

Wisconsin Interscholastic Theatre Festival • Nov. 17-19, 2022

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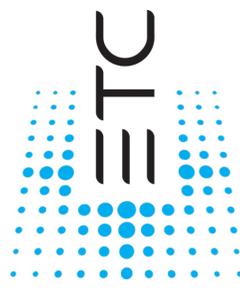
# RESULTS



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School	Play Title	All-State	Critics	Ensemble	Directing	Technical Theatre	Qy. Acting Awards	Acting Awards	Acting Nominations
Appleton North High School	Treasure Island		X	X	X	X	2	<b>Sunny March-Torme as "Jim Hawkins", Tal Roselaar as "Parrot"</b>	Nora Bleimeier as "Squire Trelawney", Caleb Lietzan-Buechel as "Ben Gunn"
Augusta High School	Talent Show Fail	X							
Badger High School	Miss Electricity		X	X	X	X	3	<b>Tommy McEneaney as "Ensemble / Guitar", Billy Dennis as "Freddy", Ava Ocker as "Violet"</b>	Hannah Kazimier as "Athena's Owl", Liv Murray as "Athena", Cole Hess as "Billy"
Bameveld High School	The Women of Troy		X	X	X	X	1	<b>Teagan Bradley as "Hecuba"</b>	Trevor Owens as "Taithybius"
Bay Port High School	Instructions for Hugs (& Other Post-Quarantine Tutorials)		X	X	X	X	1	<b>Phoenix McElroy as "Brandon"</b>	Elissa Lonzo as "Carla"
Bradford High School	Decision Height		X	X	X	*	2	<b>Ella Munro as "Virginia Hascall", Ariana Erv as "Eddie" Harknell"</b>	Olivia Parrish as "Carol Henderson"
Brookwood High School	Bedtime Stories (As Told By Our Dad) (He Messed Them Up)		X	X	X	X	3	<b>Ayawyn Conner as "Queen/Mrs. Weedwhacker/Rumpelstiltskin", Cooper Powell as "Wally/Bob - The Sheep/Prince", Danica Lee as "Bo Peep/Old Woman"</b>	Brayden Thieman as "Father/Mr. Weedwhacker", Miranda Amdt as "Ashley/Captain"
Burlington High School	Little Women	X	*	X	X	*			
Campbellsport High School	Ghosts in the Machine	X		*					
De Pere High School	Split		X	X	X	X			Ian McPherson as "Strange, Therapist", Allison Ashlin Meinke as "Addie"
DeForest Area High School	Digging Up the Boys	X				X			
Drummond Area High School	Murder by Poe	X	*	X	*	X			Dalaney Rasmussen as "Heart", Kennedy McKinney as "Cat", Tim Zangri as "C. August Dupin / Poe "
Gibraltar High School	Paul Sills Story Theatre		X	X	X	X	3	<b>Cameron McEvoy as "Little Peasant, Sexto Ma, Eldest son", Emerson Lecy as "Rich Peasant, Parson, crow,Simpleton", B Salmi Klotz as "Sound effects on stage"</b>	Kai Nordahl as "Parson, Tom Tit Tot, Parson", Nick Davis as "Farmer, King, second son"
Greenwood High School	Dirt		X	X	X	X	2	<b>Destiny Durrstein as "Edith Loftin", Rogan Travis as "Alvis"</b>	
Hamilton High School	Mirrors		X	X	X	X	2	<b>Jillian Arthur as "Doctor", Jonathan Steffa as "Fred"</b>	
Homestead High School	Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead		X	X	X	X	4	<b>Matthew Seiberlich as "Rosencrantz", Ryan Bennett as "Guildenstern", Alexandra Berryman as "The Player", Amelia Eichmei as "Hamlet"</b>	

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Indian Trail High School & Academy	Almost, Maine		X	X	X	X	1	<b>Alexandra Maldonado as "Glory"</b>	Cooper Fisel as "East", Cooper Fisel as "Steve", Cooper Fisel as "Randy"
Kettle Moraine High School	The Clearing		X	X	X	X	3	<b>Julianna Barney-Smith as "Alex", Meghan Butenhoff as "Christine, Taylor", Teana Nighthoak as "Dorian, Dani, Luke"</b>	Mya Bialozynski as "Cecilia, Val", Lillie Anderson as "Sandra, Evie"
Lincoln High School	The Omelet Murder Case		X	*	X	X	2	<b>Hailey Stasiak as "Gertrude", Ian Zabel as "Claude"</b>	
Madison East High School	We Found a Finger	X		X	*		3	<b>Neva Frankhouser as "Sophia", Ula Kubisz as "Aubrey", CeCe Sherven as "Lauren"</b>	
Middleton High School	The Perfect Ending		X	X	X	X	2	<b>Isa Garay as "Mother", Reese</b>	Rebekah Stine as "Civil Defense Warden"
Monona Grove High School	The Great Gatsby: A Live Radio Play	X	*	X	X	*	1	<b>Mikhail Thompson as "Nick Carraway"</b>	Reesa Karamanski as "Narrator"
Monroe High School	The Play That Goes Wrong High School Edition		X	X	X	X	4	<b>Simon Carus as "Chris", Arabella Davis as "Rachel", Ashton Klemm as "Dennis", Owen Klemm as "Max"</b>	Mylee Evonovich as "Sandra", Nathaniel Murphy as "Jonathon", Trevor Klarer as "Trevor"
Neenah High School	Back Cover		X	X	X	X	5	<b>Sienna LaTonzea as "MadisonNOW", Erin Heyes as "Jessica", Marcus Gallatin as "Matt", Becca Konkle as "Katie", Jonathan Rieger as "Father"</b>	Elaina Pilzak as "Madison THEN"
Northland Pines High School	Mr. Clouds	X		X		X	3	<b>Massa Justice as "Madame Genevieve", Owen Libby as "Mr. Clouds", Emma Perry as "Gertrude"</b>	
Northwestern High School	Paper or Plastic		X	X	*	X	1	<b>Ella Cain as "Cracked Egg Woman"</b>	Sheila Gregerson as "Sarah"
Oshkosh West High School	Tracks	X		X		X			Hadley Ruetten as "The Homeless Girl", Marcus Miller as "The Old Man", Angelina Vu as "The Lawyer"
Owen- Withee High School	The Layover	X	*	X	X	X			Tawny Ruppert as "Dana", Damian Nemberger as "Michael", Ben Heggemeier as "Gabe"
Plymouth High School	Radium Girls	X	*	X	X	X	2	<b>Grace Lambert as "Kathryn Wiley", Miriam Fabian as "Grace"</b>	Oliver Boxrucker as "Lehman/Tom/Reporter", Gianna Flores as "Irene Rudolph/Diane Roeder/Sob Sister", Maisy Stenhagen as "Harriet Roeder/Catherine Schaub/Customer"
Pulaski High School	The Blue and the Grey	X	*	X	X	*	2	<b>Audryn Just as "Charlie Emerson", Tim Huber as "Darren Alger"</b>	Delaney Nickerson as "Rachel Carr", Katie Heck as "Ana Alger"

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Reedsburg Area High School	One Spotlight Town		X	X	X	X	4	Daniel Showalter as "Bob", Lorraine Balda as "Maude", Cameron Erickson as "Jim", Kati Fullmer as "Runaway"	
Regis High School, Eau Claire	Unsound Effects	X			*	*	1	Nathan Pearson as "Gerald"	
Tomahawk High School	Wait, Wait Bo Bait	X			*	X			
Tremper High School	Admissions		X	X	X	X	3	Enzo Aiello as "Bill", Dallen Arendt as "Charlie", Ella Davies as "Sherri"	Kaylissia Rodriguez as "Roberta"
Waterford Union High School	A Monster Calls		X	X	X	X	3	Alex Zajac as "Monster 2", Gabe Sell as "Monster", Leo Hirschboeck as "Conor"	Chloe Klingsten as "Grandma", Kaylee Collins-Perez as "Mom", Morgan Strimple as "Chorus/Queen"
Waukesha South High School	Badger (One-Act Version)		X	X	X	X	3	Ellie-Kay Bahr as "Rose", Aase Mattson as "Irene Jacobs", Nola Hennen as "Grace"	Talani Silpao as "Barbra", Kenny Weber as "Timothy"
Waukesha West High School	Doubt: A Parable		X	X	X	X	3	Morgan Washington as "Mrs. Muller", Heri Subramanian as "Sister James", Alex Bone as "Sister Aloysius"	
Waunakee Community High School	Jane Eyre: Life at Lowood		X	X	X	X	2	Sydney Ray as "Jane Eyre", Olivia Mayran as "Young Jane Eyre"	
Wauwatosa East High School	Prelude to Macbeth	X		*	X	X	1	Bruno Gilkay as "Callum"	Griffin Moorhead as "Duncan"
Wrightstown High School	About Her		X	X	X	X	1	Paige Gilson as "Sharla"	

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# Wisconsin Thespys

Qualifiers to the 2023 International Thespian Festival

## Hamilton Sussex High School

Jillian Arthur – Acting Solo  
Luke Wenger – Acting Solo  
Luke Wenger – Musical Solo  
Sydney Alexander-Brown – Musical Solo  
Lily Krehbiel – Musical Solo  
Jillian Arthur – Musical Solo  
Kendall Syslack – Musical Solo  
Kathryn Lamm – Musical Solo

## Homestead High School

Amelia Eichmeier and Ryan Bennett – Acting Duet

## Indian Trail HS & Academy

Kaitlin Wilson – Musical Solo

## Kettle Moraine Drama

Thatcher Jacobs – Acting Solo  
Thatcher Jacobs – Musical Solo  
Adeline Cramer – Musical Solo  
Olivia Gilberto – Musical Solo  
Marlowe Findley – Musical Solo  
Owen Erickson – Stage Management

## Tremper HS, Kenosha

Lilly Johnson – Musical Solo  
Faith Shimon – Costume Design

## Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln HS

Alaina Kawleski and Raegan VanWagner – Acting Duet

## Waukesha West HS

Nessiah Fann and Kyrie Wilhelms – Acting Duet  
Alex Bonell – Musical Solo

**2022 WIHSTF Tech Challenge RESULTS**

**SCHOOLS**

<b><u>Rank</u></b>	<b><u>Score</u></b>	<b><u># of kids</u></b>	<b><u>School Name</u></b>	<b><u>Contact</u></b>
1st	325.25	6	Neenah High School - Red	Aaron Hoffman
2nd	342.74	7	Neenah High School - White	Aaron Hoffman
3rd	393.25	4	DeForest Area High School	Brett Price
4th	443.26	4	Jefferson High School	Ryan Clarkson
5th	461.24	5	DeForest Area High School - Frogs	Brett Price
6th	565.4	4	Kettle Moraine High School - Batten 19	Ms. Abigail Kean
7th	921.93	1	Monroe High School	Jenny Bochar

**INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

<b><u>Rank</u></b>	<b><u>Score</u></b>	<b><u>School Name</u></b>	<b><u>Student</u></b>
<b>Hang/Focus</b>			
1st	77.50	Neenah High School - White	Owen Holeccko
2nd	80.00	Neenah High School - White	Rowan Hansen
3rd	80.50	Neenah High School - White	Michael Printz
<b>Sew a Button</b>			
1st	93.96	Kettle Moraine High School - Batten 19	Ariella Beyerlein
2nd	122.34	Neenah High School - White	Rowan Hansen
3rd	123.35	Neenah High School - Red	Lea Perry
<b>Knots</b>			
1st	31.91	Neenah High School - Red	Maddie Lewis
2nd	33.37	Neenah High School - Red	Avery Cowell
3rd	41.34	Neenah High School - White	Owen Holeccko
<b>Props</b>			
1st	65.41	Kettle Moraine High School - Batten 19	Ariella Beyerlein
2nd	66.16	Kettle Moraine High School - Batten 19	Owen Erickson
3rd	69.47	Neenah High School - White	Maddie Lewis
<b>PAIR EVENTS</b>			
<b>Sound Setup</b>			
1st	15.96	Neenah High School - White	Avery Cowell
2nd	16.47	Kettle Moraine High School - Batten 19	Ariella Beyerlein & Julie Smith
3rd	18.40	Neenah High School - Red	Elliot Kreuger



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## State Theatre Festival Announces Awards

LA CROSSE, Wis. – Forty Wisconsin schools received recognition for performance of their contest one-act play at the *Wisconsin Interscholastic Theatre Festival* held at UW-Whitewater, November 17-19, 2022.

This year, 57 schools and 1,105 students started the Wisconsin interscholastic one-act play season, with 40 schools and 888 students advancing through the district and sectional contest levels to the state level. A handful of schools participated in virtual regional qualifying contests, but all schools who advanced to the state level participated in person. **The following three pages list awards earned by schools at the state level; a more detailed description of the contest process is explained in the backgrounder document that accompanies this press release.**

Additionally, two schools – both in the Kenosha Unified School District – were selected for the honor of producing full-length theatrical productions at the festival: Indian Trail High School & Academy produced *Almost, Maine*; Bradford High School produced the pilot premiere of *Mean Girls High School Version*.

2022 marks the first year since 2019 where a theatre festival with full programming was offered; last year (2021) at UW-Stevens Point, only the one-act play contest was held; the previous fall (2020), the entire festival was held virtually.

“The excitement of fully returning to in-person programming was apparent among the students, their teachers, and other adults in their lives that support their engagement in interscholastic theatrical productions,” said Adam Jacobi, executive director of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech & Dramatic Arts Association. “We were particularly fortunate to work with Dr. Eileen Hayes, dean of UW-Whitewater’s College of Arts and Communication; Professor Eric Appleton, chair of their Department of Theatre and Dance; and Ruth Conrad-Proulx, technical director. The faculty team did extensive work to bring the participating schools – and their theatrical work – to campus.”

Jacobi added: “It has been a challenging time for schools to participate in interscholastic performing arts activities like theatre. As an association affiliated with the NFHS, we are aware participation numbers among schools are lower across the country, and Wisconsin matches that trend. As we emerge from the pandemic and recognize the need for social-emotional learning to help address mental health needs of students, activities like interscholastic theatre are more important than ever. The directors and students who continued participation despite the challenges facing them should be commended.”

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## State One-Act Play Contest: Backgrounder

- Each year, 50-80 schools across the state participate in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech & Dramatic Arts Association (WISDAA) One-Act Play contest series. Each school performs a short work or a cutting from a larger play or musical.
- The first official contest level involves 12 geographic *districts*, plus a statewide “virtual district.” Schools earning qualifying scores from two of three adjudicators (judges) at the district level are invited to participate in one of five geographic *sections*, plus a statewide “virtual section.” At the sectional level, schools earning qualifying scores (at a higher threshold) from two of three adjudicators are invited to participate at the State Festival. Typically, about 40-50 schools are invited to present at the State level as part of the larger *Wisconsin Interscholastic Theatre Festival*, held in person, as well as an online one-act contest component, if needed (no schools used this in 2022).
- At the State Festival, schools may earn several awards upon benchmark scores by two of four adjudicators, respected artists and practitioners who are drawn from professional, collegiate, community, and educational theatre backgrounds. These awards include:
  - Merit Awards (each school can earn any of these)
    - **Directing:** interpretation and staging of the production is cohesive and imaginative.
    - **Ensemble:** the company collaborates well, driving effective pacing of the production.
    - **Technical:** elements of scenery, costuming, etc., communicate/enhance the audience’s experience.
    - **Acting:** actors bring authentic, memorable, and poignant characters to life on stage (available to any number of actors in each cast).
  - Overall Award (each school earns one of these)
    - **All-State:** represents a school’s achievement of advancing to, and performing at the State Festival (default award a school gets if it does not achieve *Critic’s Choice*).
    - **Critic’s Choice:** represents the highest standards of excellence at the State Festival. Criteria for consideration include innovative vision, authentic storytelling, and artistic development; the production should clearly support learning and development of students.
- Like solo and ensemble contests run by the Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA), the WISDAA festival series is *non-competitive/non-comparative*. If schools achieve benchmark scores, they advance or earn awards. The WISDAA, alongside the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and WSMA, is a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), which provides standards for interscholastic athletics and performing arts activities.
- One-Act award statistics for 2022 (November 17-19 at UW-Whitewater)
  - Participating– Schools: 40; Students: 888
  - Directing: 30 schools
  - Ensemble: 32 schools
  - Technical: 32 schools
  - Acting: 73 students
  - Critic’s Choice: 25 schools



# Wisconsin Interscholastic Theatre Festival (WITF)

- Schools whose one-acts do not advance to the State level – as well as schools who did not participate in the earlier levels of the one-act contest – are encouraged to participate in myriad programming offered beyond the one-act contest, including:
  - Workshops instructed by professional theatre artists and university-level faculty
  - Educational Theatre Association “Thespian Excellence Awards” contests in performance and in technical theatre that can earn students the opportunity to participate in the International Thespian Festival in Indiana in June.
  - Tech Challenge contest run by ETC (Electronic Theatre Controls) out of Middleton, Wis.
  - Full-length “showcase” productions (play and musical)
  - Exhibit expo featuring university recruiters in theatre, as well as theatrical vendors
- Attending the event, in addition to 40 one-act schools and 888 students, were an additional 13 schools and 226 students and a total of 152 adults from among the 53 schools. Friends and families who came to watch shows (and were not official school chaperones) were not included in those numbers.
- The signature festival sponsor since 2018 has been Festival Foods headquartered in De Pere, Wis.
- Additional support for the festival is provided by the Alliance for Wisconsin Theatre Education, a group of PK-12 and post-secondary educators and vendors interested in advancing theatre education in Wisconsin; along with the Educational Theatre Association/Wisconsin Thespians Chapter, the national organization for PK-12 theatre.
- Current rotation of hosting institutions for the event:
  - UW-Green Bay (2023 – *inaugural hosting*)
  - UW-Whitewater (2022)
  - UW-Stevens Point (2021)
  - Online (2020)
  - UW-Milwaukee (2019 – *inaugural hosting*)
  - Viterbo University, La Crosse (2018)
  - In the past, UW-La Crosse and UW-Oshkosh have also hosted the event.
- While the one-act contest has been in place since 1930, all additional programming was added in 1991 as part of a partnership with UW-Madison’s Division of Continuing Studies, which at the time, managed professional development and extension programming in theatre. In 2018, that program was disbanded, and the Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech & Dramatic Arts Association (WISDAA) took on full operation of the entire festival (and not just the one-act contest).
- Many Wisconsin schools participate in the festival every other year. In “off” years, those schools often opt to produce a full-length production and/or musical, rather than an interscholastic contest one-act.

## Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech & Dramatic Arts Association

Since 1895, the Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech & Dramatic Arts Association (WISDAA) has provided programming that now serves middle and high school students in theatre, film, debate, and public speaking “forensics” activities. Each year, our nonprofit organization serves about 10,000 Wisconsin students from 350+ high schools, and 100+ middle schools in some of the oldest speech and theatre contests in the United States. Our aim is to bolster students’ confidence and creativity through interscholastic assessment of performance in a public setting. For more information, visit [www.wisdaa.org](http://www.wisdaa.org).

## **ETC (Electronic Theatre Controls)**

Since its creation in 1975, ETC has grown into an international leader in events lighting technology. From control consoles and rigging hoists, to architectural lighting and fixtures, ETC provides the theatrical and architectural industries with innovative solutions and products. Headquartered in Middleton, WI, ETC has been happy to support Wisconsin's Interscholastic Theatre Festival and the Tech Challenge program for over two decades.