

Child's Play Touring Theatre

Victor Awards

In memory of our Founding Director, Victor Podagrosi, an annual award has been established to honor individuals and organizations who have demonstrated outstanding commitment, generosity, and/or service to Child's Play Touring Theatre and the arts community.

Each year, at the International Showcase of Performing Arts for Young People, Child's Play awards an International Victor Award to children's theatre companies who show excellence in their ability to interact with sponsors in a prompt, efficient and compatible manner, and who demonstrate a positive attitude toward their art.



Local Past Recipients

The Victor Award is also awarded locally each year to individuals and companies who have shown a strong commitment to Child's Play and to working with the arts.

Past recipients include:

- 1997** - Tammy Steele, Marcia Lipetz
- 1998** - Janet Brooks, Jasculca/Terman and Associates, Inc.
- 1999** - Andy Laities, Illinois Arts Council
- 2000** - Tammy Walker, City of Chicago, Department of Cultural Affairs
- 2001** - Child's Play Touring Theatre Awarded by Illinois Theatre Association
- 2002** - Richard A. Devine, State's Attorney
- 2003** - Perry Cavitt
- 2004** - Kraft Foods, Inc., Deborah Bricker, Albert Goodman
- 2006** - Sondra Healy, Bernard Garbo, Jo-Ella Podagrosi-Spratt, Gigi Faraci
- 2007** - Darrell Barber, Eve Moran, Steve Scott, Bella Itkin – Lifetime Achievement Award
- 2008** - Nicole Rohr Lewis, Kevin Gates
- 2009** - George Bliss, Kathy Bliss, Vito Gioia
- 2010** - Jim Coates, Mara Georges, Sharon Thomas Parrott
- 2011** - Walter Jacobson, Diana Mendoza
- 2012** - Jeff Richmond, Marj Halperin
- 2013** - Anita Alvarez, George Howe
- 2014** - Adam McKay, Jackie Taylor
- 2015** - Charles Petering
- 2016** - Robert Falls, Goodman Theatre, Artistic Director
- 2017** - Jane Monzures, WGN, Shari Schlacter, Child's Play Touring Theatre
- 2018** - Katy Podagrosi, Andrew Podagrosi, operators of Child's Play Touring Theatre and Michael Podagrosi, Child's Play Touring Theatre
- 2022** Londa Ploetz
- 2023** Martha Murphy

International Past Recipients

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- 1998** - *Ballet Folklorico*, Mexico
- 1999** - *Visible Fictions*, Scotland
- 2000** - *The Young Americans*, USA
- 2001** - *Martha*, Scotland
- 2002** - *Goodnight Opus*, Mermaid Theatre, Ontario, Canada
- 2003** - *Shona Reppe Puppets*, Ontario, Canada
- 2004** - *Hansel and Gretel*, Theatre Sans Fil, Quebec, Canada
- 2005** - *Snowflake*, LaJoye Productions, USA
- 2006** - *Hamlet*, Det lille Turneteater, The Netherlands
- 2007** - *Wolf!*, Huis aan de Amstel, The Netherlands
- 2008** - *Pero*, Speel Theatre Holland, The Netherlands
- 2009** - *The Man Who Planted Trees*, Puppet State Theatre Company, Scotland
- 2010** - *Shopping for Shoes*, Visible Fictions, Scotland
- 2011** - *Grug*, Windmill Theatre, Australia
- 2012** - *Nearly Lear*, Susanna Hamnett, Canada
- 2013** - *Me and My Shadow*, Patch Theatre Company, Australia
- 2014** - *Manxmouse*, Theatergroep Kwatta, Netherlands
- 2015** - *Titus*, Macrobert Art Center, Scotland
- 2016** - *Tetris*, Erik Kaiel, Arch8, Netherland
- 2017** - *The Young King*, Slingsby Theatre, Oscar Wilde, Australia
- 2018** - *Pss Pss*, Compagnia Baccalà, Switzerland
- 2019** - *A Simple Space, Gravity & Other Myths*, Australia
- 2020** - *Wish I Was a Mountain*, Traveling Light Theatre, United Kingdom