



# FRESH FRUIT FESTIVAL

The 2022 & 2023  
AWARDS of DISTINCTION

Sunday August 13th, 2023  
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# The 2022-23 Fresh Fruit Festivals The 21st Annual FRUITIE AWARDS

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**Outstanding Production winners, 2022 & 2023**



**2022: Kian Johnson, Avery Bueller, & Clara Tristan,  
in "Sassafras and The Captain"**



**2023: Jake Fallon, Andy Donnelly in "Eelpout" photos: Louis Lopardi**

**Opening Remarks, our Host - Frank Calo**

**A few words by our Executive Director - Louis Lopardi**

**A welcome by All Out Arts President - Jeff Goodman**

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**OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION DESIGN**

**2022: Once On Rumspringa**

Set: Ryan McCloy, Technical: Andrew Freeburg  
Director: Amir Malaklou Producer: Kyra Armstrong

**2023: Eelpout**

Costumes: Paul Kruse, Sarah Todes; Rachel Wolther  
Technical: Rachel Wolther  
Director: Rachel Wolther Producer: Sarah Todes

**OUTSTANDING DANCE/CHOREOGRAPHY**

**2022: Marcus Zebra Smith, for “Eternal Flamer”**

Choreography: Nigel Semaj Director: Amy Marie Seidel

**2023: Eleanor Piente, for “Eelpout”**

Director: Rachel Wolther

**OUTSTANDING FEATURED PERFORMER**

**2022: Stephen Bush, in “Once on Rumspringa”**

Director: Amir Malaklou

**2023: Andy Donnelly, in “Eelpout”**

Director: Rachel Wolther

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**Performance: From “ACCIDENTAL INTIMACIES”**

**Sarah Vishnev, Chelsi Kern, and Megan Kemple**

**"My Sexuality" and "School is in Session"**

**OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ROLE in a DRAMA**

**2022: Bonita Elery, for Older Celia**

**AND**

**Tiffany Michelle Thompson, for Older Jocelyn**

in Kia Barbee's "Roommates"

Director: Deborah Goodwin

**2023: Kyr Siegel, for Oscar**

in Grace Tomblin Marcas's "Cornflake Pie"

Director: Zach Kelley

**OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ROLE in a COMEDY**

**2022: Keith Arthur DiRienzo, for Billie**

in Tommy Jamerson's "Eternal Flamer"

Director: Amy Seidel

**2023: Keith Weiss, for Lars Larsen**

in Paul Kruse's "Eelpout"

Director: Rachel Wolther

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*A Recognition - Louis Lopardi*

**OUTSTANDING LEAD in a DRAMA**

**2022: Juliet Roll, for Annie**

in Erin Shea Brady's "You're a Weirdo, Annie Best"

Director: Maddie Rostami

**2023: Katy Copeland, for Kit**

in Katy Copeland's "Meet You Downstairs"

Director: Louis Sallan

**OUTSTANDING LEAD in a COMEDY**

**2022: Clara Tristan, for Sassafras**

in Sarah Elisabeth Brown's "Sassafras and the Captain"

Director: Kate McConnell

**AND**

**AC Quagliato, for Jessie**

in Tommy Jamerson's "Eternal Flamer"

Director: Amy Marie Seidel

**2023: Jake Fallon, for Sven Svenson**

in Paul Kruse's "Eelpout"

Director: Rachel Wolther

- A Fresh Fruit Festival 'Special' Award -

**The FRESH FRUIT SPIRIT Award**

**"Fostering Pride, Survival, History and Progress"**

**2022: "ACCIDENTAL INTIMACIES"**

Megan Kemple, Author & Director

Chelsi Kern, Producer

**2023: "FETTUCCINI"**

Queen-Tiye Akamefula, Author

Ava Novak, Director

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**THANKS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS**

**- They Keep The Fruit Fresh -**

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**HELP & SUPPORT**

As we cannot use our civic grants for Awards, we wish to thank the following people whose recent donations made tonight possible:

The Kessler family, and Aprio Consulting, Adam Rimes CPA.

Frank Calo, Vivian Tong, and our many volunteers who helped today.

**ALL OUT ARTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Carolyn Brown, Wendy Gardner, Todd Geringswald, Jeff Goodman,  
Jeffrey G. Leeds, Janice "Cookie" Pemberton, Suellen Rubin



**PERFORMANCE: from “EELPOUT”**

**Keith Weiss, as Lars Larsen**

*The ‘betrothal’ monologue*

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**OUTSTANDING PLAY**

**2022: Erin Shea Brady, for “Your’e A Weirdo, Annie Best”**

**2023: Ricardo Melendez, for “Angel on Eros”**

**OUTSTANDING DIRECTOR**

**2022: Karma Masselli**

for Emmy Weissman’s “Motherf\*\*king Girl Scouts”

**2023: Zach Kelley**

for Grace Tomblin Marca’s “Cornflake Pie”

**OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION**

**2022: Sassafras and The Captain**

by Sarah Elisabeth Brown

Producer: Shelley R. Seeley

Director: Kathryn McConnel

**2023: EELPOUT**

by Paul Kruse

Producer: Sarah Todes - Neon Caviar

Director: Rachel Wolther

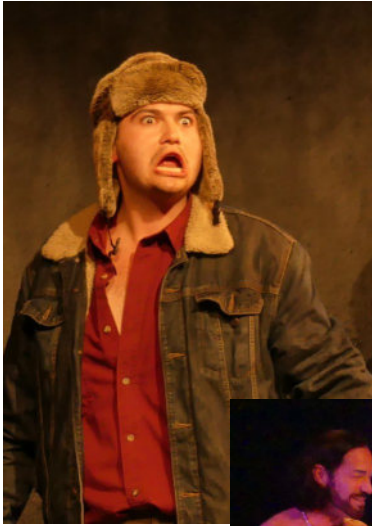
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**Final Words - Louis Lopardi**

**A Thank You - Frank Calo**

**“Fighting Prejudice Through The Arts”**





Keith Weiss in "Eelpout"



Ricardo Melendez, Brexdyn La Dieu  
in "Angel on Eros"



"You're a Weirdo, Annie Best"

photos: Louis Lopardi

**ENSEMBLE Cast 2022: the 'Girl Scouts'**



**ENSEMBLE Cast 2023: the 'Cowgirls'**



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**Oatmeal, in "Mr. Oatmeal" 2023**



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