



December 1, 2025

Dear Educator,

The Palace is pleased to announce the 11th **Annual Ernie DiMattia Emerging Young Artist Awards given for Playwriting**. Three high school students in grades nine through twelve will win monetary prizes for their writing of an original ***15 minute, One Act play***.

The winners will each receive \$500!

The three winning plays will each have a reading of their play with a professional New York Director and Actors in April 2026. Date TBA. With the guidance of Luis Salgado, Director/ Producer/Choreographer the students will further develop their characters and their play during the rehearsal process.

We are asking for your help in identifying those students you feel would be interested in pursuing the opportunity for these prestigious awards.

The completed application and the formatted play MUST be received via Email on or before the end of the business day (5pm) on February 2, 2026. Please email all materials to:
[**cbryan@palacestamford.org**](mailto:cbryan@palacestamford.org).

We hope you will support our efforts and encourage your student's to apply their creative voices and visions for these significant awards.

Sincerely,

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