

Oregon Book Award Winners & Finalists in Drama

1990-2025

Angus L. Bowmer Award for Drama

Angus Bowmer founded the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. His enthusiasm and determination led to an increase in festival attendance, from 500 people in 1935 to more than 320,000 by the late 1980s. He directed 30 productions and performed 32 Shakespearean roles in 43 stagings at the festival. This award is given every two years.

YEAR	FINALISTS	WINNER
2025	E.M. Lewis of Portland, <i>Strange Birds</i> Rich Rubin of Portland, <i>Kafka's Joke</i> Andrea Stolowitz of Portland, <i>Elegy Play</i> Ken Yoshikawa of Portland, <i>From a Hole in the Ground</i>	Brianna Barrett of Portland, <i>Still Harvey Still</i>
2023	E.M. Lewis of Monitor, <i>Dorothy's Dictionary</i> Rich Rubin of Portland, <i>Russian Troll</i> C.S. Whitcomb of Wilsonville, <i>Acting Counsel</i>	Sara Jean Accuardi of Portland, <i>The Storyteller</i>
2021	Sara Jean Accuardi of Portland, <i>The Delays</i> E.M. Lewis of Monitor, <i>How the Light Gets In</i> Anya Pearson of Portland, <i>The Measure of Innocence</i> Andrea Stolowitz of Portland, <i>Recent Unsettling Events</i>	Conor Eifler of Portland, <i>You Cannot Undo This Action</i>

2019	---	Andrea Stolowitz of Portland, <i>Successful Strategies</i>
2017	Sue Mach of Portland, <i>The Yellow Wallpaper</i> Nancy Moss of Portland, <i>Deception</i> Rich Rubin of Portland, <i>Caesar's Blood</i> Andrea Stolowitz of Portland, <i>Berlin Diary</i>	Cindy Williams Gutiérrez of Portland, <i>Words That Burn</i>
2015	Rich Rubin of Portland, <i>September Twelfth</i> Sandra Stone of Portland, <i>Absurdist Or, Is It?: 3 Inter-related Plays</i> George Taylor of Beaverton, <i>Ghosts in the Canvas</i> Nick Zagone of Portland, <i>Blood on the Books</i> or <i>The Powell's Play</i>	Andrea Stolowitz of Portland, <i>Ithaka</i>
2013	Susan Mach of Portland, <i>A Noble Failure</i> Steve Patterson of Portland, <i>Immaterial Matters</i> Rich Rubin of Portland, <i>Costa Rehab</i> C.S. Whitcomb of Wilsonville, <i>Lear's Follies</i>	Andrea Stolowitz of Portland, <i>Antarktikos</i>
2011	Marc Acito of Portland & C.S. Whitcomb of Wilsonville, <i>Holidazed</i> Wayne Harrel of Portland, <i>Second Bloom</i> George Taylor of Beaverton, <i>Good Citizens</i> Molly Best Tinsley of Ashland, <i>Glacial Genes</i>	Susan Mach of Portland, <i>The Lost Boy</i>
2008	Dori Appel of Ashland, <i>Hat Tricks</i> Jacklyn Maddux of Portland, <i>Strange Sightings in the Great Southwest</i> Francesca Sanders of Portland, <i>I Become a Guitar</i> George Taylor of Beaverton, <i>Renaissance</i>	Steve Patterson of Portland, <i>Lost Wavelengths</i>
2006	Doug Baldwin , <i>Wrestling with Charlotte</i> Shelly Lipkin , <i>Sylver Beaches</i> Keith J. Scales , <i>What Mad Pursuit</i> Molly Best Tinsley , <i>Fission</i>	Richard Moeschl , <i>Arthur's Dreams</i>

2004	Gay Monteverde of Portland, <i>The Arabian Nights</i> Steve Patterson of Portland, <i>Altered States of America</i>	Shelly Lipkin of Lake Oswego, Louanne Moldovan & Sherry Lamoreaux of Portland, <i>Vitriol and Violets</i>
2001	Timothy E. Craig of McMinnville, <i>Oregon Dawn</i> Charles Deemer of Portland, <i>Seven Plays</i> Nancy Masaitis of Portland, <i>Awe & Wonder</i> Barbara Pongracz of Lake Oswego, <i>3rd Time's the Charm</i>	Dori Appel of Ashland, <i>Lost and Found</i>
2000	Sandra de Helen of Portland, <i>The Bobbsey Twins Go to Hell</i> William Sharp of Portland, <i>Ain't Nothin' But a Bunch of Bull</i>	Melinda Pittman of Portland, <i>Wonderbroads</i>
1999	Dori Appel of Ashland, <i>Mother, Tree, Cat</i> Bryan Marvis of Oceanside, <i>Dream True</i> Bryan Marvis of Oceanside, <i>The Loner</i>	Dori Appel of Ashland, <i>The Lunatic Within</i>
1998	Charles Deemer , <i>Bedrooms and Bars</i> Charles Deemer , <i>Famililly</i> Dorothy Velasco , <i>Ever the Dragon</i>	Dori Appel of Ashland, <i>Freud's Girls</i>
1997	Wayne Harrel of Portland, <i>Song of the Bow</i> Merilee Karr of Portland, <i>The Diamond Orchard</i>	Doug Baldwin of Portland, <i>Drawing Down Clio</i>
1996	Jan Baross , <i>Mata Hari</i> Susan Mach , <i>Angle of View</i> Dorothy Velasco , <i>Mother May I</i> Sharon Whitney , <i>The Amazing Adventures of Coco-Kab</i>	D. Roberts , <i>Picasso in the Backseat</i>
1994	Rachael Burchard , <i>Alone</i> Myra Donnelley , <i>Still Life</i> Greg Tozian , <i>Fort Byron</i>	Jessica Litwak , <i>A Pirate's Lullaby</i>

	Sharon Whitney , <i>Rumpelstiltskin</i>	
1992	Nancy Klementowski , <i>After the Light Goes</i> Steve Patterson , <i>Bombardment</i>	E.J. Westlake , <i>The Disappearance and Death of Amelia Earhart</i>
1990	George Evans , <i>Swimming in Grace</i> Charles van Steenburgh , <i>The Lonely Treble</i>	Sharon Whitney , <i>Five Minute Wars</i>
1989	Jan Baross , <i>The Woman Who Walked with a List</i> Tad Savinar , <i>The 4 Mickies</i>	Dan Duling , <i>Holding Patterns</i>
1988	Nancy Klementowski , <i>Small Combo Blues</i> Tad Savinar , <i>Brushfires</i>	Carolyn Cage , <i>The Second Coming of Joan of Arc</i>