

MCAA Drama students recently participated in the 70th Annual Lenaea Theatre Festival, one of the largest and most competitive student theatre festivals in the country.

This year's festival included 85 schools from across the Western United States, with nearly 2,500 attendees, and hundreds of entries in each performance and technical category. We're talking about big schools with enormous budgets and state of the art facilities.

I'm proud to report that **Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts was among the top overall award-getters at the festival**, bringing home the following honors:

Musical Theatre Solo

- **Nicole Podolskaya** – *Silver Medal*
- **Nicole Podolskaya** – *Respondents' Choice*
- **Tommie Spooner** – *Bronze Medal*

Duo Scene Performance

- **Leeah Merrill & Owen Gillham** – *Bronze Medal*
- **Leeah Merrill & Owen Gillham** – *Respondents' Choice*

Scenic Design

- **Bella Wong & Nicole Podolskaya** – *Gold Medal*
- **Bella Wong & Nicole Podolskaya** – *Command Performance (one of only 6 at the entire festival!!)*

Student Direction – One-Act Play

- **Genia Moretti & Pietro Soto** – *Gold Medal*

One-Act Performance

- **Marysville Charter School for the Arts** – *Silver Medal*
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These awards reflect an enormous amount of work, courage, artistry, and professionalism from our students—both onstage and behind the scenes. We are incredibly proud of how they represented MCAA, and we're grateful for the support our school community continues to provide for the arts.

If you see any of these students on campus, please congratulate them—they truly earned it.