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*2024 Suzi Bass Awards Nominations for the 2023-2024 Season*  
*Full list of nominations and tally breakdown at the end of this release*

**Atlanta, GA—August 26, 2024:** The Suzi Bass Awards revealed nominees for twenty-nine (29) categories of Awards last night at the new home of Georgia Ensemble Theatre.

**(More information about this November’s Suzi Awards will be announced soon.)**

**Nominations for our five Special Awards are now open via the Suzi website [www.thesuzis.org](http://www.thesuzis.org). These awards are: The Spirit of Suzi Awards, Volunteer of the Year, The Callboard Award, Lifetime Achievement and the Gene-Gabriel Moore Playwrighting Award.**

**NOMINEES BY THE NUMBERS**

Actor’s Express received twenty-seven (27) nominations.  
Theatrical Outfit received twenty-five (25) nominations.  
Aurora Theatre received twenty-four (24) nominations.  
Alliance Theatre received twenty-three (23) nominations.

Productions with the highest number of nominations include:

*Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812* (Horizon Theatre) received fifteen (15) nominations.  
*Passing Strange* (Theatrical Outfit) received eleven (11) nominations.  
*Beautiful: A Carole King Musical* (Aurora Theatre) received ten (10) nominations  
*Everybody’s Talking About Jamie* (Actor’s Express with Oglethorpe University) received ten (10) nominations.  
*Sister Act* (Aurora Theatre) received ten (10) nominations.

A full list of categories and corresponding nominees is attached. Please note, any spelling errors or errors in the nominees list is the fault of this author, not the organization. Please feel free to send any corrections to [Kate.Warner@thesuzis.org](mailto:Kate.Warner@thesuzis.org).

**ABOUT THE SUZI BASS AWARDS**

The Suzi Bass Awards were founded in 2003 by Gene-Gabriel Moore and a small group of industry professionals to celebrate outstanding work in live theatre and the artists who produce it. This season, The Suzi Bass Awards volunteer judges chose nominees and recipients in thirty-two performance categories. In addition, the annual Spirit of Suzi Award honors a person or organization for their long-time dedication to Atlanta theatre; the Gene-Gabriel Moore Playwriting Award recognizes Atlanta's talented local playwrights through special notice of a recently produced play; the Audience Choice Award recognizes one theatre's entire season through voting by the general public; and the Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes an individual or group with long-time volunteer contributions to a particular theatre.

**THE NOMINEES** (\* = Member: Actor's Equity, + = Member: Stage Directors and Choreographers Society, ^ Member: IATSE)

## THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES

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### **Outstanding Design:**

*Babble Lab*

Alliance Theatre

Annie Cady (costumes), Wu Chen Khoo^ (lighting), Jorge Cousineau (projection), Katharine Horowitz (sound), Michael Sommers (scenic)

*Into the Burrow: A Peter Rabbit™ Tale*

Alliance Theatre

Raymond Carr (shadow puppets, filmography), Kat Conley (scenic), Garry Lennon (costumes), Hidenori Nakajo^ (sound), Karin Olson (lighting),

*The Little Prince*

Synchronicity Theatre

Ryan Bradburn (scenic and properties), Savannah Cobb (costumes), Elisabeth Cooper (lighting), Gamble (sound), Courtney Loner (properties)

*Three Little Pigs*

Aurora Theatre

Thom Jenkins (sound), Jon Sandmire (scenic), Mack Scales (lighting), Sydni Stephenson (costumes)

*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*

Synchronicity Theatre

Jonida Beqo Vogli (costumes), Elisabeth Cooper (lighting and shadow puppets), Sophie Hansuh Im (scenic), Kate Hoáng (sound), Naomi B. Smith (properties)

### **Outstanding Direction:**

*Babble Lab*

Alliance Theatre

Sarah Agnew (director)

*Into the Burrow: A Peter Rabbit™ Tale*

Alliance Theatre

Mark Valdez (director), Imani Quiñones (music director), Rachel Van Buskirk (choreographer)

*The Mad Hatterpillar and Her Many Heads*

Stage Door Theatre

Rachel Frawley (director), Sarah Beth "SB" Hester (music director)

*Three Little Pigs*

Aurora Theatre

Greg Hunter (director), Ann-Carol Pence (music director), Jahi Bogard (choreographer)

*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*

Synchronicity Theatre

Justin Anderson (director)

### **Outstanding New Work:**

*Babble Lab*

Alliance Theatre

Autumn Ness\*

*Into the Burrow: A Peter Rabbit™ Tale*

Alliance Theatre

Mark Valdez (book), Christian Albright & Christian Magby, Brandon Bush, Anmarie Milazzo, Divinity Roxx, Jacob Ryan Smith, Eugene Russell IV (original songs), Imani Quiñones (orchestrations)

*The Mad Hatterpillar and Her Many Heads*

Stage Door Theatre

Rachel Frawley (book and lyrics), Sarah Beth Hester (music)

**Outstanding Performance:**

*Babble Lab*

Alliance Theatre

Autumn Ness\*

*Into the Burrow: A Peter Rabbit™ Tale*

Alliance Theatre

Shelli Delgado\*, Pamela Gold\*, Jontavious Johnson, Kylie Gray Mask, Wesley Tunison\*, Juan Carlos Unzueta\*

*The Little Prince*

Synchronicity Theatre

Ash Anderson, Matt Baum, Tyshawn Gooden, Bridget McCarthy, Alejandra Ruiz, Anna Snider

*The Mad Hatterpillar and Her Many Heads*

Stage Door Theatre

Dakota "Cody" Benfield, Niko Carleo, Shelby Folks, Imani Joseph, Daniela Santiago, Charis Sellick, Brie Wolfe

*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*

Synchronicity Theatre

Willie Frierson, Jr., Chris Hecke, Charlene Hong White, Kristina Jin, Crystal Lo, Kevin Qian, Toru Shimoji

## MUSICALS

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### Choreography:

Thomas W. Jones II+	<i>Passing Strange</i>	Theatrical Outfit
Heidi McKerley & Jeff McKerley*	<i>Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812</i>	Horizon Theatre
Pytron Parker	<i>Sister Act</i>	Aurora Theatre
David Rossetti*	<i>Beautiful: The Carole King Musical</i>	Aurora Theatre
Precious West	<i>Everybody's Talking About Jamie</i>	Actor's Express with Oglethorpe Theatre

### Costume Design:

April Carswell	<i>Everybody's Talking About Jamie</i>	Actor's Express with Oglethorpe Theatre
April Carswell	<i>Hedwig and the Angry Inch</i>	Actor's Express
Dr. L. Nyrobi Moss	<i>Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812</i>	Horizon Theatre
Alice Neff	<i>Sister Act</i>	Aurora Theatre
Alan Yeong^	<i>Beautiful: The Carole King Musical</i>	Aurora Theatre

### Direction:

Justin Anderson	<i>Sister Act</i>	Aurora Theatre
Freddie Ashley	<i>Everybody's Talking About Jamie</i>	Actor's Express with Oglethorpe Theatre
Thomas W. Jones II+	<i>Passing Strange</i>	Theatrical Outfit
Heidi McKerley	<i>Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812</i>	Horizon Theatre
David Rossetti*	<i>Beautiful: The Carole King Musical</i>	Aurora Theatre

### Ensemble:

*The Shining* Alliance Theatre with The Atlanta Opera  
 Aubrey Allicock, John Arnold, Gabrielle Bennett, Kearstin Piper Brown, Phoebe Rose Claeys, Kevin Deas, Andrew Gilstrap, Thomas Glass, William Green, Craig Irvin, Kelly Kaduce, Tabitha Lawing, Kameron Lopreore, Eva Lukkonen, Malcolm Mackenzie, Adrienne Ocfemia, Victor Ryan Robertson, Max Walls

### Featured Performer:

Janine Ayn as Helene	<i>Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812</i>	Horizon Theatre
Chloe Cordle as Cynthia Weil	<i>Beautiful: The Carole King Musical</i>	Aurora Theatre
Shelli Delgado* as Ray	<i>Everybody's Talking About Jamie</i>	Actor's Express with Oglethorpe Theatre
Isa Martinez as Sister Mary Robert	<i>Sister Act</i>	Aurora Theatre
Shelly McCook* as Mother Superior	<i>Sister Act</i>	Aurora Theatre
Jeff McKerley* as The Prince/Ensemble	<i>Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812</i>	Horizon Theatre
Candy McLellan* as Ensemble	<i>Passing Strange</i>	Theatrical Outfit
Trevor Rashay Perry as Ensemble	<i>Passing Strange</i>	Theatrical Outfit
Terrence Smith as Dolokhov	<i>Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812</i>	Horizon Theatre
Ben Thorpe* as Hugo/Loco Chanelle	<i>Everybody's Talking About Jamie</i>	Actor's Express with Oglethorpe Theatre

**Lighting Design:**

Kevin Frazier	<i>Beautiful: The Carole King Musical</i>	Aurora Theatre
Kevin Frazier	<i>Sister Act</i>	Aurora Theatre
D. Connor McVey	<i>Everybody's Talking About Jamie</i>	Actor's Express with Oglethorpe Theatre
Mary Parker	<i>Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812</i>	Horizon Theatre
Ben Rawson^	<i>Passing Strange</i>	Theatrical Outfit

**Music Direction:**

S. Renee Clark*	<i>Passing Strange</i>	Theatrical Outfit
Holt McCarley	<i>Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812</i>	Horizon Theatre
Timothy Myers	<i>The Shining</i>	Alliance Theatre
Ann-Carol Pence	<i>Beautiful: The Carole King Musical</i>	Aurora Theatre
Ann-Carol Pence	<i>Sister Act</i>	Aurora Theatre

**Principal Performer:**

Daniel Burns as Pierre	<i>Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812</i>	Horizon Theatre
Niko Carleo* as Hedwig	<i>Hedwig and the Angry Inch</i>	Actor's Express
Anna Dvorak as Sonya	<i>Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812</i>	Horizon Theatre
Jill Hames as Margaret New	<i>Everybody's Talking About Jamie</i>	Actor's Express with Oglethorpe Theatre
Bethany Irby* as Carole King	<i>Beautiful: The Carole King Musical</i>	Aurora Theatre
Alexandria Joy* as Natasha	<i>Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812</i>	Horizon Theatre
Christian Magby as Youth	<i>Passing Strange</i>	Theatrical Outfit
Jordan Patrick as Anatole	<i>Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812</i>	Horizon Theatre
Brad Raymond* as Narrator	<i>Passing Strange</i>	Theatrical Outfit
Noah Vega as Jamie New	<i>Everybody's Talking About Jamie</i>	Actor's Express with Oglethorpe Theatre

**Projection Design:**

Isaac Burrier	<i>Sister Act</i>	Aurora Theatre
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**Scenic Design:**

Stephanie Busing	<i>Hedwig and the Angry Inch</i>	Actor's Express
Isabel & Moriah Curley-Clay^	<i>Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812</i>	Horizon Theatre
Isabel & Moriah Curley-Clay^	<i>Passing Strange</i>	Theatrical Outfit
Jon Noonan	<i>Everybody's Talking About Jamie</i>	Actor's Express with Oglethorpe Theatre
Julie Ray^	<i>Beautiful: The Carole King Musical</i>	Aurora Theatre

**Sound Design:**

Amari Hicks	<i>Passing Strange</i>	Theatrical Outfit
Daniel Pope	<i>Sister Act</i>	Aurora Theatre
Tyehimba Shabazz	<i>Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812</i>	Horizon Theatre
Jon Summers	<i>The Shining</i>	Alliance Theatre with The Atlanta Opera
Daniel Terry	<i>Beautiful: The Carole King Musical</i>	Aurora Theatre

## PLAYS

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### Costume Design:

Fabian Fidel Aguilar	<i>A Tale of Two Cities</i>	Alliance Theatre
April Carswell	<i>Home, I'm Darling</i>	Synchronicity Theatre
Ricky Greenwell	<i>Blues for an Alabama Sky</i>	Actor's Express
Dr. L. Nyrobi Moss	<i>The Wash</i>	Synchronicity Theatre & Impact Theatre
Cole Spivia	<i>Dracula: The Failings of Men</i>	Atlanta Shakespeare Company & Havoc Movement

### Direction:

Melissa Foulger	<i>Mercury</i>	Actor's Express
Derek Goldman	<i>Remember This: The Lesson of Jan Karski</i>	Theatrical Outfit
January Lavoy	<i>Clyde's</i>	Theatrical Outfit
Matt Torney	<i>Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?</i>	Theatrical Outfit
Amanda Washington	<i>cullud wattah</i>	Actor's Express

### Ensemble:

<i>Blues for an Alabama Sky</i>	Actor's Express	
Christopher Hampton*, Tiffany Denise Hobbs*, Jontavious Johnson, Kenisha Johnson, Damian Lockhart		
<i>cullud wattah</i>	Actor's Express	
Morgan Crumbly, Kerrie Garrett, Terry Henry*, Marita McKee*, Parris Sarter*		
<i>Mercury</i>	Actor's Express	
Matthew Busch, Carolyn Cook, Kate Donadio MacQueen*, Tyshawn Gooden, Louis Kyper, Donna Lobello, Suehyla E. Young		
<i>A Tale of Two Cities</i>	Alliance Theatre	
Grant Chapman*, Tiffany Denise Hobbs*, Tess Malis Kincaid*, Joe Knezevich*, Louis Reyes McWilliams*, Lee Osorio*, Brad Raymond*, Stephen Ruffin*		
<i>The Wash</i>	Synchronicity Theatre & Impact Theatre	
Kenedi Deal, Tanya Freeman, Tonia Jackson*, Makallen Kelley, Charis Sellick, Jamila Turner		

### Featured Performer:

James T. Alfred* as Rev	<i>Fat Ham</i>	Alliance Theatre
Caleb Clark* as Roat	<i>Wait Until Dark</i>	Georgia Ensemble Theatre
Kenedi Deal as Maude Lynn	<i>The House That Will Not Stand</i>	Horizon Theatre
Robert Hindsman as Mr. Raymond/Jasper	<i>Greener Pastures</i>	Aurora Theatre
Rivka Levin as Shylock	<i>The Merchant of Venice</i>	Atlanta Shakespeare Company
Ebony Marshall-Oliver* as Tedra	<i>Fat Ham</i>	Alliance Theatre
Vinnie Mascola as Renfield	<i>Dracula: The Failings of Men</i>	Atlanta Shakespeare Company & Havoc Movement
Shelly McCook* as Sylvia	<i>Home, I'm Darling</i>	Synchronicity Theatre
Jon Meyer as Arthur	<i>Dracula: The Failings of Men</i>	Atlanta Shakespeare Company & Havoc Movement
LaTarsha Rose* as La Veuve/Marie Josephine	<i>The House That Will Not Stand</i>	Horizon Theatre

### Lighting Design:

Rachael N. Blackwell	<i>Wait Until Dark</i>	Georgia Ensemble Theatre
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Jiyoun Chang^	<i>A Tale of Two Cities</i>	Alliance Theatre
Rob Dillard	<i>Clyde's</i>	Theatrical Outfit
Greg Hanthorn, Jr.	<i>Dracula: The Failings of Men</i>	Atlanta Shakespeare Company & Havoc Movement
David Reingold	<i>Mercury</i>	Actor's Express

**Principal Performer:**

Andrew Benator* as Jan	<i>Remember This: The Lesson of Jan Karski</i>	Theatrical Outfit
Burke Brown as Jason	<i>Clyde's</i>	Theatrical Outfit
Steve Coulter* as George	<i>Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?</i>	Theatrical Outfit
Dionna D. Davis as Multiple	<i>Class Dismissed</i>	Out of Hand Theater
Tonia Jackson* as Clyde	<i>Clyde's</i>	Theatrical Outfit
Tess Malis Kincaid* as Martha	<i>Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?</i>	Theatrical Outfit
Bethany Anne Lind as Judy	<i>Home, I'm Darling</i>	Synchronicity Theatre
Marshall W Mabry IV* as Juicy	<i>Fat Ham</i>	Alliance Theatre
Mary Ruth Ralston as Van Helsing	<i>Dracula: The Failings of Men</i>	Atlanta Shakespeare Company & Havoc Movement
Alia Shakira as Makeda	<i>The House That Will Not Stand</i>	Horizon Theatre

**Projection Design:**

Kimberly Binns	<i>The Wash</i>	Synchronicity Theatre & Impact Theatre
Milton Cordero^	<i>Furlough's Paradise</i>	Alliance Theatre

**Scenic Design:**

Kat Conley^	<i>Mercury</i>	Actor's Express
Isabel & Moriah Curley-Clay^	<i>Clyde's</i>	Theatrical Outfit
Isabel & Moriah Curley-Clay^	<i>Rooted</i>	Horizon Theatre
Isabel & Moriah Curley-Clay^	<i>Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?</i>	Theatrical Outfit
Bailey McClure-Frank^	<i>cullud wattah</i>	Actor's Express

**Sound Design:**

Dan Bauman	<i>Mercury</i>	Actor's Express
Amy Duffy	<i>It's a Wonderful Life: A Radio Play</i>	Stage Door Theatre
Mikaela Frasier	<i>cullud wattah</i>	Actor's Express
Omari Joseph and Jake Guinn	<i>Dracula: The Failings of Men</i>	Atlanta Shakespeare Company & Havoc Movement
Roc Lee	<i>Remember This: The Lesson of Jan Karski</i>	Theatrical Outfit

## OUTSTANDING PRODUCTIONS

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### Outstanding World Premiere Production:

Paris Crayton III	<i>Class Dismissed</i>	Out of Hand Theater
A.K. Payne	<i>Furlough's Paradise</i>	Alliance Theatre
Claire F. Martin	<i>Sense and Sensibility</i>	Atlanta Shakespeare Company & Belle Esprit
Brendan Pelsue	<i>A Tale of Two Cities</i>	Alliance Theatre
Kelundra Smith	<i>The Wash</i>	Synchronicity Theatre & Impact Theatre

### Outstanding Social Justice Production:

<i>Class Dismissed</i>	Out of Hand Theater
<i>cullud wattah</i>	Actor's Express
<i>English</i>	Alliance Theatre
<i>The House That Will Not Stand</i>	Horizon Theatre
<i>The Wash</i>	Synchronicity Theatre & Impact Theatre

### Outstanding Production of Theatre for Young Audiences:

<i>Babble Lab</i>	Alliance Theatre
<i>Into the Burrow: A Peter Rabbit™ Tale</i>	Alliance Theatre
<i>The Little Prince</i>	Synchronicity Theatre
<i>Three Little Pigs</i>	Aurora Theatre
<i>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</i>	Synchronicity Theatre

### Outstanding Production of a Musical:

<i>Beautiful: The Carole King Musical</i>	Aurora Theatre
<i>Everybody's Talking About Jamie</i>	Actor's Express with Oglethorpe Theatre
<i>Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812</i>	Horizon Theatre
<i>Passing Strange</i>	Theatrical Outfit
<i>Sister Act</i>	Aurora Theatre

### Outstanding Production of a Play:

<i>cullud wattah</i>	Actor's Express
<i>Dracula: The Failings of Men</i>	Atlanta Shakespeare Company & Havoc Movement
<i>Mercury</i>	Actor's Express
<i>Remember This: The Lesson of Jan Karski</i>	Theatrical Outfit
<i>Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?</i>	Theatrical Outfit



## NOMINATIONS BY THEATRE

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Actor's Express	27
Theatrical Outfit	25
Aurora Theatre	24
Alliance Theatre	23
Horizon Theatre	20
Synchronicity Theatre	15
Oglethorpe Theatre (co-producer)	10
Atlanta Shakespeare Company	9
Havoc Movement (co-producer)	7
Impact Theatre (co-producer)	5
Stage Door Theatre	4
Out of Hand Theater	3
Georgia Ensemble Theatre	2
The Atlanta Opera (co-producer)	2
Belle Esprit (co-producer)	1

## NOMINATIONS BY PRODUCTION

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	Theatre	#	Genre
Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812	Horizon Theatre	15	Musical
Passing Strange	Theatrical Outfit	11	Musical
Beautiful: The Carole King Musical	Aurora Theatre	10	Musical
Everybody's Talking About Jamie	Actor's Express with Oglethorpe Theatre	10	Musical
Sister Act	Aurora Theatre	10	Musical
Dracula: The Failings of Men	Atlanta Shakespeare Company & Havoc Movement	7	Play
cullud wattah	Actor's Express	6	Play
Mercury	Actor's Express	6	Play
Babble Lab	Alliance Theatre	5	TYA
Clyde's	Theatrical Outfit	5	Play
Into the Burrow: A Peter Rabbit™ Tale	Alliance Theatre	5	TYA
The Wash	Synchronicity Theatre & Impact Theatre	5	Play
Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?	Theatrical Outfit	5	Play
A Tale of Two Cities	Alliance Theatre	4	Play
Remember This: the Lesson of Jan Karski	Theatrical Outfit	4	Play
The House That Will Not Stand	Horizon Theatre	4	Play
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	Synchronicity Theatre	4	TYA
Class Dismissed	Out of Hand Theater	3	Play
Fat Ham	Alliance Theatre	3	Play
Hedwig and the Angry Inch	Actor's Express	3	Musical
Home, I'm Darling	Synchronicity Theatre	3	Play
The Little Prince	Synchronicity Theatre	3	TYA
The Mad Hatterpillar and Her Many Heads	Stage Door Theatre	3	TYA
The Shining	Alliance Theatre with The Atlanta Opera	3	Musical
Three Little Pigs	Aurora Theatre	3	TYA
Blues for an Alabama Sky	Actor's Express	2	Play
Furlough's Paradise	Alliance Theatre	2	Play
Wait Until Dark	Georgia Ensemble Theatre	2	Play
English	Alliance Theatre	1	Play
Greener Pastures	Aurora Theatre	1	Play

It's a Wonderful Life: A Radio Play	Stage Door Theatre	1	Play
Rooted	Horizon Theatre	1	Play
Sense and Sensibility	Atlanta Shakespeare Company & Belle Esprit	1	Play
The Merchant of Venice	Atlanta Shakespeare Company	1	Play

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**INDIVIDUALS WITH MULTIPLE NOMINATIONS**

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<b>Name</b>	<b># nominations</b>
Isabel & Moriah Curley-Clay^	5
Ann-Carol Pence	3
April Carswell	3
Imani Quiñones	2
Autumn Ness*	2
Brad Raymond*	2
Christian Magby	2
David Rossetti*	2
Dr. L. Nyrobi Moss	2
Elisabeth Cooper	2
Heidi McKerley	2
Jeff McKerley*	2
Jontavious Johnson	2
Justin Anderson	2
Kat Conley^	2
Kenedi Deal	2
Kevin Frazier	2
Mark Valdez	2
Niko Carleo*	2
Rachel Frawley	2
Sarah Beth Hester	2
Shelli Delgado*	2
Shelly McCook*	2
Tess Malis Kincaid*	2
Thomas W. Jones II+	2
Tiffany Denise Hobbs*	2
Tonia Jackson*	2
Tyshawn Gooden	2