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The *International Black Theatre Festival* has selected the NSU Theatre Company's production of *Thoughts of a Colored Man*, directed by Professor Anthony Stockard, for this year's festival. This makes the fifth consecutive selection to the festival extending NSU's previous historic status of the most consecutive university festival appearances from four to five.

The *Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival* has also just announced the recipient of the 2024 national award winners. NSU Theatre Company has collected 16 national awards, making their production of *Thoughts of a Colored Man* the most award-winning production in America this year and the most nationally award-winning production in the history of the university. In an unprecedented selection, where it is normal for one or two actors in a production to receive national recognition in performance from within all cast members, all seven cast members received individual performance awards.

It was previously announced in February that the show was invited to the Regional Festival, and at that competitive level, the show and Professor Stockard won regional awards. The list below are awards national awards chosen from the pool of all participating collegiate theatre productions in America. Last year more than 1,500 productions were entered in the *Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival* involving more than 200,000 students nationwide. For more than 50 years, the *Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival* has recognized, rewarded and celebrated the exemplary work produced in college and university theatre across the nation.

The Citizen Artist Award

The Kennedy Center Citizen Artist Awards recognize programs in higher education using theatrical production to promote long-term societal impact in artistic terms, encouraging empathetic exploration of the complex cultural and physical world, and advocating for justice on campus and throughout the world.

Outstanding Production of a Play

Thoughts of a Colored Man, Norfolk State University

Distinguished Achievement in Direction of a Play

Anthony Mark Stockard, *Thoughts of a Colored Man*, Norfolk State University

Distinguished Achievement in Performance (7 Wins)

Gabriel Mensah, *Thoughts of a Colored Man*, Norfolk State University

Jordan Hampton, *Thoughts of a Colored Man*, Norfolk State University

Aaron Tyler, *Thoughts of a Colored Man*, Norfolk State University

Justin Richardson, *Thoughts of a Colored Man*, Norfolk State University

Adam Moskowitz, *Thoughts of a Colored Man*, Norfolk State University

Myles Whitaker, *Thoughts of a Colored Man*, Norfolk State University

Brandon Bradley, *Thoughts of a Colored Man*, Norfolk State University

Distinguished Achievement in Performance and Production Ensemble

All production, design, cast and crew members of *Thoughts of a Colored Man*, Norfolk State University

Outstanding Achievement in Production Design

Professor Le'Vonte Herbert, Technical Director, *Thoughts of a Colored Man*, Norfolk State University

Jason Amato, Scenic & Lighting Design, *Thoughts of a Colored Man*, Norfolk State University

Antonio Mitchell, Costume Design, *Thoughts of a Colored Man*, Norfolk State University

Jalen Lott, Sound Design, *Thoughts of a Colored Man*, Norfolk State University

Distinguished Achievement in Costume Design

Antonio Mitchell, *Thoughts of a Colored Man*, Norfolk State University

Distinguished Achievement in Lighting & Scenic Design (2 Wins)

Jason Amato, *Thoughts of a Colored Man*, Norfolk State University

Distinguished Achievement in Sound Design

Jalen Lott, *Thoughts of a Colored Man*, Norfolk State University



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