

# **WHARFEDALE FESTIVAL OF THEATRE – RESULTS 2024/25**

## **PANTOMIMES**

Best Dame	Mike Riley (Upstagers)
Best Fairy	Cate Riley (LIDOS)
Best Villain	Sophie Holdsworth (Upstagers)
Best Principal Boy	Maisie Call (STARS)
Best Principal Girl	Olivia Leather (Upstagers)
Best Comedy Lead	James Preston (LIDOS)
Best Female Support	Emily Voss-Bevan (Addingham Pantomime Group)
Best Male Support	James Hepworth (Upstagers)
Best Cameo	Alice Fish (STARS)
Best Programme	Dick Whittington (Upstagers)
Best Stage Presentation	Dick Whittington (Upstagers)
Best Choreography	Dick Whittington (Upstagers)
Best Director	John Clark, Andrew Hewitt, Joey Wilby (Upstagers)
Best Musical Director	Robert Massa-Sanders (LIDOS)
Best Pantomime (Runner up)	Robinson Crusoe (STARS)
Best Pantomime	Dick Whittington (Upstagers)

## **MUSICALS (YOUTH & SCHOOLS)**

Best Actor	Blake Wainwright (Leeds West Academy)
Best Actress	Shelby McCartney (Leeds West Academy)
Best Supporting Actor	Boitumelo Dube (Lawnswood School)
Best Supporting Actress	Sophia Rose (Ilkley MTS Jnrs)
Best Cameo	Lily Troake (Ilkley MTS Jnrs)
Best Programme	Beauty and the Beast (Roundhay School)
Best Stage Presentation	Charlie & the Chocolate Factory (Ralph Thoresby School)
Best Choreography	Lydia McQuiston (Leeds West Academy)
Best Musical Director	Chris Johnson (Roundhay School)
Best Director	Mark Allan (Ilkley MTS Jnrs)
Best Musical (Runner up)	West Side Story (Ilkley MTS Jnrs)
Best Musical	Little Shop of Horrors (Leeds West Academy)

## **MUSICALS (ADULT)**

Best Actor	Ben Tomlinson (Guiselley TP)
Best Actress	Chloe Anderson (Guiselley TP)
Best Supporting Actor	Dave Collins (Yeadon TC)
Best Supporting Actress	Natalie Graham (Guiselley TP)
Best Cameo	Will Sadler (Yeadon TC)
Best Programme	Grease (Yeadon TC)
Best Stage Presentation	Grease (Yeadon TC)
Best Choreography	Anita Adams (Yeadon TC)
Best Director	Mark Allan (Ilkley MTS)
Best Musical Director	Ian Sapiro (Guiselley TP)
Best Musical	Grease (Yeadon TC)
Best Musical (Runner Up)	The Wedding Singer (Guiselley TP)

## **DRAMA**

Best Actor	Joe Braham (Fulneck DS)
Best Actress	Louisa Morris (Fulneck DS)
Best Supporting Actor	Patrick Foster (Halifax Thespians)
Best Supporting Actress	Helen Chesterman (Fulneck DS)
Best Cameo	Michael McSkeane (Halifax Thespians)
Best Programme	Blackadder Goes Forth (Halifax Thespians)
Best Stage Presentation	STARS (Taking Steps)
Best Director	Dave Robbins (Fulneck DS)
Best Drama	Home Before Dark (Fulneck DS)
Best Drama (2nd)	Taking Steps (STARS)
Best Drama (3rd)	Blackadder Goes Forth (Halifax Thespians)

## **OTHER AWARDS**

Peter Russel Trophy for Technical Excellence - Around the World in 80 Days (Keighley Playhouse)  
Festival Salver for Ambience – Beauty & the Beast (Addingham Pantomime Group)  
Bernard Riley masks for young performer in an adult production – Henry Hyland (Ilkley MTS – Pippin)  
Trevor Hallet trophy for Best Comedy Performance – Sinaan Khan (Halifax Thespians – Blackadder Goes Forth)  
Valerie Jackson Trophy for young dancer/dance group – the “wolves & cronies” (Roundhay School – Beauty & the Beast)  
Keighley Playhouse trophy for best costumed production – Ilkley MTS (Pippin)  
Pat Dyson Spirit of Theatre Award – Joan Graham  
Innovation – Addingham Pantomime Group  
Malcolm Pinder salver for young dramatic performance – Sofia Biondo (Ralph Thorseby School – Charlie & the Chocolate Factory)

Chairman’s Special Award – Dominic Adams, Justine Massie, Dick Porter - live music (Fulneck DS – Home Before Dark)  
Chairman’s Special Award – Ralph Thoresby School makeup/costume team for creating a stage full of Oompah Loompahs  
Chairman’s Special Award – Halifax Thespians – the final moments when the ensemble finally went “over the top” was outstanding  
Chairman’s Special Award – George Harvey & Rachael Griffiths (the wedding proposal at the end of Yeadon TC’s Grease)