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The mission of Delaware Theatre Company is to create theatre of the highest professional quality in Delaware and thereby enrich the vitality of the area through artistic programming, education, and community service. At its heart, theatre is community. By telling our stories, by shining a light on our shared experiences, theatre strengthens the bonds between us. Connects us. That's what community is about—and that's what we're about. Delaware Theatre Company has been connecting people since 1979.

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**DELAWARE YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL
RECOGNITION NIGHT**

March 11, 2021

Delaware Young Playwrights Festival Recognition Night

2020-2021 DYPF Theme

Each year Delaware Theatre Company challenges student playwrights with a theme drawn from one of our mainstage productions. This year's theme is inspired by this quotation from the new musical *Other World* by Hunter Bell, Jeff Bowen, and Ann McNamee, a show DTC planned for this season (and being re-scheduled):

"Coming to your house is the first time I've left home in three years."

--Sri, from *Other World*

We asked students to write a play in which a character must overcome a challenge in connecting or reconnecting to a world of in-person encounters. Tonight we celebrate the work of our student playwrights who took on this challenge and answered it with their original works for the theatre.

2020-2021 DYPF Winning Plays

Writing Between the Lines

by Trinity Hunt of Cab Calloway School of the Arts

A Conversation with my Younger Self

by Lana Savage of MOT Charter High School

Brown Paper Bags

by Felicia Vitelli of St. Elizabeth School

When the Morning Comes

by Amya Costango of MOT Charter High School

Stressed Out

by Delaney Burnham of St. Mark's High School

Cabin Fever

by Nikolas Mandalas of Dover High School

Recognitions and Awards to Follow

Congratulations to these **six playwrights** who, after being selected as finalists in this year's DYPF, further revised and workshopped their plays. Having achieved through the merits of their writing a level of excellence, DTC recognizes them as the winners of the 2020-2021 Delaware Young Playwrights Festival!

DYPF 2020-2021 Winners:

Brown Paper Bags by Felicia Vitelli of St. Elizabeth School

Cabin Fever by Nikolas Mandalas of Dover High School

A Conversation with my Younger Self by Lana Savage of

MOT Charter High School

Stressed Out by Delaney Burnham of St. Mark's High School

When the Morning Comes by Amya Costango of MOT

Charter High School

Writing Between the Lines by Trinity Hunt of Cab Calloway

School of the Arts

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Congratulations to all sixty-two playwrights for meeting the challenge of writing a two-character play centered on the 2020-2021 DYPF theme!



Congratulations to these **seven playwrights** who are being awarded an Honorable Mention for the merits of their writing!

DYPF 2020-2021 Honorable Mentions:

***Forwards but Backwards** by Eric Ducos of Middletown High School*

***The Grey Room** by Katey Megginson of Sussex Central High School*

***I Don't Like It Here** by Grace Nardo of MOT Charter High School*

***Meeting at the Crossroads** by Ashlyn Moore of Cape Henlopen High School*

***The Party** by Irvin Mayfield of Charter School of Wilmington*

***Returning Home** by Owen Kanienberg of St. Mark's High School*

***Sometimes It's OK Not to Be OK** by Emma Kelso of Charter School
of Wilmington*

Delaware Theatre Company DYPF Education & Artistic Team

Teaching Artists

Charlie DelMarcelle, DYPF Director of Performance

Tyler Elliott, Actor

James Kern, Actor

Natajia Sconiers, Actor

Camille Young, Actor

Caroline Sylvia, Stage Manager

Lionel McCulloch, Video Production Lead

Josh Bruton, Sound Designer

Nathan Renner-Johnson, Production Manager

DYPF Producers

Johanna Schloss, Director of Education & Community Engagement

Allie Steele, Associate Director of Education & Community Engagement

Special thanks to the rest of the DTC Staff!

Bud Martin, Executive Director

Matt Silva, Managing Director

Jillian Farley, Business Manager

Elisabeth Kersey, Patron Services Manager

Odilon Mendoza, Facilities Manager

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Congratulations to the 62 playwrights who, through their participation in DYPF, have written fifty-seven new plays for the theatre! Special thanks to their teachers for their guidance along the way!

Appoquinimink High School

Teacher: Mary Filippone

I'll Be Home With You Melody Fritz

Cab Calloway School of the Arts

Teachers: Brendan Moser and Amanda Curry

Writing Between the Lines Trinity Hunt
The Change in Life Suhani Nangia

Cape Henlopen High School

Teacher: Sadie Andros

Beyond the Mind Hylea Lisenby
Last of Us Kris Bard
Untitled Brooke Jones
Meeting at the Crossroad Ashlyn Moore
You'll Be Home for Christmas Bridget Knutsen
Closet Kylie Daisey

Charter School of Wilmington

Teacher: Mark Mervine

Alienated Sasha Fay
Charles Molly Lusch
Eyes of Blue Jack Spoor
Meeting at the Asylum Kaitlyn McMann
The Party Irvin Mayfield
Sometimes It's Ok to Not Be Ok Emma Kelso
The Red Crest Adith Thyagarajan

Dover High School

Teacher: Teresa Emmons

Cabin Fever Nikolas Mandalas

Middletown High School

Teacher: Amanda Chas

Forwards But Backwards Eric Ducos
It's Not My Fault You Don't Like Girls Beth Wojciechowski

Odessa High School

Teacher: Amanda Chas

A Day's Connection Makayla Parker

St. Elizabeth School

Teacher: Robin Hayden

Brown Paper Bags Felicia Vitelli
Still Outside Gavin Andrews, Aidan Canuso,
Romeo Hernandez, Kyle Warner
Love and Letters Tristen Hudson and Madelyn Thomas
Hidden Cecelia Gurczenski
Interview with a Doomsday Believer Aila Simbulan
The Cabin Chase Milnes
Into the Future Luke Trout
Love Brings You Outside Julia Verton
A Broken Mind Cole Soto
The Experiment on Mars Samantha Shields

St. Mark's High School

Teacher: Anne Marie Eanes

Rusted Ally Boyce
The Voyage Ian Duffy and Grace Moulthrop
Stressed Out Delaney Burnham
Returning Home Owen Kanienberg
Great Awakening Wesley Aubuchon

MOT Charter High School

Teacher: Tracy Friswell-Jacobs

Pull Yourself Together and Make an Actual Decision Alexis Hilton
When the Morning Comes Amya Costango
Is This What You Want? Asaiahya Green
The Egg Ben Jacobs
Untitled Cory Feaster
I Don't Like It Here Grace Nardo
A Conversation with My Younger Self Lana Savage
Discord Milo Morton
Ending Seclusion Paige Miller
98.6 The Sitch Sydney White
Pink Triangle Pianist Kendall Chivington
Human Savannah Bellon

Sussex Central High School

Teacher: David Warick

Untitled Anderson
Untitled Bowden
Untitled Brittingham
Untitled Bruch
Untitled Hill
Boredom Mya Jones
Untitled Maisano
The Grey Room Katey Megginson
Untitled Moore
Untitled Morales Chaj