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 BrokksJJasculca/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,

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2018 - Katy Podagrosi, Andrew Podagrosi, operatons of

Child's Play Touring Theatre and Michael Podagrosi,

Child's Play Touring Theatre

2022 Londa Ploetz

2023 Martha Murphy

2024 Kristian Crawford

2025 Gail Lee

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 Gretal, 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,

2020 - Wish I Was a Mountain, Traveling Light Theatre, United Kingdom