

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 Commission 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 our 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*. Watch the virtual Salute here: vimeo.com/817055482. The Commission supports the students by providing each of the finalists with an award of \$650. Additionally, several Ocean County high schools receive \$1,000 each to produce documentaries on the *Salute to Ocean County* awardees. Lacey Township High School's documentary "Ralph Bertini: A Life in Television" was selected to receive an award of an additional \$1,000 for the best production in the documentary category.

The following schools were selected to showcase their talent at the *Salute to Ocean County*:

Visual Arts:

Southern Regional High School - *Patchwork*

Student Film:

Lacey Township High School - *School Alone*

Dance:

Ocean County Vocational Technical School Performing Arts Academy - *The Mad Hatter*

Vocal:

Southern Regional High School - *Children Go Where I Sent Thee & When Love Takes Over*

Instrumental:

Southern Regional High School - *Maybe & The Eighth Miracle*

Creative Writing:

Barnegat High School - *A Life's Journey*

Musical Theater:

Toms River High School North - Selections from *The Lightning Thief*



Patchwork by Xai Chase.