

The Darrell Ayers Playwriting Award

Michael Kanin Playwriting Awards

This award recognizes the outstanding student-written play or musical for young people (any age, Pre K – 12th Grade).

2024 ***In the Bronx Brown Girls Can See Stars Too***

By Amalia Oliva Rojas
Columbia University

2022 ***The Wife of Fabian Vitalik***
By Kalyssa Montoya and Grace McGreevy,
Adapted from the short story by Mariah
Montoya
University of Idaho

2021 ***Happy Birthday Mars Rover***
By Preston Choi
University of California, San Diego

Second Place: ***The Vivian Play***
By Emily Zhou
University of Maryland, College Park

2020 ***En Las Sombras***
By Jordan Ramirez Puckett
Ohio University

Exotic Deadly or the MSG Play
By Keiko Green
University of California, San Diego

2019 ***Jack and June and the Great Bassoon!***
By Noah Diaz
Yale School of Drama

2018 ***miku and the gods***

By Julia Izumi
Brown University

Webbed Hands
By Cecelia Raker
University of Texas at Austin

2017 ***Lost Girl***
By Kimberly Belflower
University of Texas at Austin

La Llorona
By Cecelia Raker
University of Texas at Austin

2016 ***El Coqui Espectacular and the Bottle of Doom***
By Matthew David Barbot
Columbia University

Second Place: ***Her Own Devices***
By Lindsay Adams
Catholic University of America

2013 ***Annie Jump and the Library of Heaven***
By Reina Hardy
University of Texas at Austin

- 2011** ***The Transition of Doodle Pequeño***
By Gabriel Jason Dean
University of Texas at Austin
- Second Place: Susan and the Scissor Woman***
By Shayanna Jacobs
Arizona State University
- 2010** ***Ash Tree***
By Georgina Hernandez
Escobar University of New Mexico
- 2009** ***Fly/Lyf***
By Anne Negri
Arizona State University
- 2008** ***Winter Fruit***
By Allison Menzimer
University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2007** ***Katrina: the Girl Who Wanted Her Name Back***
By Jason Tremblay
University of Texas at Austin
- Ashes, Ashes***
By Eve Tulbert
University of Texas at Austin
- 2006** ***The Monster Hunters***
By Joshua Mikel
Florida State University
- 2005** ***I Sea***
By Lou Clark
University of New Mexico
- 2003** ***Harry the Magnificent***
By Dusty McGowan
University of New Mexico