

THE HOWARD PLAYERS AND
THE HOWARD UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE ARTS

present...

*The 49th Annual Owen Dodson
"Weenie" Awards*

**BRILLIANCE
AND
RESILIENCE**

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021
7:00 PM ET

THE HU DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE ARTS
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Hosted by Cody Smith and Jada Lenae

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ABOUT BRILLIANCE AND RESILIENCE

The **49th Annual Owen Dodson "Weenie" Awards** is the virtual reimagining of an illustrious Department tradition. The digital ceremony celebrates the achievements of Howard University Department of Theatre Arts students, Howard Players of all areas of study, Howard University alumni, and esteemed partners of the Department who have helped students develop their artistry.

Brilliance and Resilience aims to honor students for their brilliance in the 2020-2021 Academic Year in the uniquely challenging circumstances of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Every student has realized incredible triumphs, and the **49th Annual "Weenie" Awards** will recognize the hard work, student progress, artistic creations, and virtual theatrical showcases and performances made under unprecedented conditions.

**THE CREATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND EXECUTION OF THIS
PROCESS WAS ENTIRELY REMOTE IN ADHERENCE WITH
SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS.**





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RUN OF SHOW

OPENING: *RITES* • CHOREOGRAPHY, DR. OFOSUWA ABIOLA

IN MEMORIAM

ACTING AWARDS

MUSICAL THEATRE AWARDS

THEATRE ADMINISTRATION AWARDS

THEATRE TECHNOLOGY AWARDS

DANCE ARTS AWARDS

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

ALUMNI + PARTNER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THE HOWARD PLAYERS AWARDS

STUDENT CHOICE AWARDS

CHAIR'S AWARD

SENIOR HONORS



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ACTING AWARDS

BEST ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE AND BEST MULTIMEDIA PERFORMANCE

Silence Is Violence: The Future of the Field
produced with the Young Playwrights' Theatre

The Story of 1875
performed by the Junior Acting majors and
produced with the School of Communications

Broadview
produced with Studio Theatre and
Artist-in-Residence, Psalmayene 24

Classic-Ish
produced by the Senior Acting majors

OUTSTANDING ARTIST/ACTIVIST

Ashara Crutchfield
Autumn Angelettie
Brittany Davis
Desire Taylor
Durrant Goodwin
Jaucqir LaFond
Joshua "Levi" Starr
Llogan Peters
Lo Williams
Rashad Davis
Travis Brown

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MUSICAL THEATRE AWARDS

OUTSTANDING FIRST-YEAR

Gabrielle Rice

OUTSTANDING SOPHOMORE

Malachi Sauls

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR

Joi Henry

OUTSTANDING SENIOR

Kaisheem Fowler-Bryant

TRIPLE THREAT AWARD

Imani Branch
Kayla Warren

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THEATRE ADMINISTRATION AWARDS

CREATIVE ADMINISTRATOR

Jade Scott

INTERDISCIPLINARY INITIATIVES

Maya Shed

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Shayna Brown

ADDITIONAL RECOGNITIONS

Collaborator Award.....	Kaihla Powell
Programmer & Developer Award...	Camryn Alexander
Curator Award.....	Brittany Jones
Ambassador Award.....	Jasmyn Tilford
Future Event Producers.....	Sage Chase
	Mylan Johnson
Entrepreneur Award.....	Chelsey Greene
Leadership Award.....	Melanie Coleman
Rising Arts Administrators.....	Janee' Ferguson
	Jaadyn Rogers

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THEATRE TECHNOLOGY AWARDS

OUTSTANDING SCENIC DESIGN

Asha Gaines-Smith
Kiara Martinez

DANCE AWARDS

MOVER & SHAKER

Siani Beckett
Deirdre Dunkin

ACADEMIC STAR

Gillian Clifford

ABOVE & BEYOND

Keishonna Belcher

MOST IMPROVED DANCE ARTS STUDENT

Semira Paul

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DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

BEST PLAYWRIGHT

Jade Scott

ALUMNI ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The following Howard University Theatre Arts Alumni are recognized for their careers and service to the Department.

ACTING

Ashleigh Crystal Hairston
Greg Alvarez Reid
Tselane' Prescott

ADMINISTRATION

Ashli Elm
Tiffany Robinson

DANCE

Lynet Shigg, Esq.
Annique Roberts
Hope Boykin
LauraBethany Strong

MUSICAL THEATRE

Ryan Jamaal Swain
Alric Davis
Blair Blackwell

THEATRE TECHNOLOGY

Crescent Haynes

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THE HOWARD PLAYERS AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED HOWARD PLAYER

NSangou Njikam

AFROFUTURES

Most Recognized

Jaucqir LaFond

First Runner-Up

Lo Williams

OUTSTANDING SEASON PERFORMER

Most Recognized

Amiah McGinty

First-Runner Up

Autumn Angelettie

HOWARD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Most Recognized

Autumn Angelettie

First Runner-Up

Lo Williams

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STUDENT CHOICE AWARDS

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Most Recognized

Jaida Gillespie

First Runner-Up

Atara Romero-Wilson

BOOKED AND BUSY

Most Recognized

Ricky Hall

Deimoni Brewington

First Runner-Up

Imani Branch

NOTABLE WORK EXPANDING THE FIELD

Most Recognized

Jade Scott

First Runner-Up

Olivia Dorsey

MVP OF THE YEAR

Most Recognized

Autumn Angelettie

First Runner-Up

Lo Williams

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THE HOWARD PLAYERS AND STUDENT CHOICE HONORABLE MENTIONS

In no particular order...

AFROFUTURES

BOOKED AND BUSY

Desire Taylor
Amiah McGinty
Autumn Angelettie
Melanie Coleman
Sophia Early
Ronald Williams
Joshua "Levi" Starr
Ayanna Fowler
Iesha Daniels
Llogan Paige
Moses Princien
Kayla Warren

Amiah McGinty
Autumn Angelettie
Maya Shed
Sophia Early
Daks McClettie
Alexandria Morgan
Jazmyn Roberson
Lauren Smith
Curtis Melrose
Gabrielle Rice
Jade Scott
Asha Gaines-Smith

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Sajada Heard
Gabrielle Rice
Yvianick Saint-Vil
Mariah Belle Williams
Jay Broadnax
Amberrain Andrews
Atara Romero-Wilson

OUTSTANDING SEASON PERFORMER

NOTABLE WORK EXPANDING THE FIELD

MVP OF THE YEAR

Amiah McGinty
Melanie Coleman
Kaitlyn Gilliam
Maya Shed
Shannon Palmer
Kaisheem Fowler-Bryant
Taylor Crawford
Ronald Williams
Imani Branch
Mya Hunter
Sophia Early
Brittany Jones

Lyric Burnett
Colonel-Joshua Higgins
Adirah Robinson
Sophia Early

HOWARD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jaida Gillespie
Kiara Martinez
Amberrain Andrews
Mesgana Solomon
Cecily Davis
Nikhita Dodla
Zian Lane
Adirah Robinson

Mariah Belle Williams
Lo Williams
Autumn Angelettie
Maya Shed
Brittany Jones
Jaucqir LaFond
Daks McClettie
John Woods
Kiara Martinez
Nia Faith
Deante' Massenburg
Kaihla Powell
Moses Princien
Kayla Warren
Di'Jhon McCoy

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CHAIR'S AWARD

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Gillian Clifford

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

**THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK.
WE'LL MISS YOU.**

Camryn Alexander	Deante' Massenbourg
Siani Beckett	Di'Jhon McCoy
Imani Branch	Nia-Aiyana Meeks
Deimoni Brewington	Imani Nyame
Shayna Brown	Janelle Odom
Travis Brown	Shannon Palmer
Gillian Clifford	Llogan Peters
Ashara Crutchfield	Kaihla Powell
Brittany Davis	Jade Scott
Olivia Dorsey	Maya Shed
Sophia Early	Joshua "Levi" Starr
Ayanna Fowler	LauraBethany Strong
Kaisheem Fowler-Bryant	Jasmyn Tilford
Lauryn Giles	Kayla Warren
Naomi Johnson	Geneva White
Brittany Jones	Aryana Williams
Jaelon Love	Jay'kayla Winford

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HONORS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We are so proud of your hard work and look forward to seeing your continued success.

CONGRATULATIONS HONORS GRADUATES!

MAYA LOUISE SHED



AYANNA FOWLER



Friends of Theatre and Dance

SAMUEL G. ROBERSON JR. SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

DESIRE TAYLOR



MYA HUNTER



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2021 D.I.V.A. INDUCTEES

DIVA #1



**JAZMYN JA'NET
ROBERSON**

DIVA #2



LLOGAN PETERS

DIVA #3



LAURYN GILES

DIVA #4



AYANNA FOWLER

DIVA #5



DI'JOHN ELEXIS

DIVA #6



KAYLA A. WARREN

DIVA #7



NIA-AIYANA MEEKS

DIVA #8



ALEXANDRIA MORGAN

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2021 D.I.V.A. INDUCTEES

DIVA #9



DEIRDRE DUNKIN

DIVA #10



MONIQUE BARNES

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D.I.V.A. AWARD

**THE HENRIETTA HYLAND GODDARD EDMUND
SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP
AND EXCELLENCE**

Kayla A. Warren

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SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

TO OUR PARTNERS...

Thank you for your continued support of the Howard Players and the HU Department of Theatre Arts. It is with your support that we are able to celebrate the many talented students in the Howard University community.

TO PROFESSOR RICKY RAMÓN...

Thank you for your service and dedication as the Howard Players advisor. This dedication has enabled the Howard Players to continue to preserve its legacy, even under these unprecedented circumstances.

TO DR. OFOSUWA ABIOLA...

Thank you for your passionate leadership as the Chair of the Department of Theatre Arts. It is because of your guidance that so many students have been both brilliant *and* resilient throughout this academic year.

TO TONY STARNES...

Thank you for your dedication to making the 49th Annual "Weenie" Awards the best they can be. Without your effort and patience, none of this would be possible!!

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TO JADA LENAЕ AND CODY SMITH...

Thank you both for your willingness to host this awards show under these unprecedented circumstances. This show would not have been the same without your positive attitudes and desire to participate.

TO THE WEENIE TEAM...

Thank you all for your dedication to making this virtual awards show a success. It is because of your hard work, diligence, and creativity that this vision was able to come to life.

THE WEENIE TEAM

Logistics Coordinators	Autumn Angelettie Lo Williams
Event Coordinator	Zian Lane
Stage Manager	Zian Lane
Script Writers	Jaucqir LaFond Alana McClellan
Graphic Designer	Geordyn Marks
Faculty Liaisons	Professor Douglas-Hendricks Professor Ricky Ramón Professor Eric Ruffin
Editor	Professor Tony Starnes
Stream Operator	Kevin Thorne

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and we hope you enjoyed the show!

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