

Ocean County Teen Arts Festival

The Ocean County Teen Arts Festival is proudly hosted by the Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College. The festival is cosponsored by the Ocean County Board of Commissioners through the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission.

Held in mid-March, the Ocean County Teen Arts Festival invites high school students to showcase their artistic talents to their peers, receive professional feedback from adjudicators, and participate in free cross-disciplinary workshops on campus. Top students from each category are nominated to participate at the New Jersey State Teen Arts Festival. The Ocean County

Cultural & Heritage Commissioners evaluate those adjudicated for excellence and pick finalists to showcase at the *Salute to Ocean County*. The Commission supports the students by providing an award of \$650 per awardee. Additionally, several Ocean County high schools receive \$1,000 each to produce documentaries on the *Salute to Ocean County* awardees. Lacey Township High School was selected to receive an award of an additional \$1,000 for the best production in the documentary category for their production on the Affair at Egg Harbor for the Special Award of Merit. The following schools were selected for outstanding achievement:

Visual Arts:

Jackson High School -
Caught Red Handed by Parker Wolf

Student Film:

Pinelands Regional High School - *Land Down Under*

Dance:

Grunin Performing Arts Academy

Vocal:

Pinelands Regional High School -
Chansons- "The Subway"

Instrumental:

Barnegat Jazz Band Ensemble

Creative Writing:

Point Pleasant Borough High School -
The Train to Hell by Ashlynne Goble

Large Theater:

Pinelands Regional High School -
"The March (We Demand Equality)" from *Suffs* the Musical

Caught Red Handed by Parker Wolf

