

The David Mark Cohen National Playwriting Award

Michael Kanin Playwriting Awards

This award is presented to any playwright (student, faculty, or guest artist) whose play is premiered and produced by a college or university theatre program and entered in KCACTF.

2024 ***The Genius of Being Stupid***

By Keenan Scott II
University of Missouri

2023 ***Eat Your Young***

By JC Pankratz
Boston University

2022 ***the fog comes on little cat feet***

By Amanda Keating
University of Iowa Playwrights Workshop

Emme and the Taking of the Woods

By Jef Petersen
Lewis-Clark State College

2021 ***Love I Awethu Further***

By a.k payne
David Geffen School of Drama at Yale
University

Second Place: Where do Peaches Grow?

By Becca Carter Freeman
Boston University

2020 ***summertime: an interlude***

By Aniello Fontano
University of New Mexico

I'm Lot Lane (a solo effort)

By Keola Simpson and members of
i好 / Peligro!
University of Hawai`i at Manoa

2020 ***How to Clean Your Room (and remember your trauma)***

By J. Chavez
Western Washington University

2019 ***Borrowed Babies***

By Jennifer Blackmer
Ball State University

The Three Keys of Captain Hellfire

By Ariana Burns
University of Idaho

2018 ***All Quiet on the Western Front***

Adapted by Matt Foss from the novel by
Erich Maria Remarque
University of Toledo

2016 ***Br'er Cotton***

By Tarrance A. Chisholm
The Juilliard School

Second Place: One River

By Tom Isbell
University of Minnesota, Duluth

2015 ***Up the Hill***

By Keith Huff
Carthage College

The Boy Inside

By Richard A. Kalinoski
University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh

- 2014 ***Mockingbird***
Adapted by Julie Jensen, from the book by
Kathryn Erskine
Weber State University
- Second Place: Corktown or Through
the Valley of Dry Bones***
By Jeff Augustin
University of California, San Diego
- 2013 ***Kafka in Tel Aviv***
By Peter Sampieri
Salem State University
- Windowmen***
By Steven Barkhimer
Boston University
- 2012 ***And When We Woke There Was Light
and Light***
By Laura Jacqmin
University of Oklahoma
- Second Place: Girl Science***
By Larry Loebell
Arcadia University
- Third Place: A Second Birth***
By Ariel Mitchell
Brigham Young University
- 2011 ***The Adoration of Dora***
By Lauren Simon
University of Idaho
- Second Place: Lindsey's Oyster***
By Tammy Ryan
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- Third Place: The Ballad of Chet (on
the Eve of His Bliss)***
By Charles Erven
Fresno City College
- 2010 ***FALLUJAH***
By Evan Sanderson
Boston University
- Second Place: WHALES***
By Bob Bartlett
Catholic University of America
- 2009 ***The Power Behind the Palette***
By Mark Charney
Clemson University
- 2008 ***Deception Pass: An American Story***
By Kamarie Chapman
University of New Mexico
- 2007 ***Spilling Stuff and Breaking Things***
By Ben Clawson
Montclair State University
- Second Place: In The Sawtooths***
By Dano Madden
Rutgers University
- Third Place: Baggage***
By Walt McGough
University of Virginia
- 2006 ***Canyon Suite***
By Chuck Erven
Fresno City College
- 2005 ***After***
By Ed Stevens
San Diego State University
- Second Place: Cow-Tipping and Other
Signs of Stress***
By Gregory Fletcher
Boston University
- Second Place: Writer's Block***
By Stephen Hancock
University of Memphis
- 2004 ***Archipelago***
By LeeAnn Hill Adams
Brigham Young University
- Second Place: A Plague of Angels***
By St. Germain
University of Evansville
- Second Place: Good Morning Athens!
A Rock Musical***
By Sean Keogh
University of Wyoming

- 2003** ***Training Wisteria***
By Molly Smith Metzler
Boston University
- Second Place: Cry Havoc***
By Tom Coash
- Third Place: Wax Work***
By Sarah Hammond
- 2002** ***In the Garden of Live Flowers***
By Attilio Favorini
University of Pittsburgh
- Second Place: Grasmere***
By Lynne Conner and Attilio Favorini
California State University, Fullerton
- Third Place: Rainy Day People***
By Todd McCullough
University of Wyoming
- 2001** ***China Doll***
By Elizabeth Wong
Catawba College
- 2000** ***Sun Yat Sen in the Mouth of the Dragon***
By Edward Emmanuel
California State University, Fresno