

THE 28TH ANNUAL LA STAGE ALLIANCE

OVATION AWARDS

LET'S INTRODUCE THE NOMINEES

THE NOMINEES

BEST SEASON

CENTER THEATRE GROUP

AMÉLIE, A NEW MUSICAL
ARCHDUKE
CITIZEN: AN AMERICAN LYRIC
DRY LAND
FAILURE: A LOVE STORY
GOOD GRIEF
KING OF THE YEES
MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM
THROW ME ON THE BURNPILE AND LIGHT ME UP
VICUÑA
ZOOT SUIT

GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE

ACTUALLY
BARBECUE
CONSTELLATIONS
ICEBERGS
LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT
THE LEGEND OF GEORGIA MCBRIDE
THE MODEL APARTMENT

ROGUE MACHINE

DUTCH MASTERS
LES BLANCS
STILL LIFE
THE SUPER VARIETY MATCH BONUS ROUND!

THE ECHO THEATER COMPANY

BLUEBERRY TOAST
THE CAKE
THE FOUND DOG RIBBON DANCE

WALLIS ANNENBERG CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

EDWARD ALBEE'S AT HOME AT THE ZOO
FOR THE RECORD: SCORSESE - AMERICAN CRIME
REQUIEM
MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG
THE PRIDE

BEST PRODUCTION OF A PLAY (INTIMATE THEATRE)

33 VARIATIONS

Actors Co-op

AUGUST WILSON'S KING HEDLEY II

Sophina Brown

DUTCH MASTERS

Rogue Machine

LES BLANCS

Rogue Machine

THE CAKE

The Echo Theater Company

THE HOUSE IN SCARSDALE: A MEMOIR FOR THE STAGE

The Theatre @ Boston Court

WET: A DACAMENTED JOURNEY

Ensemble Studio Theatre/LA

BEST PRODUCTION OF A PLAY (LARGE THEATRE)

ACTUALLY

Geffen Playhouse

DRY LAND

Center Theatre Group

GULF VIEW DRIVE

Rubicon Theatre Company

MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM

Center Theatre Group

THE LEGEND OF GEORGIA MCBRIDE

Geffen Playhouse

BEST PRODUCTION OF A MUSICAL (INTIMATE THEATRE)

DOGFIGHT

After Hours Theatre Company

PARADE, THE MUSICAL

Chance Theater

WHEN JAZZ HAD THE BLUES

CEK Productions

 **BEST PRODUCTION OF A MUSICAL
(LARGE THEATRE)**

FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE
Ebony Repertory Theatre

**FOR THE RECORD: SCORSESE - AMERICAN CRIME
REQUIEM**
Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

NEXT TO NORMAL
East West Players

 **BEST PRESENTED PRODUCTION**

FUN HOME
Center Theatre Group

INTO THE WOODS
Center Theatre Group

THE ENCOUNTER
Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

 **ACTING ENSEMBLE OF A PLAY**

33 VARIATIONS
Actors Co-op

DRY LAND
Center Theatre Group

FAILURE: A LOVE STORY
Center Theatre Group

GULF VIEW DRIVE
Rubicon Theatre Company

MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM
Center Theatre Group

THE LEGEND OF GEORGIA MCBRIDE
Geffen Playhouse

THE PRIDE
Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

 **ACTING ENSEMBLE OF A MUSICAL**

DOGFIGHT
After Hours Theatre Company

FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE
Ebony Repertory Theatre

**FOR THE RECORD: SCORSESE - AMERICAN CRIME
REQUIEM**
Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

HAUNTED HOUSE PARTY
The Getty Villa

NEXT TO NORMAL
East West Players

 **CHOREOGRAPHY**

JOYCE GUY
LES BLANCS
Rogue Machine

CAMILLE LOFTIN
MARTHA
Whitefire Theatre

PAUL MCGILL
THE LEGEND OF GEORGIA MCBRIDE
Geffen Playhouse

MARIA TORRES
ZOOT SUIT
Center Theatre Group

KEITH YOUNG
FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE
Ebony Repertory Theatre

 **MUSIC DIRECTION**

RAHN COLEMAN
WHEN JAZZ HAD THE BLUES
CEK Productions

ABDUL HAMID ROYAL
FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE
Ebony Repertory Theatre

MARC MACALINTAL
NEXT TO NORMAL
East West Players

JESSE VARGAS
FOR THE RECORD: SCORSESE - AMERICAN CRIME
REQUIEM
Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

ELMO ZAPP
DOGFIGHT
After Hours Theatre Company

 **BOOK FOR AN ORIGINAL MUSICAL**

MICHAEL SHAW FISHER
SKULLDUGGERY: THE MUSICAL PREQUEL TO HAMLET
Sacred Fools Theater Company

DAVID CAREY FOSTER
THE DEVIL YOU KNOW, A RHYTHM AND BLUES STORY
Devilish Theatrical

CAROLE KOSOFF
WHEN JAZZ HAD THE BLUES
CEK Productions

 LYRICS/COMPOSITION FOR AN ORIGINAL MUSICAL

MICHAEL SHAW FISHER
SKULLDUGGERY: THE MUSICAL PREQUEL TO HAMLET
Sacred Fools Theater Company

DREW FORNAROLA & MARSHALL PAILET
CLAUDIO QUEST, A VIDEO GAME MUSICAL
Chance Theater

JOHN PAPAGEORGE
SIAMESE SEX SHOW
Theatre Planners

 PLAYWRITING FOR AN ORIGINAL PLAY

GIOVANNI ADAMS
LOVE IS A DIRTY WORD
Tilted Field Productions

ALEX ALPHAROAH
WET: A DACAMENTED JOURNEY
Ensemble Studio Theatre/LA

BEKAH BRUNSTETTER
THE CAKE
The Echo Theater Company

IDRIS GOODWIN
BARS AND MEASURES
The Theatre @ Boston Court

LOUISA HILL
LORD OF THE UNDERWORLD'S HOME FOR UNWED MOTHERS
Skylight Theatre Company

RAJIV JOSEPH
ARCHDUKE
Center Theatre Group

ANNA ZIEGLER
ACTUALLY
Geffen Playhouse

 DIRECTION OF A MUSICAL

MICHAEL ARDEN
MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG
Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

ANDERSON DAVIS
FOR THE RECORD: SCORSESE - AMERICAN CRIME REQUIEM
Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

KARI HAYTER
PARADE, THE MUSICAL
Chance Theater

KARI HAYTER
URINETOWN
Coeurage Theatre Company

NANCY KEYSTONE
NEXT TO NORMAL
East West Players

MATT WALKER
HAUNTED HOUSE PARTY
The Getty Villa

KEITH YOUNG
FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE
Ebony Repertory Theatre

 DIRECTION OF A PLAY

GREGG T. DANIEL
LES BLANCS
Rogue Machine

ALANA DIETZE
DRY LAND
Center Theatre Group

MIKE DONAHUE
THE LEGEND OF GEORGIA MCBRIDE
Geffen Playhouse

KATHARINE FARMER
GULF VIEW DRIVE
Rubicon Theatre Company

THOMAS O'LEARY
33 VARIATIONS
Actors Co-op

TYNE RAFAELI
ACTUALLY
Geffen Playhouse

PHYLICIA RASHAD
MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM
Center Theatre Group

 **LEAD ACTOR IN A MUSICAL**

OBBA BABATUNDE as Nomax
FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE
Ebony Repertory Theatre

ALLEN EVERMAN as Leo Frank
PARADE, THE MUSICAL
Chance Theater

MARC GINSBURG as Che
EVITA
Cabrillo Music Theatre

FRANK LAWSON as Billy Strayhorn
WHEN JAZZ HAD THE BLUES
CEK Productions

B. SLADE as Stacks
FOR THE RECORD: SCORSESE - AMERICAN CRIME
REQUIEM
Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

 **LEAD ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL**

NICCI CLASPELL as Rose Fenney
DOGFIGHT
After Hours Theatre Company

CARMEN CUSACK as Ginger
FOR THE RECORD: SCORSESE - AMERICAN CRIME
REQUIEM
Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

DEEDEE MAGNO HALL as Diana
NEXT TO NORMAL
East West Players

BETS MALONE as Lana Mae
HONKY TONK LAUNDRY
Honky Tonk Productions

DONNA VIVINO as Mary Flynn
MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG
Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

 **LEAD ACTOR IN A PLAY**

JASON DIRDEN as Levee
MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM
Center Theatre Group

HARRY GROENER as Big Daddy
CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF
Antaeus Theatre Company

JERRY MACKINNON as Tom
ACTUALLY
Geffen Playhouse

MATT MCGRATH as Miss Tracy Mills
THE LEGEND OF GEORGIA MCBRIDE
Geffen Playhouse

MIKE MCSHANE as Big Daddy
CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF
Antaeus Theatre Company

ERIK ODOM as Raleigh
GULF VIEW DRIVE
Rubicon Theatre Company

GLYNN TURMAN as Toledo
MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM
Center Theatre Group

 **LEAD ACTRESS IN A PLAY**

K CALLAN as Mama
PIE IN THE SKY
The Victory Theatre Center

CONNOR KELLY-EIDING as Ester
DRY LAND
Center Theatre Group

LILY NICKSAY as May
GULF VIEW DRIVE
Rubicon Theatre Company

SAMANTHA RESSLER as Amber
ACTUALLY
Geffen Playhouse

TEAGAN ROSE as Amy
DRY LAND
Center Theatre Group

DEBRA JO RUPP as Della
THE CAKE
The Echo Theater Company

JACQUELINE WRIGHT as Barb
BLUEBERRY TOAST
The Echo Theater Company

 FEATURED ACTOR IN A MUSICAL

ERIC ANTHONY as Eat Moe
FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE
Ebony Repertory Theatre

ROGELIO DOUGLAS JR. as Four Eyed Moe
FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE
Ebony Repertory Theatre

BRENDAN HUNT as Yorick
SKULLDUGGERY: THE MUSICAL PREQUEL TO HAMLET
Sacred Fools Theater Company

JASON PAIGE as Frankie
FOR THE RECORD: SCORSESE - AMERICAN CRIME
REQUIEM
Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

JACQUES SMITH as No Moe
FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE
Ebony Repertory Theatre

MATT WALKER as Tranio
HAUNTED HOUSE PARTY
The Getty Villa

OCTAVIUS WOMACK as Big Moe
FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE
Ebony Repertory Theatre

 FEATURED ACTOR IN A PLAY

TONY AMENDOLA as Jaques
AS YOU LIKE IT
Antaeus Theatre Company

LARRY CEDAR as Tom/Phyllis/Leslie
SYLVIA
Rubicon Theatre Company

LUCAS NEAR-VERBRUGGHE as Nicky
ICEBERGS
Geffen Playhouse

LARRY POWELL as Miss Rexy/Jason
THE LEGEND OF GEORGIA MCBRIDE
Geffen Playhouse

MONTAE RUSSELL as Elmore
AUGUST WILSON'S KING HEDLEY II
Sophina Brown

ADOLPHUS WARD as Stool Pigeon
AUGUST WILSON'S KING HEDLEY II
Sophina Brown

MATTHEW WILKAS as The Man/Peter/The Doctor
THE PRIDE
Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

 FEATURED ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL

WHITNEY BASHOR as Beth Spencer
MERRILY WE ROLL ALONG
Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

ISA BRIONES as Mistress/Ensemble
EVITA
Cabrillo Music Theatre

ISA BRIONES as Natalie
NEXT TO NORMAL
East West Players

ISA BRIONES as Natalie
NEXT TO NORMAL
Triage Productions and Standing Room Only Productions

YVETTE CASON as Katie Bell/Mahalia Jackson
SHOUT SISTER SHOUT!
Pasadena Playhouse

DIONNE GIPSON as Diane
FOR THE RECORD: SCORSESE - AMERICAN CRIME
REQUIEM
Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

LINDSEY GORT as Iris
FOR THE RECORD: SCORSESE - AMERICAN CRIME
REQUIEM
Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

 FEATURED ACTRESS IN A PLAY

PEGGY ANN BLOW as Antonio/Chauncey
THE GARY PLAYS - PART 2
Open Fist Theatre Company

ANN GEE BYRD as Madame Neilsen
LES BLANCS
Rogue Machine

TONI CHRISTOPHER as Izzy
RABBIT HOLE
JTK Productions

DALE DICKEY as Adlean
BARBECUE
Geffen Playhouse

FALINE ENGLAND as Treva
GULF VIEW DRIVE
Rubicon Theatre Company

ELLA JOYCE as Ruby
AUGUST WILSON'S KING HEDLEY II
Sophina Brown

SHARON SHARTH as Mrs. Gill
GULF VIEW DRIVE
Rubicon Theatre Company

 **LIGHTING DESIGN**
(INTIMATE THEATRE)

MARTHA CARTER
BURNERS
Moving Arts

ELIZABETH HARPER
THE HOUSE IN SCARSDALE: A MEMOIR FOR THE STAGE
The Theatre @ Boston Court

DERRICK MCDANIEL
LES BLANCS
Rogue Machine

DAN REED
THE GARY PLAYS - PART 2
Open Fist Theatre Company

MATT RICHTER
THE SEARCH FOR SIGNS OF INTELLIGENT LIFE IN THE
UNIVERSE: REVISITED
Los Angeles LGBT Center

ANDREW SCHMEDAKE
33 VARIATIONS
Actors Co-op

JEAN-YVES TESSIER
THE TURN OF THE SCREW
Actors Co-op

 **SCENIC DESIGN**
(INTIMATE THEATRE)

NICHOLAS ACCIANI
33 VARIATIONS
Actors Co-op

GLENN BAKER
BURNERS
Moving Arts

EVAN BARTOLETTI
PIE IN THE SKY
The Victory Theatre Center

JOHN IACOVELLI
AUGUST WILSON'S KING HEDLEY II
Sophina Brown

STEPHANIE KERLEY SCHWARTZ
LES BLANCS
Rogue Machine

STEPHANIE KERLEY SCHWARTZ
THE SUPER VARIETY MATCH BONUS ROUND!
Rogue Machine

DAVID MAUER
DUTCH MASTERS
Rogue Machine

 **LIGHTING DESIGN**
(LARGE THEATRE)

MICHAEL BERGER & DAN EFROS
FOR THE RECORD: SCORSESE - AMERICAN CRIME
REQUIEM
Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

MIKE BILLINGS
GULF VIEW DRIVE
Rubicon Theatre Company

LAP CHI CHU
ACTUALLY
Geffen Playhouse

LAP CHI CHU
ARCHDUKE
Center Theatre Group

JOSH EPSTEIN
THE LEGEND OF GEORGIA MCBRIDE
Geffen Playhouse

ELIZABETH HARPER
LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT
Geffen Playhouse

PABLO SANTIAGO
ZOOT SUIT
Center Theatre Group

 **SCENIC DESIGN**
(LARGE THEATRE)

JR BRUCE
FAILURE: A LOVE STORY
Center Theatre Group

TOM BUDERWITZ
LEND ME A TENOR
La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts

TOM BUDERWITZ
LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT
Geffen Playhouse

KEVIN DEPINET
VICUÑA
Center Theatre Group

JOHN IACOVELLI
MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM
Center Theatre Group

AMANDA KNEHANS
DRY LAND
Center Theatre Group

TIM MACKABEE
ARCHDUKE
Center Theatre Group

 **SOUND DESIGN**
(INTIMATE THEATRE)

CAMERON COMBE
OUR TOWN
Actors Co-op

JEFF GARDNER
LES BLANCS
Rogue Machine

HOWARD HO
BLOODLETTING
Playwrights' Arena

DAVID MARLING
33 VARIATIONS
Actors Co-op

KEN RICH
PLASTICITY
SoulArt

JOSEPH SLAWINSKI
BURNERS
Moving Arts

JOHN ZALEWSKI
THE GARY PLAYS - PART 3
Open Fist Theatre Company

 **COSTUME DESIGN**
(INTIMATE THEATRE)

WENDELL CARMICHAEL
LES BLANCS
Rogue Machine

VICKI CONRAD
33 VARIATIONS
Actors Co-op

MICHAEL MULLEN
BURNERS
Moving Arts

MICHAEL MULLEN
SIAMESE SEX SHOW
Theatre Planners

MICHAEL MULLEN
WHEN JAZZ HAD THE BLUES
CEK Productions

MYLETTE NORA
AUGUST WILSON'S KING HEDLEY II
Sophina Brown

JOHN SINNER
JOHN SINNER'S AN INVASION OF DECENCY!
fancyplayground

 **SOUND DESIGN**
(LARGE THEATRE)

DREW DALZELL & NOELLE HOFFMAN
WICKED LIT 2016
Unbound Productions

JEFF GARDNER
DRY LAND
Center Theatre Group

DANIEL KLUGER
ARCHDUKE
Center Theatre Group

AUSTIN QUAN
GULF VIEW DRIVE
Rubicon Theatre Company

JOSHUA REID
THE PRIDE
Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

JOHN ZALEWSKI
A MEXICAN TRILOGY: AN AMERICAN STORY
The Latino Theater Company

JOHN ZALEWSKI
THE CONDUCT OF LIFE
HERO Theatre Inc.

 **COSTUME DESIGN**
(LARGE THEATRE)

DENITSA BLIZNAKOVA
ARCHDUKE
Center Theatre Group

E.B. BROOKS
THE LEGEND OF GEORGIA MCBRIDE
Geffen Playhouse

ANN CLOSS-FARLEY
ZOOT SUIT
Center Theatre Group

MARCY FROELICH
GULF VIEW DRIVE
Rubicon Theatre Company

DANAE MCQUEEN
THE PRIDE
Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

DAVID MICKELSEN
LEND ME A TENOR
La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts

EMILIO SOSA
MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM
Center Theatre Group



VIDEO/PROJECTION DESIGN

NICHOLAS ACCIANI

33 VARIATIONS
Actors Co-op

HILLARY BAUMAN, CORWIN EVANS & CHRIS HUTCHINGS

ROSE AND THE RIME
Sacred Fools Theater Company

CORWIN EVANS

PLASTICITY
SoulArt

MATTHEW HILL

HANSEL & GRETEL BLUEGRASS
24th Street Theatre

HANA KIM

THE GARY PLAYS - PART 2
Open Fist Theatre Company

PETER NIGRINI

AMÉLIE, A NEW MUSICAL
Center Theatre Group

MIKE TUTAJ

KING OF THE YEES
Center Theatre Group

OVATION HONORS RECIPIENTS



MUSIC COMPOSITION FOR A PLAY

NOAH AGRUSS

BARS AND MEASURES
The Theatre @ Boston Court



FIGHT CHOREOGRAPHY

AHMED BEST

BLUEBERRY TOAST
The Echo Theater Company



PUPPET DESIGN

JOE SEELEY

WICKED LIT 2016
Unbound Productions

NOMINEE NUMERICAL BREAKDOWN

By organization

Center Theatre Group	31	Coeurage Theatre Company	1
Geffen Playhouse	19	fancyplayground	1
Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts	19	HERO Theatre Inc.	1
Rogue Machine	12	Honky Tonk Productions	1
Actors Co-op	11	JTK Productions	1
Rubicon Theatre Company	11	Los Angeles LGBT Center	1
Ebony Repertory Theatre	10	Odyssey Theatre Ensemble	1
Chance Theater	6	Pasadena Playhouse	1
East West Players	6	Playwrights' Arena	1
Sophina Brown	6	The Latino Theater Company	1
The Echo Theater Company	6	Triage Productions and	
CEK Productions	5	Standing Room Only Productions	1
Moving Arts	5	Whitefire Theatre	1
Sacred Fools Theater Company	5		
After Hours Theatre Company	4		
Open Fist Theatre Company	4		
The Theatre @ Boston Court	4		
Antaeus Theatre Company	3		
SoulArt	3		
The Getty Villa	3		
Cabrillo Music Theatre	2		
Devilish Theatrical	2		
Ensemble Studio Theatre/LA	2		
La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts	2		
Loft Ensemble	2		
Skylight Theatre Company	2		
The Victory Theatre Center	2		
Theatre Planners	2		
Tilted Field Productions	2		
Unbound Productions	2		
24th Street Theatre	1		

NOMINEE NUMERICAL BREAKDOWN

By production

Five Guys Named Moe	10	WET: A DACamented Journey	2
For The Record: Scorsese		Wicked Lit 2016	2
- American Crime Requiem	10	A Mexican Trilogy: An American Story	1
Gulf View Drive	10	Amélie, A New Musical	1
33 Variations	8	As You Like It	1
Les Blancs	8	Barbecue	1
The Legend of Georgia McBride	8	Bloodletting	1
Dry Land	7	Claudio Quest, a video game musical	1
Ma Rainey's Black Bottom	7	Fun Home	1
Actually	6	Hansel & Gretel Bluegrass	1
August Wilson's King Hedley II	6	Honky Tonk Laundry	1
Next to Normal (East West Players)	6	Icebergs	1
Archduke	5	Into The Woods	1
Burners	5	John Sinner's AN INVASION OF DECENCY!	1
When Jazz Had The Blues	5	King of the Yees	1
Dogfight	4	MARTHA	1
The Pride	4	Next to Normal (Triad Productions and Standing Room Only Productions)	1
Zoot Suit	4	Rabbit Hole	1
Haunted House Party	3	Rose and the Rime	1
Merrily We Roll Along	3	Shout Sister Shout!	1
Parade, The Musical	3	Simon Stephens' drama: „Punk Rock“	1
Plasticity	3	Sylvia	1
Skullduggery: The Musical Prequel to Hamlet	3	The Conduct of Life	1
The Cake	3	The Devil You Know, a rhythm and blues story	1
The Gary Plays - Part 2	3	The Encounter	1
Bars and Measures	2	The Gary Plays - Part 3	1
Blueberry Toast	2	The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe: Revisited	1
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof	2	The Super Variety Match Bonus Round!	1
Dutch Masters	2	THE Turn of the Screw	1
Evita	2	URINETOWN	1
Failure: A Love Story	2	Vicuña	1
Lend Me A Tenor	2		
Long Day's Journey Into Night	2		
Long Joan Silver	2		
Lord of the Underworld's Home for Unwed Mothers	2		
Love is a Dirty Word	2		
Our Town	2		
Pie in the Sky	2		
Siamese Sex Show	2		
The House in Scarsdale: A Memoir for the Stage	2		

NOMINEE NUMERICAL BREAKDOWN

By person (with more than one nomination)

Isa Briones	3
Michael Shaw Fisher	3
Michael Mullen	3
John Zalewski	3
Nicholas Acciani	2
Giovanni Adams	2
Tom Buderwitz	2
Lap Chi Chu	2
Corwin Evans	2
Drew Fornarola	2
Jeff Gardner	2
Elizabeth Harper	2
Kari Hayter	2
John Iacovelli	2
Stephanie Kerley Schwartz	2
Marshall Paillet	2
Ken Rich	2
Matt Walker	2
Keith Young	2