2021 NOMINATIONS AND HONORABLE MENTIONS

OUTSTANDING SOLO PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTRESS

Alex Belle ...........................................................................................................................................Collier High School
“My New Philosophy” from You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown

Emma Casertano ........ Ocean County Vocational Technical Schools-Grunin Performing Arts Academy
“The Music and the Mirror” from A Chorus Line

Leonor Fontanez ..................................................................................................Delaware Valley Regional High School
“Cleaning Women” from Working

Halle Lipton ..............................................................................................................................St. Peter’s Preparatory School
“Lying There” from Edges: A Song Cycle

Kyra Longenecker ..................................................................................................................Madison High School
“I Want to Go to Hollywood” from Grand Hotel

Khadijah Sankoh .....................................................................................................................Union High School
“Waiting for Life” from Once on This Island

Yemie Woo ......................................................................................................................................Pascack Hills High School
“Fabulous Baby” from Sister Act

Honorable Mentions

Rocky Anciette—Columbia High School
“You Can’t Stop the Beat” from Hairspray

Grace Capeless—Immaculate Heart Academy
“O Bless the Lord My Soul” from Godspell

Valeria Gonzalez—Academy of the Holy Angels
“Fabulous Baby” from Sister Act

Jordan Pincus—Watchung Hills High School
“Moments in the Woods” from Into the Woods

Alyssa Tanti—Cedar Grove High School
“Dear Friend” from She Loves Me
OUTSTANDING SOLO PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTOR

Will DeLargy .................................................................Morristown High School
“All I Care About is Love” from Chicago

Collin Flanagan ...............................................................Madison High School
“The Lady Must Be Mad” from Ilyria

Michael Bryant Kessie ..................................................Delaware Valley Regional High School
“Joe” from Working

Nicholas Matos ..............................................................St. Peter’s Preparatory School
“Monticello” from Edges: A Song Cycle

Miguel Ramirez .............................................................Lawrence High School
“Dulcinea” from Man of La Mancha

Max Rodriguez ..............................................................Ridge High School
“Gus: The Theatre Cat” from Cats

Jonah Ruderman ...........................................................Livingston High School
“Who I’d Be” from Shrek: The Musical

Honorable Mentions

Elliot Block—Hopewell Valley Central High School
“Take a Chance on Me” from Little Women

Jacob Canderozzi—Ocean County Vocational Technical Schools-Grunin Performing Arts Academy
“I Can Do That” from A Chorus Line

Donald Grennon—Summit High School
“Santa Fe” from Newsies

Daniel Pipersburgh—Cherry Hill High School East
“Feed Me (Git It)” from Little Shop of Horrors

Cyrus Shields—Columbia High School
“Any Dream Will Do” from Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY A SMALL ENSEMBLE

**County Prep High School** ................................................................. "The Most Amazing Thing" from *Little Women*
Featuring Ivellises Segovia, Mathew Segovia, Kayla Velazquez

**Delaware Valley Regional High School** ............................................. "Brother Trucker" from *Working*
Featuring Michael Bryant Kessie, Dakota Krouse, Maddy Clyde, Mark Westling, Gabi Pfefferte, Tori Kelly

**Ocean County Vocational Technical Schools Grunin-Performing Arts Academy** .... "Sing" from *A Chorus Line*
Featuring William Einbinder, Gabriella DeBenedict

**Pinelands Regional High School** ......................................................... "Secrets" from *The Addams Family*
Featuring Nadia Vito, Lily Targett

**Ridge High School** .................................................................................. "Macavity" from *Cats*
Featuring Elisabeth Schmitt, Eileen Brady, Eve Armstrong, Samantha Rascio, Morgan Connell, Gabriella Hairston, Jordan Perla

**Summit High School** .............................................................................. "King of New York" from *Newsies*
Featuring Sydney Veloso, Hope Pierotti, Avery Johnson, Anna Sullivan, Theo Errig, Ethan Engmann

**Union High School** ............................................................................... "Forever Yours" from *Once on This Island*
Featuring Khadijah Sankoh, Makayla Michel

**Honorable Mentions**

**County Prep High School**—“Some Things Are Meant to Be” from *Little Women*
Featuring Kayla Velazquez, Tatyana Serrato

**Hopewell Valley Central High School**—“Five Forever” from *Little Women*
Featuring Molly Higgins, Gretchen Cole, Olivia Levin, Piper Ward, Elliot Block

**Ocean County Vocational Technical Schools-Grarin Performing Arts Academy**
"At the Ballet" from *A Chorus Line*
Featuring Gianna Mancuso, Nicole McColley, Emily Reid

**Union High School**—“Ti Moune’s Dance” from *Once on This Island*
Featuring Khadijah Sankoh & Company
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY A LARGE ENSEMBLE

Columbia High School……………………………………………………………………………….”You Can’t Stop the Beat” from Hairspray
Delaware Valley Regional High School………………………………………………………….”All the Livelong Day” from Working
Madison High School……………………………………………………………………………….”On My Way” from Violet
Ridge High School……………………………………………………………………………….”The Jellicle Ball” from Cats
St. Peter’s Preparatory School……………………………………………………………………………….”Become” from Edges: A Song Cycle
Summit High School……………………………………………………………………………….”Seize the Day” from Newsies
Union High School……………………………………………………………………………….”Mama Will Provide” from Once on This Island

Honorable Mentions
Bridgewater-Raritan High School
”God I Hate Shakespeare” from Something Rotten

Ocean County Vocational Technical Schools-Grunin Performing Arts Academy
”What I Did for Love” from A Chorus Line

Westfield High School
”O Bless the Lord My Soul” from Godspell

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD NOMINEES

Elizabeth Volpe
Atlantic County Institute of Technology

Pete Gambino
Cherry Hill High School East

Michael Penna
Collier High School

John Giresi
Fair Lawn High School

Jim DeVivo
Holmdel High School

Blake Spence
Madison High School

Cindy Dwyer
Mater Dei Prep

Jodi Bosch
Mount Olive High School

Jensyn Modero
Mount Saint Dominic Academy

Bart DiFrancia
Pinelands Regional High School

Anne Poyner
Summit High School

Steven Collins
Union County Academy for Performing Arts

Nancy Reynolds
Voorhees High School
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINEES

Dominic Roberts, Dance Captain..............................Atlantic County Institute of Technology
Liz Driscoll, Dance Captain....................................................Bridgewater-Raritan High School
Sophia Pedroso, Stage Manager..............................................Bridgewater-Raritan High School
Simon Kinderman, Designer: Cinematography/Production/Pit........Delaware Valley Regional High School
Grace Capeless, Assistant Director/Film Editor.................................Immaculate Heart Academy
Felix Tavarez, Assistant Choreographer.......................................José Martí STEM Academy
Clarisse Moreno, Kathy Bernal, Oliver Villalta, Writing Team.....................José Martí STEM Academy
Lorelei Eck, Student Director..............................................................Morristown High School
Hema Davalla & Sophia Garske, Production Stage Managers..................Mount Saint Dominic Academy
Kiera Carbone, Ava Ciauro, Lynn Jean-Baptiste, Sound Board Operators......Mount Saint Dominic Academy
Valentina Cannao, Scenic Designer & Assistant Director......................Pasckack Hills High School
Melly Merida, Scenic Illustrations.........................................................Piscataway High School
Kathleen Brennan, Christine Hamilton, Jilliane Najera, Digital Designers........Randolph High School
Morgan Beatty, Student Director.........................................................Ridge High School
Emma MacPherson, Costume Crew Head...........................................Summit High School
Archie Bird, Tech Crew......................................................................Toms River High School North
Owen Tabor, Choreographer/Dance Captain...........................................Voorhees High School
Ben Zakharenko, Sound Designer..........................................................Westfield High School
Josh Saxon, Scenic Designer / Asst. Technical Director...............................Westfield High School

THEATRE FOR EVERYONE INCLUSION AND ACCESS AWARD NOMINEES

Collier High School
Madison High School
Piscataway High School

Scholarship recipients will be notified the week of May 17.

Congratulations to all of our participants, honorable mentions, and nominees! Be sure to watch the Rising Star Awards Ceremony on Paper Mill Playhouse's Facebook and YouTube pages June 7, 2021 at 7pm.