

About the Pickering/Colbeck Award

Established in 1984, the presentation of Murder on Ice by Katherine Rasmussen marks the 42nd production to win this prestigious award. The award is international and enjoys an outstanding reputation with several winning scripts going on to be published and performed. Below is a list of winners from 2000 forward.

Hey Dick Phil Kline (2000)

Grand Forks Detour Burton Bumgarner(2001)

Fole' Ole' William Allen(2002)

Companion Pieces Rich Orloff(2003)

Drinking Habits Tom Smith(2004)

Interruptions Burton Bumgarner(2005)

Authors Anonymous Carl Williams(2006)

To Whom God Speaks Martha Humphreys(2007)

Keeping Faith Mark Scharf(2008)

No Body Like Jimmy Burton Bumgarner(2009)

Connoisseurs E.C. Strum(2010)

Daddy's Girls Norma Mortimer(2011)

The Calibration of Bliss Bob Wilson(2011)

What Would Dickens Do? M.W. Estes(2012)

On Bended Knee Nicole L.V. Mullis(2013)

Golden Age Thomas J. Misuraca(2014)

Night Comes Early Burton Bumgarner(2015)

The Bridge Angie Ransdell(2016)

Me 3 Mark Jay Rosen(2017)

Final Appearance Larry Rosler(2018)

In Like Flint Mara Dresner(2019)

ABC's of LGBT at the Rainbow Valley B'n'B Phil Darg(2020)

The Sin Eater Daniel Borengasser(2021)

The Marriage Pickle: Untying the Not Shelley Chester(2022)

Love...or Best Offer Phil Olson (2023)

Yazoo Miss'ssippi Jean Ciampi (2024)

(2025 no award given)

BRANCH COUNTY COMMUNITY THEATRE

MURDER ON ICE

A Murder Mystery in Two Acts
by Katherine Rasmussen



MARCH 5, 6, 7, 7:30PM
TIBBITS OPERA HOUSE
COLDWATER, MI

www.BranchCCT.org

Murder on Ice

By Katherine Rasmussen

Director.....Laurie Ludlow
Stage Manager.....Gina Wright
Producer.....Jennifer Colbeck
Costumer.....Julie McKinley
SoundThomas Wright
Lights.....Dan VanAllen
Spot light.....Christian Briscoe
Props.....Amy Blakely
Set Crew.....Mark & Laurie
Ludlow, Heather Blay, Thomas and Gina Wright, Tim Kingsbury, Shaun Briscoe, Amy Blakley, Jason Hanson, Darin Butler, Jami Slesman

Cast list

Melody.....Melany Metzger
Nick.....Shaun Briscoe
Fran.....Ann Guercio
Tamborini.....Heather Blay
Soleil.....Nikki Case
Forest Glen.....Jason Hanson
Bartender.....Tim Kingsbury
Sheriff Slawter.....Aaron Paul
Bar Patrons.....Ushers & Audience members

Setting

Present day with various locations in lower and upper Michigan
There will be one 15-minute intermission



Join us for our upcoming production of **Wonderland!** A musical adaptation of Alice in Wonderland. May 7,8,9 2026 at Tibbits Opera House.

About the Author

My life is blessed with laughter and crazy, fun children and friends- it is from them I draw my inspiration. I am a retired special education teacher, mother of four, and a new grandma. During my career as a mother and teacher, I had many stories to share and vowed that one day, I would start writing them down. This playwriting endeavor has brought me more joy than I could have ever imagined, and I am so thankful for the opportunities to share my stories. I have had the privilege of performing in community theater over the years, working backstage as a costumer, and writing press reviews. My favorite role was Charmaine Beauregard in Sex Please, We're Sixty. I had the great fortune of costuming HONK! I recently had the distinct privilege of playing the role of Mrs. Hubbard in Murder on the Orient Express, in my local theatre group. Originally from Detroit, I now reside with my husband in a quaint, small town in Michigan. We are enjoying a peaceful life of gardening, raising chickens, and beekeeping. When not on the farm, I can be found line dancing or playing pickleball!

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About Branch County Community Theatre

BCCT is an organization that focuses on bringing theater to our community. We are made up of individuals who have a passion for theater. Our season consists of four shows performed at the historic Tibbits Opera House. One of our shows each year is the Robert J. Pickering-JR Colbeck Award for Playwriting Excellence, an award given for original plays not previously produced. Find us on Facebook, Instagram and www.branchcct.org. Or write to us at 14 S. Hanchett St. Coldwater, MI 49036

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