENGTH PLAY FESTIVAL NOMINATIONS 2021-22**

(26 productions adjudicated)

**THE LEXDEN PARISH PLAYERS SHIELD for BEST COSTUME (can include hair, make-up etc.):**

Headgate Theatre Productions:	Two
Headgate Theatre Productions:	The Diary of Anne Frank
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Still Life
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Titus Andronicus
Headgate Young Company:	Blue Stockings
Latchingdon Arts & Drama Society (L.A.D.S.):	The Game's Afoot
Village Players (Nayland):	Moon Over Buffalo
Wivenhoe Open-Air Shakespeare:	The Comedy of Errors

**THE PETER COX AWARD for SET DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION:**

Bardfield Players:	A Bunch of Amateurs
B.A.T.S:	Caught in the Net

Headgate Theatre Productions:	Still Life
L.A.D.S:	The Game's Afoot
L.A.D.S:	Educating Rita
Maldon Drama Group:	The Ladykillers
Princes Acting Centre:	D.N.A.
Seven Acre Productions:	Blithe Spirit
Village Players (Nayland):	Absurd Person Singular
Village Players (Nayland):	Moon Over Buffalo

**THE LYNDON TROPHY for TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT (can include lighting, sound, projections, video and special effects):**

Bardfield Players:	A Bunch of Amateurs
Headgate Theatre Productions:	The Diary of Anne Frank
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Still Life
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Titus Andronicus
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Mosquitoes
Headgate Young Company:	Blue Stockings
Manifest Theatre Group:	Ladies Down Under
Princes Acting Centre:	D.N.A.
Princes Acting Centre:	Consensual
Seven Acre Productions:	Blithe Spirit

**THE NORMAN HARRIS ADJUDICATORS' TROPHY:**

B.A.T.S:	Mark Hinson & Ben Cook for their comedy pair playing in Caught in the Net
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Will Hooper, Helen McCraw & Nick Edgeworth for A Coward Curtain-Raiser and their supporting characterisations (with Jayne Sheeran) in Still Life
Headgate Theatre Productions:	the acting of the whole cast in Titus Andronicus (with commendation to Maggi Fisher* for her new adaption)
Headgate Young Company:	Dawn King & Richard Bland for the development and creation of H.Y.C. & the ensemble performances of the talented cast in Blue Stockings
Manifest Theatre Group:	the musical choices, soundtrack, in Ladies Down Under
Princes Acting Centre:	for the ensemble acting of the young cast in D.N.A. & Consensual
Stane Street Players:	Christopher Suckling for his comedy playing in Caught in the Net
Wivenhoe Open Air Shakespeare:	for their initiative in staging A Midsummer Night's Dream in Lockdown, and the comic inter-play of the four lovers
Wivenhoe Open Air Shakespeare:	Kevin West & Katie Johnson for their expressive comedy playing in The Comedy of Errors

\* nomination only; not eligible for competition

### **THE BRIAN WHITELAW TROPHY for BEST YOUNG ACTOR:**

Colchester Theatre Group:	Connor Sweetman as Edgar/Linton in Wuthering Heights
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Joseph Russell as Peter Van Daan in The Diary of Anne Frank
Headgate Theatre Productions:	George Deadman as Demetrius & Rowan Donaldson as Chiron in Titus Andronicus ( <b>joint nomination</b> )
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Max Riches as Luke in Mosquitoes
Headgate Young Company:	Alfie de Brito as Will Bennett in Blue Stockings
Headgate Young Company:	Adam Dunston as Dr. Maudsley/Ralph Mayhew in Blue Stockings
Princes Acting Centre:	Joss-Paul Miller as Richard in D.N.A. & Freddie in Consensual
Princes Acting Centre:	Alfie Pullum as Phil in D.N.A.

### **THE DEREK PAYNE AWARD for BEST YOUNG ACTRESS:**

Headgate Theatre Productions:	Eva Balding as Anne Frank in The Diary of Anne Frank
Headgate Young Company:	Charli Piper as Tess Moffat in Blue Stockings
L.A.D.S:	Heather Bainbridge as Madge Geisel in The Game's Afoot
Princes Acting Centre:	Leia Cullen-Kennedy as Bryony in D.N.A.
Princes Acting Centre:	Kathryn Webster as Leah in D.N.A.
Stane Street Players:	Sophie Taylor as Vicki Smith in Caught in the Net

### **BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR:**

Bardfield Players:	Iain Graham as Dennis Dobbins in A Bunch of Amateurs
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Wayne Setford as Mr. Van Daan in The Diary of Anne Frank & Saturninus in Titus Andronicus
Headgate Theatre Productions:	Mark West as Aaron in Titus Andronicus
Maldon Drama Group:	Connor Smith as Harry Robinson in The Ladykillers
Stane Street Players:	Ben Blackborow as Stanley Gardener in Caught in the Net
Village Players (Nayland):	Charlie Erith as Ronald Brewster-Wright in Absurd Person Singular
Wivenhoe Open-Air Shakespeare:	Robin Durance as Egeon in The Comedy of Errors
Writtle Cards:	Daniel Curley as the Waiter in Between Mouthfuls from Confusions

### **THE GIOVANNA AUSTIN AWARD for BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS:**

Bardfield Players:	Marcia Bryan as Mary Plunkett in A Bunch of Amateurs
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Headgate Theatre Productions: Elly Kent as Mrs. Van Daan in The Diary of Anne Frank & Myrtle Bagot in Still Life

Headgate Young Company: Chloe Thomas as Elizabeth Welsh in Blue Stockings

Kelvedon Players: Kelly Brown as Sandy in Moist Haunted

L.A.D.S: Sharyn Hughes as Inspector Goring in The Game's Afoot

Manifest Theatre Group: Charlotte Still as Doris Judd in The Thrill of Love

Manifest Theatre Group: Angie Smith as Linda in Ladies Down Under

Princes Acting Centre: Sienna Clark as Georgia in Consensual

Seven Acre Productions: Jan Seaborne as Madame Arcati in Blithe Spirit

Writtle Cards: Barbara Llewellyn and Liz Curley as Mrs. Pearce in Between Mouthfuls and Gosforth's Fete from Confusions **(joint nomination)**

### **THE DAVID KNIGHT SHIELD for BEST ACTOR:**

Headgate Theatre Productions: Forest Morgan for various roles in Two

Headgate Theatre Productions: Wayne Setford as Alec Harvey in Still Life

Headgate Theatre Productions: Michael Cook as Titus in Titus Andronicus

Kelvedon Players: John Holmes as Humphrey Rowbottom in Moist Haunted

L.A.D.S: Dan Tunbridge as William Gillette in The Game's Afoot

Manifest Theatre Group: Will Parrick as Jack Gale in The Thrill of Love & Marcus in Titus Andronicus for Headgate Theatre Productions

Seven Acre Productions: Tom Hitchcock as Charles Condomine in Blithe Spirit

Village Players (Nayland): John McCarroll as George Hay in Moon Over Buffalo

Wivenhoe Open Air Shakespeare: Des Newell as Bottom in A Midsummer Night's Dream

Writtle Cards: Jerry Thomas as Arthur (A Talk in the Park), Pearce (Between Mouthfuls) & Gosforth in (Gosforth's Fete) from Confusions

### **THE GILL BAXTER MEMORIAL AWARD for BEST ACTRESS:**

Colchester Theatre Group: Esther Patten as Cathy in Wuthering Heights

Headgate Theatre Productions: Suzanne Bailey for various roles in Two

Headgate Theatre Productions: Laura Hill as Laura Jesson in Still Life

Headgate Theatre Productions: Shannon Quinn as Lavinia in Titus Andronicus

Headgate Theatre Productions: Sadie Orlando as Jenny & Elly Kent as Alice in Mosquitoes **(joint nomination)**

L.A.D.S: Moir Gunfield as Martha Gillette in The Game's Afoot

L.A.D.S: Holly Hallam as Rita in Educating Rita

Maldon Drama Group: Carey Brown as Mrs. Wilberforce in The Ladykillers

Manifest Theatre Group: Sarah-Ellen Young as Ruth Ellis in The Thrill of Love  
Seven Acre Productions: Pippa Revell as Elvira in Blithe Spirit  
Village Players (Nayland): Jackie Grant as Eva Jackson in Absurd Person Singular & Tamora in Titus Andronicus for Headgate Theatre Productions  
Wivenhoe Open-Air Shakespeare: Ella Blaxill as Adriana in The Comedy of Errors

**THE CLIFF HUDSON AWARD for COMEDY (PRODUCTION):**

B.A.T.S: Caught in the Net directed by Lauren Carrigan & Sophie Mercer  
Seven Acre Productions: Blithe Spirit directed by Ash Seaborne  
Stane Street Players: Caught in the Net directed by Jackie Parish  
Village Players (Nayland): Absurd Person Singular directed by Emma Wallis  
Wivenhoe Open-Air Shakespeare: The Comedy of Errors directed by Sheila Foster with Mary Williamson & Lesley Duncan  
Writtle Cards: Confusions directed by Michelle Moody, Barbara Llewellyn & Jan Irving

**THE DORIS GRIFFITH CUP for BEST (DRAMATIC) FULL LENGTH PLAY:**

Headgate Theatre Productions: Two directed by Paul T. Davies  
Headgate Theatre Productions: The Diary of Anne Frank directed by Kerry King  
Headgate Theatre Productions: Still Life directed by Andrew Hodgson\*  
Headgate Theatre Productions: Titus Andronicus directed by Andrew Hodgson\*  
Headgate Theatre Productions: Mosquitoes directed by Wendy Smith  
Headgate Young Company: Blue Stockings directed by Richard Bland with Tia Winterbottom  
L.A.D.S: Educating Rita directed by Matthew Bacon  
Princes Acting Centre: D.N.A. directed by Melissa Wenn  
Princes Acting Centre: Consensual directed by Melissa Wenn

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