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Sheyenne High School Theatre Takes State One-Act Top Honors

Sheyenne High School Theatre took state championship honors at the 2017 North Dakota Class “A” State One-Act Play competition hosted by Lake Region State College in Devils Lake on April 3 and 4. Their state play entry, REELING by Barry Kornhauser, won first place recognition among the 12 schools who competed at the two day contest. The play was praised by adjudicators for its “creative use of actors,” “beautiful physical comedy work,” “unbelievable timing,” and “amazing trust” shown as an ensemble of young artists. This year’s win marks back-to-back championship titles for the Sheyenne Theatre program.

Sheyenne High School was also honored with two Superior Performance Awards given to senior Tristan Duenow and to junior Benjamin Salazar. Additionally, Salazar and senior Hannah France won first place in the Duo Acting Scene Individual event and first place honors were also awarded to Sheyenne’s entry in the Group Musical Theatre Event, “On My Way” from VIOLET. Second place was awarded to Morgan Gast and Ben Kensok in Duet Musical Theatre, Braden Miller in Solo Musical Theatre, and Megan Lindquist in Scenic Design. REELING was performed by Tristan Duenow, Hannah France, Morgan Gast, Kiarra Johnson, Benjamin Kensok, Braden Miller, Nicole Niteka, Ian Olson, Alli Pieper, Benjamin Salazar, Richard Sheppard, Taylor Stewart, Brynlie Baggenstoss, Isaac Bamba, Amine Berriche, Grace Boudreaux, Samantha Dunford, Emma Holder, Justin Hogan, Jada Johnson, Grace Lamp, Megan Lindquist, Skyler Manney, Isaac Mayo, Mauli Sand, Piper Sommer, and David Tysver; technicians were Braxton Fiskin, Hannah Harris, Alex Johnson, Deklan McCoy, Aurora Pederson, Alexa Potter, Eliana Rutherford, Mercedes Van Vleet, and John Wicklund.

Sheyenne Theatre is under the direction of the 2016 State Class “A” Director of the Year, Adam Pankow. Pankow has directed four of the five championship plays since the North Dakota High School Activities Association began sponsoring the competition in 2013—two at West Fargo High School (2013 & 2014) and two at Sheyenne (2016 & 2017).

To learn more about the award-winning Sheyenne Theatre and its upcoming productions and programs, visit www.WestFargoTheatre.com.

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