

The League of Chicago Theatres
Presents

August Wilson
new VOICES

CHICAGO LOCAL FINALS

Monday, March 18, 2024

7:00pm

The Goodman Theatre

170 N. Dearborn Ave, Chicago, IL 60601

ABOUT THE WORK

August Wilson's Century Cycle is a singular achievement in American Theatre. Each of the ten world-class plays is set in a different decade of the Twentieth Century. At the core of each work are soaring, lyrical monologues that take the song, laughter, pain, and rich content of African American Life, and place it in the mouths of the greatest and most varied ensemble of characters written since Shakespeare. This monologue competition offers students of all ethnicities the opportunity to inhabit the lives and speak the words of these vital, lively characters.

ABOUT THE LOCAL COMPETITION

The competition is open to all students from Chicago Area High Schools. Monologue students perform a two to three minute monologue taken from any of the plays in August Wilson's Century Cycle before a panel of experienced adjudicators, while design students create a work of art such as a collage, assemblage, drawing, or video inspired by a chosen monologue..

Monologue contestants will be adjudicated on the basis of preparedness, understanding of the text, vocal delivery, characterization, presentation and preparedness, understanding of the text, and emotional connection to the material.

Design contestants will be adjudicated on design principles, and emotional connection to the materials

The top three finalists in both Monologue and Design will receive \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 respectively. The top two students will advance to compete for the national title at the August Wilso New Voices National Competition to be held in Pittsburgh, PA from April 26-29, 2024.

MONOLOGUE FINALISTS

(Student listed in alphabetical order by last name)

Ikeoluwani Apata
Tonya, KING HEDLEY II
Thornton Fractional North High School

Oliver Dolan
West, TWO TRAINS RUNNING
Senn High School

Nora Fox
Mame, RADIO GOLF
Senn High School

Trey Gerring
Becker, JITNEY
Homewood-Flossmoor High School

Samantha Gonzalez
King Hedley, KING HEDLEY II
Chicago High School for the Arts

Tristen Green
Rose, FENCES
Southland College Prep Charter High School

Dionna Gunn
Rena, JITNEY
Thornton Fractional North High School

Patience Johnson
Ruby, SEVEN GUITARS
Lindblom Math and Science Academy

Asiah Lee
Canewell, SEVEN GUITARS
Southland College Prep Charter High School

Ava Marinoff
Mattie Campbell, JOE TURNER'S COME AND GONE
Senn High School

John McBeth III
Levee, MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM
Thornton Fractional North High School

Taytum Poinsette
King Hedley, KING HEDLEY II
Kenwood Academy High School

Maya Ruther
Vera, SEVEN GUITARS
Chicago High School for the Arts

Harmoni Smith
Ma Rainey, MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM
Chicago High School for the Arts

Jalen Smith
Youngblood, JITNEY
Lindblom Math and Science Academy

Keniyah Stephenson
Berniece, THE PIANO LESSON
Thornton Fractional North High School

Jayla Stevensen
Ruby, SEVEN GUITARS
Lindblom Math and Science Academy

Neya Truitt
Berniece, THE PIANO LESSON
Chicago High School for the Arts

Nina Washington
Aunt Ester, GEM OF THE OCEAN
Southland College Prep Charter High School

Alex Weber
Cory, FENCES
Chicago High School for the Arts

DESIGN FINALISTS

(Student listed in alphabetical order by last name)

Angel Agostini
Rose, FENCES
Aspira Early College High School

Janeci Correa
Berniece, THE PIANO LESSON
Chicago High School for the Arts

Audra Lee Dobiesz
TWO TRAINS RUNNING
Chicago High School for the Arts

Aniya Ortiz
Berniece, THE PIANO LESSON
Aspira Early College High School

Nyana Polk
Harold Loomis, JOE TURNER'S COME AND GONE
DRW College Prep

Jamaria Stamps
Memphis, TWO TRAINS RUNNING
DRW College Prep

Pedro Ramon
Winning Boy, THE PIANO LESSON
Aspira Early College High School

Vallesia Robinson
Harmond Wilks, RADIO GOLF
Aspira Early College High School

Cherish Thurman
Solly Two Kings, GEM OF THE OCEAN
Simeon Career Academy

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Charles Andrew Gardner – Director of Student and Alumni Engagement

NATIONAL STAFF

Derrick Sanders – National Competition Director

Charlique C. Rolle – Associate National Competition Director

MONOLOGUE COMPETITION ADJUDICATORS

PRELIMINARY ADJUDICATORS

Renee Lockett | David Dowd | Bianca Corral

SEMI-FINALS ADJUDICATORS

Veronda Carey | David Dowd | Renee Lockett

FINALS ADJUDICATORS

Sydney Chatman | Luther Goins | Ron OJ Parson

DESIGN COMPETITION ADJUDICATORS

SEMI-FINALS ADJUDICATORS

Sydney Lynne | Christian Helem | Quenna Barrett

FINALS ADJUDICATORS

Yvonne Miranda | Andrew Boyce