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. Additionally, several Ocean County high schools receive $1,000 each to produce documentaries on the *Salute to Ocean County* awardees. Central Regional 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 Ocean County Artists Guild for the Lifetime Achievement in Art. The following schools were selected for outstanding achievement:



R.K. in Charcoal by Brooke Baranyay

Visual Arts:
Central Regional High School - *R.K. in Charcoal*
by Brooke Baranyay

Student Film:
Jackson Liberty High School - *Risk*

Dance:
Toms River High School North

Vocal:
Southern Regional High School

Instrumental:
Barnegat High School - *Halcyon Hearts, Second Suite in F for Military Band*

Literary Arts:
Point Pleasant Boro High School - *A Recipe for Growing Up*
by Meredith Killi

Small Theater:
OCVTS Grunin Performing Arts Academy - *The Murder was Staged*

Large Theater:
OCVTS Grunin Performing Arts Academy - *Bikini Bottom Day*