

23RD
RISING STAR
Awards

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE

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2018 Rising Star Awards Nominations and Honorable Mentions

Outstanding Overall Production of a Musical

Final Nominations

Columbia HS	HAIRSPRAY
Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	GREASE
Moorestown HS.....	KISS ME, KATE
Toms River HS North	THE ADDAMS FAMILY
Union HS.....	PETER PAN
West Morris Central HS.....	THE PIRATE QUEEN

Honorable Mentions

Eastern Regional HS.....	ROCK OF AGES: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION
Fair Lawn HS	ONCE
Wallkill Valley Regional HS	THE DROWSY CHAPERONE
Westfield HS	FOLLIES

Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role

Final Nominations

Bridgewater-Raritan HS	ANYONE CAN WHISTLE	Jenny Brady as "Cora Hoover Hopper"
Montclair Kimberley Academy	INTO THE WOODS	Ellie Kallay as "The Baker's Wife"
Moorestown HS	KISS ME, KATE	Mira Mookerjee as "Lilli Vanessi/Katharine"
Old Bridge HS	SISTER ACT	Amaya White as "Deloris Van Cartier"
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....	ONCE UPON A MATTRESS	Sara Miller as "Princess Winnifred"
Wallkill Valley Regional HS.....	THE DROWSY CHAPERONE	Nicole Verga as "Janet Van De Graaff"
West Orange HS.....	IN THE HEIGHTS	Gabrielle Florendo as "Nina Rosario"

Honorable Mentions

Carteret HS.....	IN THE HEIGHTS	Sherwin Fabe as "Nina Rosario"
Don Bosco Prep HS	ALL SHOOK UP	Kristina Conzo as "Natalie Heller/Ed"
Hackensack HS	CABARET	Subiyah Mboya as "The Emcee"

Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role

Final Nominations

Academy of the Holy Angels	CATCH ME IF YOU CAN	Luke Berninger as "Carl Hanratty"
Carteret HS.....	IN THE HEIGHTS	Jovanni Aparicio as "Usnavi"
Gloucester County Institute of Technology	THE PAJAMA GAME	Spencer Petro as "Sid Sorokin"
Madison HS	FOOTLOOSE	Jaron Cole as "Ren McCormack"
Nutley HS	PIPPIN	Eric Sebek as "Pippin"
St. Joseph Regional HS.....	CURTAINS	Vincent Simpson as "Lt. Frank Cioffi"
West Windsor-Plainsboro HS North	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION.....	Ben Sasportas as "Jean Valjean"

Honorable Mentions

Christian Brothers Academy	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF	Michael Guarino as "Tevye"
Jackson Memorial HS	DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST	Matt Ebersole as "The Beast"
Toms River HS North.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY	Victor Colasurdo as "Gomez Addams"

Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role

Final Nominations

Chatham HS	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF	Lilly McGrath as "Hodel"
Delaware Valley Regional HS	GREASE	Claire Wolfson as "Betty Rizzo"
Hopewell Valley Central HS	THE DROWSY CHAPERONE	Caroline Herbert as "The Chaperone"
Moorestown HS	KISS ME, KATE	Skylar Raye Noyes "Lois Lane/Bianca"
Morristown HS	ANYTHING GOES	Kate Croonquist as "Erma"
Mount Olive HS	CATCH ME IF YOU CAN	Lauren Onufryk as "Brenda Strong"
Toms River HS North	THE ADDAMS FAMILY	Yna Tresvalles as "Wednesday Addams"

Honorable Mentions

Columbia HS	HAIRSPRAY	Naomi Fisch as "Amber Von Tussle"
Columbia HS	HAIRSPRAY	Madie Reilly as "Velma Von Tussle"
St. Joseph Regional HS	CURTAINS	Kassi McMillan as "Georgia Hendricks"

Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role

Final Nominations

Bridgewater-Raritan HS	ANYONE CAN WHISTLE	Nick Scafuto as "J. Bowden Hapgood"
Columbia HS	HAIRSPRAY	Hunter Kovacs as "Corny Collins"
Gloucester County Institute of Technology	THE PAJAMA GAME	Joey Bennett as "Vernon Hines"
Morris Hills HS	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF	Ryan Spada as "Perchik"
Nutley HS	PIPPIN	Wesley Gardner as "Charlemagne"
Vernon Township HS	YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN	Matthew Losco as "Igor "
Wallkill Valley Regional HS	THE DROWSY CHAPERONE	Chris Hara as "Aldolpho"

Honorable Mentions

Colonia HS	HAIRSPRAY	Dervens Celestin as "Seaweed J. Stubbs"
Moorestown HS	KISS ME, KATE	Dean Blizzard as "Bill Calhoun/Lucentio"
St. Joseph Regional HS	CURTAINS	James Zitelli as "Aaron Fox"

Outstanding Performance in a Featured Role

Final Nominations

Don Bosco Prep HS	ALL SHOOK UP	Trevor DeLello as "Dean Hyde"
Eastern Regional HS	ROCK OF AGES: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION	Primo Davis as "Franz Klinemann "
Secaucus HS	IN THE HEIGHTS	Nicholas Matos as "Sonny"
Toms River HS North	THE ADDAMS FAMILY	Sarah Mullin as "Alice Beineke"
Union HS	PETER PAN	Marc-Andrew Duvelson as "Smee"
Union HS	PETER PAN	Alyssa Carbonell as "Tiger Lily"
Westfield HS	FOLLIES	Abigail Connolly as "Hattie Walker"

Honorable Mentions

Columbia HS	HAIRSPRAY	Ben Blais as "Wilbur Turnblad"
Pascack Valley HS	HOW TO SUCCEED	Kari Hauck as "Bud Frump"
West Orange HS	IN THE HEIGHTS	Jordan Scott Young as "Daniela"

Outstanding Performance by a Featured Ensemble Member

Final Nominations

Delaware Valley Regional HS	GREASE	Joshua Nilsen as "Eugene Florczyk"
Millburn HS	RENT: SCHOOL EDITION	Halle Lipton as "Seasons of Love Soloist"
Moorestown HS	KISS ME, KATE	Elena Iliadis as "Pauline"
Summit HS	LEGALLY BLONDE	JJ Stewart as "Winthrop, Castillo"
West Orange HS	IN THE HEIGHTS	Madelyn Machado as "Carla"
Westfield HS	FOLLIES	Nicole Player as "Young Heidi"

Honorable Mentions

Fair Lawn HS	ONCE	Nicki Kissi as "Ex-Girlfriend"
Ridge HS	ANNIE	Evelyn Zeng as "Molly"
West Morris Central HS	THE PIRATE QUEEN	Grace Alai as "Evleen"

Outstanding Performance by a Featured Ensemble Group

Final Nominations

Bernards HS	THE MUSIC MAN.....	"The Barbershop Quartet"
Delaware Valley Regional HS	GREASE	"The Burger Palace Boys"
Monmouth Regional HS.....	GEORGE M!.....	"The Four Cohans"
Ridge HS.....	ANNIE	"The Orphans"
Summit HS	LEGALLY BLONDE.....	"The Delta Nu Girls/Greek Chorus"
Union HS	PETER PAN	"The Indians"
Union HS	PETER PAN	"The Lost Boys"

Honorable Mentions

Moorestown HS	KISS ME, KATE.....	"The Gangsters"
West Morris Central HS	THE PIRATE QUEEN.....	"The Ladies in Waiting"
Westfield HS	FOLLIES	"The Showgirls"

Outstanding Performance by a Chorus

Final Nominations

Columbia HS	HAIRSPRAY
Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	GREASE
Don Bosco Prep HS	ALL SHOOK UP
Gloucester County Institute of Technology.....	THE PAJAMA GAME
Princeton Day School.....	BAT BOY THE MUSICAL
Toms River HS North	THE ADDAMS FAMILY
Union HS.....	PETER PAN

Honorable Mentions

Moorestown HS.....	KISS ME, KATE
West Morris Central HS.....	THE PIRATE QUEEN
West Orange HS	IN THE HEIGHTS

Outstanding Performance by an Orchestra

Final Nominations

Columbia HS	HAIRSPRAY
Fair Lawn HS	ONCE
Ridge HS.....	ANNIE
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS	ONCE UPON A MATTRESS
Union HS.....	PETER PAN
West Morris Central HS.....	THE PIRATE QUEEN
West Windsor-Plainsboro HS North	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION

Honorable Mentions

Carteret HS	IN THE HEIGHTS
Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	GREASE
Mount Olive HS	CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

Outstanding Achievement by a Teacher or Outside Director

Final Nominations

Columbia HS.....	HAIRSPRAY.....	Tricia Benn, Bethany Pettigrew
Delaware Valley Regional HS	GREASE	Clinton B. Ambs
Moorestown HS	KISS ME, KATE.....	Erica Scanlon Harr, Greg Harr
Toms River HS North	THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....	Carolyn Little
Union HS	PETER PAN	James Mosser
West Morris Central HS	THE PIRATE QUEEN.....	Jeff Hogan

Honorable Mentions

Eastern Regional HS	ROCK OF AGES: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION	Dr. Gregg Molotsky
Fair Lawn HS.....	ONCE.....	John Giresi
Wallkill Valley Regional HS.....	THE DROWSY CHAPERONE	Christine Molnar
Westfield HS	FOLLIES	Daniel Devlin

Outstanding Achievement in Music Direction

Final Nominations

Columbia HS.....	HAIRSPRAY.....	Jamie Bunce, Peter F. Bauer
Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	GREASE.....	Doug Radziewicz
Don Bosco Prep HS.....	ALL SHOOK UP.....	Ed Ginter, John Zupan
Fair Lawn HS.....	ONCE.....	Charles Santoro
Union HS.....	PETER PAN.....	James Mosser, Laura Muller
West Morris Central HS.....	THE PIRATE QUEEN.....	Mark Stingle, Margaret Schaefer
Westfield HS.....	FOLLIES.....	John Brzozowski

Honorable Mentions

Moorestown HS.....	KISS ME, KATE.....	Sergey Tkachenko, Greg Connlain
Ridge HS.....	ANNIE.....	Barbara Retzko, Jennifer Curran
Toms River HS North.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....	George Powers

Outstanding Achievement in Choreography and Staging

Final Nominations

Academy of the Holy Angels.....	CATCH ME IF YOU CAN.....	Arianne Ryan
Columbia HS.....	HAIRSPRAY.....	Tricia Benn, Bethany Pettigrew
Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	GREASE.....	Heather Fleischman
Gloucester County Institute of Technology.....	THE PAJAMA GAME.....	Erica Paolucci
Hackensack HS.....	CABARET.....	Michele Stein
Union HS.....	PETER PAN.....	Jennifer Williams
West Morris Central HS.....	THE PIRATE QUEEN.....	Dana Harrington

Honorable Mentions

Carteret HS.....	IN THE HEIGHTS.....	Robert McGuckin, Danielle Portera McCaig
Toms River HS North.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....	Kimberley Zmudsky
Wallkill Valley Regional HS.....	THE DROWSY CHAPERONE.....	Denise Kullhan

Outstanding Scenic Achievement

Final Nominations

Eastern Regional HS.....	ROCK OF AGES: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION.....	Chris Childs, Cyrena Kokolis, Aaron Forsman, Gregg Molotsky
Harrison HS.....	SEUSSICAL.....	Colin Shields, Pedro Pereira, Matthew Broyszewski, Vee Broyszewski
Jackson Memorial HS.....	DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST.....	Jamie Allaire
Morristown HS.....	ANYTHING GOES.....	Michael Hession, John Hession
Ridge HS.....	ANNIE.....	Jason M. Stewart
Union HS.....	PETER PAN.....	Kent Homchick
Wallkill Valley Regional HS.....	THE DROWSY CHAPERONE.....	Rodney Carrol

Honorable Mentions

Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	GREASE.....	Josh Paul
Fair Lawn HS.....	ONCE.....	John Giresi, Nairi Arslan
West Morris Central HS.....	THE PIRATE QUEEN.....	Jeff Hogan, John Hughes

Outstanding Lighting Achievement

Final Nominations

Eastern Regional HS.....	ROCK OF AGES: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION.....	Gregg Molotsky
Fair Lawn HS.....	ONCE.....	Andrew Scharwath
Jackson Memorial HS.....	DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST.....	James A. Lyle
Ridge HS.....	ANNIE.....	Dallas Harvey
Union HS.....	PETER PAN.....	Coby Chasman-Beck
West Morris Central HS.....	THE PIRATE QUEEN.....	Jeff Hogan, Timothy Meola
Westfield HS.....	FOLLIES.....	Sharp Edge Lighting Design

Honorable Mentions

Carteret HS.....	IN THE HEIGHTS.....	Robert McGuckin, Daniel Suriel
Midland Park HS.....	URINETOWN.....	Jay Patel
Princeton Day School.....	BAT BOY THE MUSICAL.....	Steve Howe

Outstanding Costuming Achievement

Final Nominations

Columbia HS.....	HAIRSPRAY.....	Barbara Canace, Carol Rutledge, Suzanna Roghanchi
Eastern Regional HS.....	ROCK OF AGES: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION	Michelle Heyers
Gill St. Bernard's School.....	INTO THE WOODS.....	Paul H. Canada
Moorestown HS.....	KISS ME, KATE.....	Katie Keith
Morristown HS.....	ANYTHING GOES.....	Katie Adams
Wallkill Valley Regional HS.....	THE DROWSY CHAPERONE.....	Christine Molnar
West Morris Central HS.....	THE PIRATE QUEEN.....	Susan Thompson

Honorable Mentions

Jackson Memorial HS.....	DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST.....	Playtime Costumes, Bobbie Allaire
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....	ONCE UPON A MATTRESS.....	Joanne Sprague
Toms River HS North.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....	Crystal Swancey

Outstanding Hair and Make-up Achievement

Final Nominations

Columbia HS.....	HAIRSPRAY.....	Suzanne Roghanchi, Tricia Benn, Bethany Pettigrew
Eastern Regional HS.....	ROCK OF AGES: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION	Michelle Heyers
Gill St. Bernard's School.....	INTO THE WOODS.....	Lee Amoroso, Valeri Collins, Venus Nedd
Hackensack HS.....	CABARET.....	Sonya Kypreos, Marybeth Berndt
Morristown HS.....	ANYTHING GOES.....	Yasmina Abi-Aad
Toms River HS North.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....	Keleyn Wraga
West Morris Central HS.....	THE PIRATE QUEEN.....	Megan Spina

Honorable Mentions

Chatham HS.....	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF.....	Julie Edwards
Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	GREASE.....	Shanice Homeward, et al
Wallkill Valley Regional HS.....	THE DROWSY CHAPERONE.....	Christine Molnar

Student Achievement Award

(20 finalists, 10 recipients will be announced)

Final Nominations

Carteret HS.....	IN THE HEIGHTS.....	Daniel Suriel, Lighting Designer/Board Operator
Christian Brothers Academy.....	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF.....	Public Relations Department
Cicely L. Tyson School of Performing and Fine Arts.....	INTO THE WOODS.....	Anthony Crutcher, Jr., Stage Manager
Cicely L. Tyson School of Performing and Fine Arts.....	INTO THE WOODS.....	Kaila Lewis, Lighting Designer
Cicely L. Tyson School of Performing and Fine Arts.....	INTO THE WOODS.....	Jennika Villard, Costume Designer
Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	GREASE.....	Ellis Stanton, Light Board Operator
Madison HS.....	FOOTLOOSE.....	Tyler McKinnon, Stage Manager
Morristown HS.....	ANYTHING GOES.....	Matt Mruz, Grace Prachthausen, Sound/Film Designer
Mount Olive HS.....	CATCH ME IF YOU CAN.....	Andrew Laudor, Lighting Designer
Nutley HS.....	PIPPIN.....	Patricia Patalinjug, Graphic Designer
Princeton Day School.....	BAT BOY THE MUSICAL.....	Hope Ammidon, Assistant Director
Princeton Day School.....	BAT BOY THE MUSICAL.....	Aaron Baseman, Production Art/ Advertising Director
Princeton Day School.....	BAT BOY THE MUSICAL.....	Rakesh Potluri, Assistant Lighting Designer/ Master Electrician
Rahway HS.....	A CHORUS LINE.....	Jason Myers, Makenzie Martin, Dance Captains
Summit HS.....	LEGALLY BLONDE.....	Sterling Hildebrand, Technical Director
Summit HS.....	LEGALLY BLONDE.....	Costume Crew
Summit HS.....	LEGALLY BLONDE.....	Sarah Beatty, Student Director
Voorhees HS.....	FOOTLOOSE.....	Matthew Nowell, Technical Director/ Sound Designer
Westfield HS.....	FOLLIES.....	Devyn Tibbals, Stage Manager
Westfield HS.....	FOLLIES.....	Morgan L. Eng, Graphic Designer/ Pit Orchestra

The Educational Impact Award

Final Nominations

Carteret HS	IN THE HEIGHTS
Cicely L. Tyson School of Performing and Fine Arts	INTO THE WOODS
Fair Lawn HS	ONCE
Perth Amboy HS	ONCE ON THIS ISLAND
Ridge HS.....	ANNIE
St. Joseph Regional HS.....	CURTAINS
Summit HS	LEGALLY BLONDE

Rising Star “Theatre for Everyone” Inclusion and Access Award

Final Nominations

Carteret HS	IN THE HEIGHTS
Chatham HS.....	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
Eastern Regional HS.....	ROCK OF AGES: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION
Lodi HS.....	IN THE HEIGHTS
Madison HS.....	FOOTLOOSE
Moorestown HS.....	KISS ME, KATE
Morristown HS	ANYTHING GOES
Ridge HS.....	ANNIE
Sayreville War Memorial HS.....	SHREK

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