

CALIFORNIA STATE THESPIAN FESTIVAL 2018

Palo Alto High School Thespian Troupe 909 Awards

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The California Thespian Society is part of the International Thespian Society – an internationally recognized honor organization whose goal is to encourage and support excellence in high school theatre. Students earn admission into a Thespian Troupe through invitations after working a minimum of one hundred hours in their high school theatre program. Palo Alto High School Troupe 909 currently has fifty Thespian members. Twenty-six of those Thespians attended the California State Thespian Festival at Upland High School in Upland, CA, March 29-31.

The Festival has numerous events, including:

- Individual Events (IEs)
- Opening Dance number with students selected from across the state
- Closing Number with students selected from across the state
- Thespian Student State Officer Elections
- Scene and one-act competitions
- Scholarships
- Workshops

SUMMARY of ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Sixty-two Thespian troupes from across the state, with 1,100 Thespians were in attendance. Paly's Thespian Troupe 909 earned the following awards and recognitions:

Statewide First Place

- Emily Orr - Sound Design Individual Event

Statewide Second Place

- David Foster - Monologue Individual Event

Student Thespian Officer

- Annie Tsui - Member at Large

Outstanding Technician

- Reid Sox-Harris - Projections

Callbacks

Five Paly students were invited to Individual Event Callbacks. (Individuals who make Callbacks are considered to be in the top 10 - 15% of Thespians in the state of CA).

- Anna Feenstra (Monologue)
- David Foster (Monologue)
- Devony Hof (Monologue)
- Hannah Itzkowitz (Monologue)
- Gil Weissman (Monologue)

All Festival Event Tech Crew

- Samuel Kim - Audio
- Emily Orr - Audio
- Jay Renaker - Lighting
- Charlotte Saunders - Lighting
- Reid Sox-Harris - Projections
- Anya Trubelja - Lighting
- Jesse Wilen - Audio

Opening Number

Robert Vetter was selected for the Opening Dance number from the musical *Mathilda*

Closing Number

The Closing Number was a half hour musical theatre performance from

The Theory of Relativity

Samuel Kim, Aida Mohamed, and Annie Tsui were selected for the Closing Number.

State Thespian Student Board 2018-19

Annie Tsui was elected to serve on the CA Thespian Student State Board again for the 2018-19 school year

Playworks

PlayWorks is the staged reading production of original student material. Acceptance into PlayWorks as a performer or part of the production team is highly competitive.

Zoe Stanton-Savitz was selected as Assistant Director for PlayWorks

Cameron Miller and Sofia Peterson were chosen as PlayWorks actors

Superior Ratings

Paly students earned sixteen Superior ratings for their Individual Events. Superior is the highest possible rating and qualifies students to compete at the International Thespian Festival in June.

- Isabel Armstrong & Derek Zhou (Musical Theatre Dance)

- Anna Feenstra (Monologue)
- David Foster (Monologue)
- Devony Hof (Monologue)
- Hannah Itzkowitz (Monologue)
- Samuel Kim (Stage Management)
- Emily Orr (Sound Design)
- Sofia Peterson and Emily Zhang (Duet Acting)
- Charlotte Saunders (Lighting Design)
- Reid Sox-Harris (Lighting Design)
- Robert Vetter (Monologue)
- Gil Weissman (Monologue)
- Jesse Wilen (Solo Musical)
- Derek Zhou (Monologue)

CONGRATULATIONS to all the Thespian Festival participants for another amazing showing at the California State Thespian Festival!