



## **JUANITA DRAMA Receives National and State Rankings!**

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Washington Thespians, a chapter of the Educational Theatre Association, refused to let Covid stop this year's Regional Competitions. Just like every other year, Washington theatre students were given the opportunity to develop and present TECHNICAL and PERFORMANCE entries for rankings. Each entry was judged remotely, using the National Theatre Scoring Rubrics, by three professionals in the various fields of Theatre Arts. Students received detailed feedback from each judge along with their scores, a valuable part of the EDTA's award's program.

### **★ Juanita had 27 entries: 7 National Qualifiers, and 11 State Rankings!!**

I am proud of the Juanita Drama students for the courage and commitment this year needed. Students who chose to take part in Thespys worked in our various Drama classes and in additional rehearsals and meetings to prepare their technical presentations and performance pieces. This was done via Team's meetings, through chats, emails and Flipgrids. It was an extraordinary and challenging process, quite different from any other year, and yet in some ways more fulfilling given the barriers we had to overcome.

Students submitted recordings of their performances for monologues, solo songs, and duets. Recorded voiced PowerPoints for Technical Designs were accompanied by Digital Binders chock full of renderings, charts, essays, and research. Many students were working in their chosen area for the very first time, including quite a few first year Juanita Drama students.

**Every Juanita Student who submitted entries received at least one top ranking somewhere on the rubric (wow).** Congratulations to everyone who participated in Thespys this year. Here is a list of the Juanita Drama students who successfully submitted, followed by the National and State Award Recipients:

**Thure Bang, Jade Buist, Disha Cattamanchi, Claire Charvet, Aria Eddleman, Audrey Lloyd, Grace Lloyd, Ben Lohr, Betty McQueen, Liam Nyska-**

**Knochen, Elizabeth Shirakian, Thomas Tusty, Kiara Welsh, Trinity White, Caroline Yim**

 **NATIONAL QUALIFIER**

- **Claire Charvet (12) - Lighting Design**, *She Kills Monsters*, by Qui Nguyen
- **Kiara Welsh (12) - Stage Manager**, *She Kills Monsters*, by Qui Nguyen
- **Caroline Yim (9) - Scenic Design**, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Adapted by Seattle Actors R. Hamilton Wright and David Pichette
- **Elizabeth Shirakian (12) - Monologues**, Dolly Levi, *The Matchmaker* by Thornton Wilder; Portia, *The Merchant of Venice*, by William Shakespeare
- **Grace (11) and Audrey (9) Lloyd - Duet**, *What is this Feeling*, Elphaba and Glinda, From *Wicked*, by Stephen Schwartz and Winnie Holzman
- **Grace Lloyd (11) – Solo Song**, *She Used To Be Mine*, From *Waitress*, by Sarah Bareilles

 **STATE RANKING**

**MONOLOGUES**

- **Michah Jaeger (10) - Cornelius**, *The Matchmaker*, by Thornton Wilder, and **Huck**, *Big River*, adapted from the novel *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain, Music and Lyrics by Roger Miller
- **Audrey Lloyd (9) - Katherine**, *The Taming of the Shrew*, by William Shakespeare, and **Claudia**, *Nuts*, by Tom Topor
- **Grace Lloyd (11) - Tillie**, *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds*, by Paul Zindel and **Hattie**, *Laundry and Bourbon*, by James McLure

**DUET**

- **Elizabeth (12) and Esther (9) Shirakian - Adelaide, Sarah**, *Marry The Man Today, Guys and Dolls*, Music and Lyrics by Frank Loesser

**SOLO SONG**

- **Jade Buist (12) - Scar**, *Be Prepared, The Lion King*, by Tim Rice and Elton John

- **Aria Eddleman (9) - Tina**, *Born to Entertain, Ruthless the Musical*, by Marvin Laird, and Joel Paley
- **Micah Jaeger (10) - Jack**, *Giants in the Sky, Into The Woods*, by Stephen Sondheim
- **Audrey Lloyd (9) - Ursula**, *Poor Unfortunate Soul, The Little Mermaid*, by Alan Menkien
- **Elizabeth Shirakian (12) - The Baker's Wife**, *The Baker's Wife's Song*, from *Into The Woods*, by Stephen Sondheim
- **Liam Nyska-Knochen (12) - Javert**, *Stars*, from *Les Misérables*, by Alain Boublil, Claude Michel Schonberg