

The 2019 Black Theater Alliance Award Nominations

The African Grove Theater Company Award

Best Play (Musical or Revue)

Crowns - Fleetwood - Jourdain Theatre

Mahalia Jackson Moving Thru The Light - Black Ensemble Theater

***Stand Up!* - eta Creative Arts Foundation**

The August Wilson Award

Best Writing of a Musical

Phyllis Curtwright and Kamesha Khan - *Stand Up!* - eta Creative Arts Foundation

Kyla Frye - *Style and Grace In Tribute To Lena Horne and Nancy Wilson* - Black Ensemble Theater

Margaret Mahdi - *Testimony: An Inspirational Musical* - Mahdi Theatre Company

Jackie Taylor - *Mahalia Jackson Moving Thru The Light* - Black Ensemble Theater

The Target Community Relations Award

Best Ensemble

Mahalia Jackson Moving Thru The Light - Black Ensemble Theater

Nina Simone: Four Women - Northlight Theatre

For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf - Court Theatre

Single Black Female - Congo Square Theatre Company

***Stand Up!* - eta Creative Arts Foundation**

The Oscar Brown, Jr. Award

Best Direction of a Musical

Daryl Brooks - *Women Of Soul With A Tribute To Aretha Franklin* - Black Ensemble Theater

Lili-Anne Brown - *Caroline, Or Change* - Firebrand Theatre with TimeLine Theatre Company

Kemati Porter and Jonathan Wilson - *Stand Up!* - eta Creative Arts Foundation

Margaret Mahdi - *Testimony: An Inspirational Musical* - Mahdi Theatre Company

Jackie Taylor - *Mahalia Jackson Moving Thru The Light* - Black Ensemble Theater

The Ben Vereen Award

Best Performance By An Actor in a Musical

Jarrin Comer - *Stand Up!* - eta Creative Arts Foundation

Robert Cornelius - *The Total Bent* - Haven Theatre Company and About Face Theatre

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Donterrio Johnson - *Pippin* - Mercury Theater Company

Tristan Arnez Whitaker - *Stand Up!* - eta Creative Arts Foundation

The Denzel Washington Award

Most Promising Actor

Jarrin Comer (*Stand Up!*) - eta Creative Arts Foundation

Matthew James Elam - (*PipeLine*) - Victory Gardens Theater

Omari Ferrell - (*One 4 The Road*) - MPAACT

Jayson Lee - (*Hooded Or Being Black For Dummies*) - First Floor Theater

Freedom Martin - (*Ethiopianamerica*) - Definition Theatre Company

Tristan Arnez Whitaker - (*Stand Up!*) - eta Creative Arts Foundation

The Katherine Dunham Award

Best Choreography in a Play

Beon Arzell - *The Total Bent* - Haven Theatre Company

Leah Casey - *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf* - Court Theatre

Destiny Casson - *Stand Up!* - eta Creative Arts Foundation

Lemond Hayes - *Style and Grace In Tribute To Lena Horne and Nancy Wilson* - Black Ensemble Theater

The Negro Ensemble Company Award

Best Play (Drama or Comedy)

Black and Blue - MPAACT

Ethiopianamerica - Definition Theatre Company

The Mountaintop - Fleetwood - Jourdain Theatre

Single Black Female - Congo Square Theatre Company

The Joseph Holmes Award

Best Music/Dance Program

An Inspired Past A Jubilant Future - Deeply Rooted Dance Theater

Feeling Good A MADD Tribute To Nina Simone - MADD Rhythms

New Dimensions - Muntu Dance Theatre Of Chicago

Smells Like Freedom - Praize Productions

Testimony: An Inspirational Musical - Mahdi Theatre Company

The Lorraine Hansberry Award

Best Writing of a Play

Shepsu Aakhu - *Black and Blue* - MPAACT

Christina Anderson - *How To Catch Creation* - Goodman Theatre

Jire'h Breon Holder - *Too Heavy For Your Pocket* - TimeLine Theatre Company

Ike Holter - *Lottery Day* - Goodman Theatre

Leonard House - *One 4 For Road* - MPAACT

Sam Kedebe - *Ethiopianamerica* - Definition Theatre Company

Tina Landau and Tarell Alvin McCraney - *Ms. Blakk For President* - Steppenwolf Theatre Company

Lisa B. Thompson - *Single Black Female* - Congo Square Theatre Company

The Lloyd Richards Award

Best Direction of a Play

Lili-Anne Brown - *Lottery Day* - Goodman Theatre

Chika Ike - *In The Blood* - Red Tape Theatre

Sophiyaa Nayar - *Ethiopianamerica* - Definition Theatre Company

Ron OJ Parson - *Radio Golf* - Court Theatre

Niegel Smith - *How To Catch Creation* - Goodman Theatre

The Douglas Alan Mann Award

Best Direction of an Ensemble

Wardell Julius Clark - *The Shipment* - Red Tape Theatre

Ilesa Duncan - *Eclipsed* - Pegasus Theatre Chicago

Taron Patton - *Single Black Female* - Congo Square Theatre Company

Tim Rhoze - *The Mountaintop* - Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre

Seret Scott - *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf* - Court Theatre

The Sidney Poitier Award

Best Leading Actor In a Play

Patrick Agada - *Dutch Masters* - Jackalope Theatre Company

Jalen Gilbert - *Too Heavy For Your Pocket* - TimeLine Theatre Company

Allen Gilmore - *Radio Golf* - Court Theatre

David Goodloe - *Defiance* - Buffalo Theatre Ensemble

Maurice Jones - *Hamlet* - Chicago Shakespeare Theater

Tarell Alvin McCraney - *Ms. Blakk For President* - Steppenwolf Theatre

Michael Aaron Pogue - *The Recommendation* - Windy City Playhouse

Kelvin Roston, Jr. - *Ma' Rainey's Black Bottom* - Writers Theatre

The Ossie Davis, Jr. Award

Best Featured Actor in a Play

Debo Balogun - *Red Rex* - Steep Theatre Company

David Lawrence Hamilton - *Hela* - Sideshow Theatre Company

Brian Keys - *The Recommendation* - Windy City Playhouse

Cage Sabastian Pierre - *Too Heavy For Your Pocket* - TimeLine Theatre Company

Joseph Primes - *Ethiopianamerica* - Definition Theatre Company

Keith Randolph Scott - *How To Catch Creation* - Goodman Theatre

Andre Teamer - *Sweat* - Goodman Theatre

The Ruby Dee Award

Best Leading Actress in a Play

Tyla Abercrombie - *PipeLine* - Victor Gardens Theater

Karen Aldridge - *How To Catch Creation* - Goodman Theatre

Ayanna Bria Bakari - *Too Heavy For Your Pocket* - TimeLine Theatre Company

J. Nicole Brooks - *Lottery Day* - Goodman Theatre

Sydney Charles - *Nina Simone: Four Women* - Northlight Theatre

Jyreika Guest - *In The Blood* - Red Tape Theatre

Jazzma Pryor - *Sunset Baby* - Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre

The Hattie McDaniel Award

Best Featured Actress in a Play

Brianna Buckley - *Crumbs From The Table Of Joy* - Raven Theatre Company

Felicia Fields - *Ma' Rainey's Black Bottom* - Writers Theatre

Tiffany Renee Johnson - *Flyin' West* - American Blues Theatre

Joslyn Jones - *Flyin' West* - American Blues Theatre

Jennifer Latimore - *Too Heavy For Your Pocket* - TimeLine Theatre Company

Gabrielle Lott-Rogers - *Ethiopianamerica* - Definition Theatre Company

The Diahann Carroll Award

Best Performance By an Actress in a Musical

E. Faye Butler - *Gypsy* - Porchlight Music Theatre
Rashada Dawan - *Caroline, Or Change* - Firebrand Theatre and TimeLine Theatre Company
Robin DaSilva - *Mahalia Jackson Moving Thru The Light* - Black Ensemble Theater
Nicole Michelle Haskins - *Caroline, Or Change* - Firebrand Theatre and TimeLine Theatre Company
Rhonda Preston - *Style and Grace In Tribute To Lena Horne and Nancy Wilson* - Black Ensemble Theater

The Harry Belafonte Award

Best Actor in an Ensemble

Eric Gerard - *The Shipment* - Red Tape Theatre
Jayson Lee - *Hooded or Being Black For Dummies* - First Floor Theatre
Juwan Lockett - *Black and Blue* - MPAACT
Jelani Pitcher - *The Mountaintop* - Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre
Namir Smallwood - *True West* - Steppenwolf Theatre Company
Justin Wade Walker - *Black and Blue* - MPAACT

The Ethel Waters Award

Best Actress in an Ensemble

Tiffany Addison - *Single Black Female* - Congo Square Theatre Company
Adia Alli - *No Child...* - Definition Theatre Company
Melissa DuPrey - *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf* - Court Theatre
Shadana Patterson - *The Mountaintop* - Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre
Ginneh Thomas - *Single Black Female* - Congo Square Theatre Company
Anji Thomas - *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf* - Court Theatre

The Phylicia Rashad Award

Most Promising Actress

Jayla Williams Craig - (*Women Of Soul With A Tribute To Aretha Franklin*) - Black Ensemble Theater
Daryn Whitley Harrell - (*Gypsy*) - Porchlight Music Theatre
Bre' Jacobs - (*Caroline, Or Change*) - Firebrand Theatre and TimeLine Theatre Company
Adhana Reid - (*Eclipsed*) - Pegasus Theatre Chicago
Sola Thompson - (*Eclipsed*) - Pegasus Theatre Chicago

The Duke Ellington Award

Best Musical Direction

Jermaine Hill - *The Total Bent* - Haven Theatre and About Face Theatre
Ben Johnson - *Feeling Good A MADD Tribute To Nina Simone* - MADD Rhythms
Robert Reddrick - *Style and Grace In Tribute To Lena Horne and Nancy Wilson* - Black Ensemble Theater
Daniel Riley - *Nina Simone: Four Women* - Northlight Theatre
Clifton Robinson - *New Dimensions* - Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago

The Joel Hall Award

Best Choreography in a Music/Dance Program

Gary Abbott - *Parallel Lives* from An Inspired Past A Jubilant Future - Deeply Rooted Dance Theater

Iddrissu Alahassan - *Agbekor* from New Dimensions - Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago

Reesie Davis - *The Fight Within* famanrom Smells Like Freedom - Praize Productions

The Alvin Ailey Award

Best Choreography (Non-Resident)

Tristan Andrews - *Pride and Joy The Marvin Gaye Musical* - Marvin Gaye III and New Day Entertainment

Donald Byrd - *Rambunctious Iteration #3* - Spectrum Dance Theater

Rennie Harris - *Lazarus* - Alvin Ailey American Theater Dance Theater

The Shirley Prendergast Award

Best Lighting Design

Natalia Janusz - *Black and Blue* - MPAACT

Denise Karczewski - *Style and Grace In Tribute To Lena Horne and Nancy Wilson* - Black Ensemble Theater

Ed Richardson - *Single Black Female* - Congo Square Theatre Company

Eric Watkins - *Ethiopianamerica* - Definition Theatre Company

The Ruth E. Carter Award

Best Costume Design

Jos N. Banks - *Single Black Female* - Congo Square Theatre Company

Rueben Echoles - *Style and Grace In Tribute To Lena Horne and Nancy Wilson* - Black Ensemble Theater

Samantha C. Jones - *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf* - Court Theatre

Alexia Rutherford - *Too Heavy For Your Pocket* - TimeLine Theatre Company

The Mike Sargent Award

Best Sound Design

Destia Sound - *Black and Blue* - MPAACT

Marissa Geocarlis - *The Mountaintop* - Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre

David Samba - *Mahalia Jackson Moving Thru The Light* - Black Ensemble Theater

Joshua Willcox - *Ethiopianamerica* - Definition Theatre Company

The Ed Burbridge Award

Best Set Design

Eleanor Khan - *Ethiopianamerica* - Definition Theatre Company

Bek Lambrecht - *Mahalia Jackson Moving Thru The Light* - Black Ensemble Theater

Jacqueline Penrod - *Eclipsed* - Pegasus Theatre Company

Therese Richie - *No Child...* - Definition Theatre Company

The Andre' DeShields Award

Best Performance in a Play (Non-Resident)

Kourtney Lenton - *Pride and Joy The Marvin Gaye Musical* - Marvin Gaye III and New Day
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Chae Stephens - *Pride and Joy The Marvin Gaye Musical* - Marvin Gaye III and New Day
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