



SKYROCKET

The performer whose skills and confidence have skyrocketed since their audition or since their previous performance.

TEAM PLAYER

For the performer who consistently puts what is best for the group, and the show as a whole, above what is easiest, most comfortable or convenient for themselves.

POSITIVITY

The positive attitude of this awardee is contagious, and improves the experience for the entire cast. This performer can find the silver lining in any situation.

FEARLESS

These performers push themselves far outside of their comfort level and outside of what is expected of them. They take risks with character choices, and when put in challenging or unexpected situations they push on and do their best rather than taking the easy route.

JOY

The joy of performing emanates from these actors throughout every rehearsal and every performance. The cast as well as the audience benefit from this performer's joy.

SHIRLEY TEMPLE PREPAREDNESS AWARD

Like the child actor this award is named after, these actors arrive at each rehearsal with their lines and dances memorized and pencils ready. This self discipline sets them up for success, and the entire cast benefits.

BEST SET CREW

A good set crew is essential to the success of every show. Our set crews are made up of student volunteers in fifth grade and older. The winners of the Best Set Crew award take their duties seriously, work well on a team, execute directions well, and solve problems under pressure.

ELEVATE

Actors whose talent truly shines through and helps the others in their cast perform even better.

ROCK

The person who is the rock of the cast, unconditionally supportive of every cast member. Supporting and encouraging your cast mates creates an environment in which they can thrive.

CREATIVITY

Actors who come up with interesting and fresh ways to play their character, who invest themselves in their character choices and make it their own.

BRIGHT SPOT

The performer in a non-lead role whose performance significantly draws in and engages the audience.

LEADERSHIP

Actors greatly respected by their directors for showing leadership amongst their peers.

CRAFTMANSHIP

Also known as the "future professional." These performers treat each role as seriously as a job, throw themselves into it and their performances are reflective of their efforts.

BEST ENSEMBLE CAST

This production stands out as the cast with 100% effort in making the show great, in which every single cast member did their utmost to support each other and do their personal best.

INSPIRE

Each individual Creative Kids Playhouse instructor selects one recipient whom they personally award the Inspire Award. Our students inspire us to work harder and be better people.

PERFORMER OF THE YEAR

The actors who represent the bulk of the CATE awards, the core values and the quality education of Creative Kids Playhouse Children's Theatre of Orange County. Performer of the Year is awarded to each troupe—Excalibur Players, Camelot Players, Mainstage Players, and Tom Thumb Players. Each Performer of the Year has participated in multiple productions in the calendar year, and has been nominated for different awards for each production. They receive trophies, and their names are inscribed each year on a wall plaque kept at Creative Kids Playhouse.