



This production is entered into consideration for the Children Achieving Theatre Excellence (CATE) Awards.

The awards ceremony will be held in January, 2017, and will honor and recognize the accomplishments of a Creative Kids Playhouse Children's Theatre of Orange County students in 2016 productions.

There are three ways to be honored:

1. Be invited by your director to represent your cast by performing during the awards ceremony.
2. Achieve a new Thespian level of theater education— descriptions are on the back of this page.
3. Be nominated by your director to receive one of the following awards:

**SKYROCKET**

For 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.

**FEARLESS**

These performers push themselves far outside of their comfort level and take risks with character choices.

**JOY**

The joy of performing emanates from these actors through every rehearsal and every performance.

**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.

**SHARING YOUR GIFTS**

These performers are content and confident in who they are and joyfully share their talents with the audience.

**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.

**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.

**CRAFTSMANSHIP**

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 most exceptional, all-round performance with every cast member throwing themselves into the success of the show.

**INSPIRE**

Each instructor has awarded the Inspire Award to the student that inspired them to be even better at what they do.

**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

# The Thespians

of Creative Kids Playhouse Children's Theatre of Orange County

Thespian levels represent quantity of theater education. Students achieving a new thespian level are recognized during the CATE Awards Show. The lowest level, Aspiring Junior Thespian, represents approximately one year of participation—two 2-act musicals and one theater immersion camp. Each opportunity for theater education is rated a certain number of stars, as listed below. Each Thespian level is achieved by earning stars.

Level 1: Aspiring Junior Thespians—16-26 stars

Level 2: Junior Thespians—26-36 Stars

Level 3: Thespians—37-50 Stars

Level 4: Advanced Thespians—51-74 Stars

Level 5: Senior Thespians- 75+ Stars

To Earn Stars, participate in the following programs:	# of stars
Tom Thumb Players production (ages 3-6)	1
Class (Acting, musical theater workshop, improv, etc)	2
1 Act musical	4
Theater Immersion Camp	4
Mainstage two-act musical	6
Camelot or Excalibur Players 2-act	7
Stage Crew for a 1-act or Immersion Camp	1
Stage Crew for a 2-act	2
Attend a Set Building Day	1
Camp Counselor at Theater Immersion Camp (high schoolers only)	4