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SALUTE TO OCEAN COUNTY

A CELEBRATION OF ARTS AND CULTURE

PRESENTED BY

**THE OCEAN COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION,
CHAIRWOMAN, COMMISSIONER VIRGINIA E. HAINES
IN CONJUNCTION WITH OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE**



**6:30 PM ON THURSDAY MAY 16TH, 2024 AT
THE GRUNIN CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

Special Thanks:

Office of Public Information

Donna E. Flynn, Director

JuliaRose Violante for lending voice to the Salute

The Grunin Center for the Arts stage technicians and house staff for professional support

Luke Nokes - Reception Piano Performance

Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commissioners

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Eric Stratton, Jaclyn Wood,
Jessica Zawerczuk

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Annie Humphrey, Cristen Piatnochka, Jamie Prioli, Lori Enquist-
Schmidt, Paul Hartelius, Linda Helm Krapf, Vinney Pizzimenti

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

**Displaying Student Film Winner “Kismet“ in Theater
Visual Arts on Display Upstairs with Refreshments

Video - “Ocean County Salute”

Video - “Cultural and Heritage: Catalyst”

Introduction

Timothy G. Hart

Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission

Video - “Student Leadership Conference: Intro”

Welcome

Commissioner Barbara Jo Crea

Act I

Student Performance—

Jackson Liberty High School Dance Team

Award Presentation

Historic Preservation Award

Recipient: Borough of Seaside Heights

Documentary by Central Regional High School



Academic Merit Awards

Georgian Court University

Student Award for Excellence in Art Academic Achievement

2023: Victoria Black

2024: Kevin Tombs

Student Award for Excellence in History Academic Achievement

2023: Sydney VanLew

2024: Kayla Latendresse

Ocean County College Art and History:

Student Award for Excellence in Art Academic Achievement

2023: Kaila McEwan

2024: TBA

Student Award for Excellence in History Academic Achievement

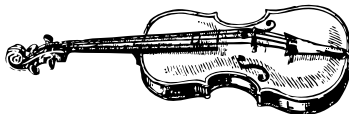
2023: Michael Zonsa

2024: TBA

Music and artwork courtesy of participants in the

2024 Teen Arts Festival

Images of artwork by Tom Spader, Ocean County Parks



Remarks:

Dr. Monaco
Ocean County College

Award Presentation

Special Award of Merit
Recipient: Echoes of LBI Cheryl Kirby
Documentary by Southern Regional High School

ACT II

Student Performance -
Southern Regional High School Concert Choir

Award Presentation

Pauline S. Miller Lifetime Achievement Award
in Ocean County History
Recipient: Thomas P. Farnar
Documentary by Lacey Township High School

Remarks:

Sara Cureton - Executive Director
NJ Historical Commission

County History Partnership Program Awards

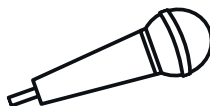
Award Presentation

Ocean County Lifetime Achievement Award in the Arts
Recipient: Malcolm Robinson
Documentary by Southern Regional High School

Remarks:

Andrew Binger - Program Officer, Community Partnerships
NJ State Council on the Arts

Local Arts Program Awards



Ocean County Teen Arts
Visual Arts Winner



On A Line

by Benjamin Springfield

ACT III

Student Performance -
Pinelands Regional High School Jazz Band

Award Presentation

Virginia E. Haines Historic Advocate Award
Recipient: W. Grove Conrad and Kathryn D. Conrad
Documentary by Pinelands Regional High School

Remarks:

Mary Jane Bavais
Director - Ocean County Parks and Recreation

Award Presentation

John C. Bartlett, Jr. Government Leadership
Recipient: Michael T. Mangum
Documentary by Lacey Township High School

ACT IV

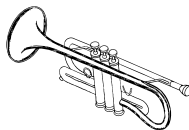
Student Performance -
Jackson Liberty High School Dance Team

Remarks:

Jaclyn Wood, Coordinator
Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts,
Ocean County Teen Arts Festival

Presentation of Teen Arts Outstanding Achievement Awards

Program and participants subject to change without notice.



Dance

Ocean County Vocational
Technical School -
Performing Arts Academy:

Group 1:

Ava Brunson, Ariana Gallagher,
and Samantha Voss

Group 2:

Ava Brunson and
Ella Katsafados

Large Vocal

**Southern Regional
High School:**

Southern Regional High School
Concert Choir

Large Instrumental

**Southern Regional
High School:**

Southern Regional High School
Jazz Ensemble

Small Instrumental

Pinelands Regional High School:
Pinelands Jazz Band

Pinelands Regional High School:
Concert Ensemble

Group 3:

Jenna Alders, Mya Alders, Olivia
Amato, Ava Brunson, Kennedy
Brosnan, Lillian Gonzalez,
and Nevaeh Oliver

Jackson Liberty High School:
Ocean County Jackson Liberty
Dance Team

Small Vocal

Central Regional High School:
Central Regional High School
Treble Ensemble

**Southern Regional
High School:**
Southern Regional Boys
Ensemble

Jackson Liberty High School:
Danielle Adolfsen

Central Regional High School:
Odie Femi-oke

Piano

Toms River Intermediate East:
Christina Dakrat



RECENT PREVIOUS SALUTE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Below is a list of previous recipients of the award categories being recognized tonight. Check the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage website for a full list of awards given by the Commission, their recipients, and to find nomination forms.

Ocean County Lifetime Achievement in the Arts

2024: Malcolm Robinson - Decoy Carver

2023: Harry Bower - Visual Artist

2022: Mary May - Basket Weaver

2021: Art Birdsall – Decoy Maker

2020: Robert Popovics - Naturalist, Innovator, Artist

Pauline S. Miller Lifetime Achievement Award for Ocean County History

2024: Thomas P. Farner

2023: Gretchen Coyle

2022: Eleanor Ditton

2020: Deborah C. Whitcraft

John C. Bartlett, Jr. Government Leadership Award

2024: Michael T. Mangum

2022: Bahiyyah Abdullah

Virginia E. Haines Historic Advocate Award

2024: W. Grove Conrad & Kathryn D. Conrad

2020: Virginia E. Haines

Special Award of Merit

2024: Cheryl Kirby - Echoes of LBI

2022: Reisa Sweet - Recognition for contributions to Ocean County
Human Relations Commission

2021: Ocean County Memories Founded 1850! - Andrew Anderson and
Patrick Leon Asay

Historic Preservation Award

2024: Borough of Seaside Heights - Moreland Carousel Restoration Project

2023: LBI Historical Association - Fisherman's Cottage

Teen Arts Critique of Excellence Participants

Large Musical Theatre

Southern Regional High School:
Southern Regional
Theatre Company

Small Musical Theatre

Southern Regional High School:
Southern Regional
Theatre Company

**Point Pleasant Borough High
School:**
Yaritza Villegas

Toms River High School North:
Maddie McPhee

Video / Film Making

Jackson Liberty High School:
Jackson Liberty Film
Production Class

Lacey Township High School:
Erik Stroin, Le Falvey,
and Jackson Conlan

Large Theatre

**Toms River High School
North:**
Nautical Stars
Theatre Company

Small Theatre

**Ocean County Vocational
Technical
School – Performing Arts:**
Gabriel Amoroso, Kyle Bodie,
Aiden Fallon, Gracie Hammel,
and Gabrielle McColley

Toms River High School North:
Libbie Diamond
Saniya Williams

Literary Arts

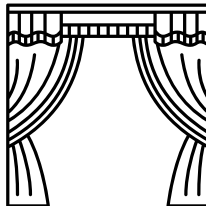
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**Barnegat Township
High School:**
Tru Lomboy
Isabella Jeffers
Rafaela Hernandez

**Brick Township High
School:**
Madalynn Dougherty

Poetry

Point Pleasant Borough High School: Ava Velasquez	Toms River High School North: Myla Boyd Adam Russo Jordyn Flavin
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History Program Grant Recipients

4th New Jersey Volunteers--\$1,000
Barnegat Bay Maritime Museum--\$8,500
Berkeley Township Historical Society--\$12,500
*John F. Peto Studio Museum--\$15,400
Long Beach Island Historical Society--\$14,400
Navy Lakehurst Historical Society--\$12,100
Stafford Township Historical Society--\$10,100
Toms River Business Development Corp.--\$5,000
Vintage Auto Museum of New Jersey--\$9,000

Local Arts Program Grant Recipients

ARC of Ocean County - \$5,000
*Brick Children's Community Theatre - \$17,400
Jewish Federation of Ocean County—\$5,000
Island Singers -\$7,100
Jackson Township_ \$2,500
*John F. Peto Studio Museum - \$17,700
Laurelton Art Society - \$4,500
Lighthouse International Film Festival - \$14,100
O.C.E.A.N. Inc.—\$5,000
Ocean County Artists' Guild - \$16,000
Ocean Professional Theater Company - \$13,600
Pine Shores Art Association - \$15,000
Ship Bottom Borough—\$2,500
Stafford Township Historical Society - \$2,500
Toms River Artist Community - \$17,100
Toms River Business Development Corporation - \$5,000

***Citation of Excellence**

