

The National Student Playwriting Award

Michael Kanin Playwriting Awards

This award encourages college students to write for the stage by providing the opportunity for them to collaborate with actors, directors, and others through all stages of production.

2024 ***American Rusalki***
By Christopher Lysik
University of Iowa

Second Place: First Semester: A Musical
By Wyn Thomas
University of Georgia

2023 ***In This Sepulcher, We Are Fed***
By Eli Campbell
University of Iowa

Second Place: Soul Magnet Beneath the Limestone
By Dane Futrell
Arizona State University

2022 ***11:38 from Fond du Lac***
By Kap Taylor
UCLA

Rx Machina
By Caity-Shea Violette
Playwrights' Theatre at Boston University

2021 ***Brown Face***
By Carissa Atallah
University of California, Riverside

Second Place: Edge of Town
By Kyle McCloskey
UCLA

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

2020 ***Dream Hou\$e***
By Eliana Pipes
Boston University

2019 ***Laughs in Spanish***
By Alexis Scheer
Boston University

Second Place: What We Scream Under Water When No One Can Hear Us
By Caitlin Turnage
Texas State University

2018 ***Tomorrow Game***
By Brandy N. Carie
Carnegie Mellon University

Second Place: Growing Up Blue
By Chloe Orlando
DePaul University

2017 ***The Honey Trap***
By Leo McGann
Boston University

Second Place: (I)sland T(rap)
By Austin Dean Ashford
University of Arkansas

- 2016 **No. 6**
By T.J. Young
Texas State University
- 2015 **We Will Not Describe the Situation**
By Eugenie Carabatsos
Carnegie Mellon University
- Alice**
By Ara Vito
Belmont University
- 2014 **Corktown or Through the Valley of Dry Bones**
By Jeff Augustin
University of California, San Diego
- Second Place: Snake Oil**
By Kevin Talley
Texas State University
- 2013 **Decision Height**
By Meredith Dayna Levy
Hollins University
- Second Place: Underworld**
By Karen Wurl
Texas Tech University
- 2012 **A Second Birth**
By Ariel Mitchell
Brigham Young University
- 2011 **The Swing of the Sea**
By Molly Hagan
Ohio University
- Second Place: The Transition of Doodle Pequeño**
By Gabriel Jason Dean
University of Texas at Austin
- 2010 **Fallujah**
By Evan Sanderson
Boston University
- Second Place: Cow Play**
By Matthew George
Yale University
- 2009 **diventare**
By Jenny Rachel Weiner
Boston University
- 2008 **House of Several Stories**
By A. John Boulanger
Texas State University
- Second Place: Dearborn Americana**
By Christian Krauspe
Arizona State University
- 2007 **House Full of Letters**
By Kit Steinkellner
University of California, Los Angeles
- 2006 **In the Sawtooths**
By Dano Madden
Rutgers University
- Second Place: Song of Miriam**
By Gabrielle Orcha
Boston University
- 2005 **Social Darwinism**
By Angela Gant
Texas Tech University
- 2004 **Jasper Lake**
By John Kuntz
Boston University
- 2003 **Good Morning Athens! A Rock Musical**
Music and Lyrics by Sean Keogh
University of Wyoming
- 2002 **Training Wisteria**
By Molly Smith Metzler
Boston University
- 2001 **The Lepers of Baile Baiste**
By Ronan Noone
Boston University
- 2000 **it is no desert**
By Dan Stroeh
Wittenberg University

- 1999 ***Lot's Daughters***
By Rebecca Basham
University of New Orleans
- 1998 ***Onionheads***
By Jesse Miller
California Institute of the Arts
- 1997 ***Carriage***
By Jerome Hairston
James Madison University
- 1996 ***The Last Supper Restoration***
By Dan O'Brien
Middlebury College
- 1994 ***Father's Prize Poland China***
By Shirley Sergent
University of New Orleans
- 1993 ***Prisoner***
By James A. Bell
Brigham Young University
- 1992 ***All That He Was***
By Larry Johnson and Cindy O'Connor
California State University, Fullerton
- 1991 ***A Warring Absence***
By Jody Duncan
California State University, San Bernadino
- 1990 ***The Art of Waiting***
By Rob Shin
Brown University
- 1989 ***The Lower Rooms***
By Eliza Anderson
Brown University
- 1988 ***Blue Collar Blues***
By Denise Kay Dillard
University Of Minnesota, Duluth
- 1986 ***Nijinsky: God's Mad Clown***
By Glenn Blumstein
University of Iowa
- 1985 ***Dancers***
By Michael Grady
University of Arizona
- 1984 ***Excursion Fare***
By Dennis Smith
University of Oregon
- 1983 ***Eleven Zulu***
By Patrick Sean Clark
University of Missouri
- 1982 ***The Bulldog and the Bear***
By Richard Gordon
California State University, Fullerton
- 1981 ***The Cashier***
By Glen Merzer
Indiana University
- 1980 ***Going On!***
By Glenn Treibitz
William Paterson College
- 1979 ***The Diviners***
By James Leonard, Jr.
Hanover College
- 1978 ***The Authentic Life of Billy the Kid***
By Lee Blessing
University of Iowa
- 1977 ***Sideshow***
By Rick Smith
Angelo State University
- 1976 ***Meg***
By Paula Vogel
Cornell University
- 1975 ***Conpersonas***
By Paul Stephen Lim
University of Kansas
- 1974 ***Medea: A Noh Cycle Based on the Greek Myth***
By Carol Sorgenfrei
University of California, Santa Barbara
- 1973 ***The Soft Touch***
By Neil Cuthbert
Douglass College