

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE 28TH RISING STAR Awards

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2023 RISING STAR AWARDS NOMINATIONS AND HONORABLE MENTIONS

OUTSTANDING OVERALL PRODUCTION OF A MUSICAL

Final Nominations

Columbia HS	SOMETHING ROTTEN!
Delaware Valley Regional HS	THE ADDAMS FAMILY
Gloucester County Institute of Technology	LES MISÉRABLES
Haddonfield Memorial HS	HEAD OVER HEELS
Moorestown HS	RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S CINDERELLA
Ridge HS	NEWSIES
Summit HS	SOMETHING ROTTEN!

Honorable Mentions

Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS	CHICAGO
Madison HS	LITTLE WOMEN
Westfield HS	SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE

OUTSTANDING LEADING PERFORMER IN A FEMALE-IDENTIFIED ROLE

Final Nominations

Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS	CHICAGO	Talia Fabrizzio as "Roxie Hart"
Clearview Regional HS	MAMMA MIA!	Leah Rose Crossan as "Donna"
Madison HS	LITTLE WOMEN	Avery Benjamin as "Jo March"
Moorestown HS	R & H's CINDERELLA	Sofia Giannetto as "Cinderella"
Nutley HS	CHICAGO	Valeria Flores as "Velma Kelly"
Ridge HS	NEWSIES	Libby Schmitt as "Katherine Plumber"
Westfield HS	SUNDAY IN THE PARK	Bella Jarecki as "Dot/Marie"

Honorable Mentions

Cherry Hill HS East	INTO THE WOODS	Charlotte Lemaire as "Baker's Wife"
Immaculata HS	SISTER ACT	Jewelita Taylor as "Deloris Van Cartier"
Saddle River Day School	THE ADDAMS FAMILY	Kate Peresvyetova as "Wednesday"
Sayreville War Memorial HS	THE LITTLE MERMAID	Grace Herrick as "Ariel"
Southern Regional HS	42 ND STREET	Mia Spallina as "Peggy Sawyer"

OUTSTANDING LEADING PERFORMER IN A MALE-IDENTIFIED ROLE

Final Nominations

Columbia HS	SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Quincy Hampton as "Nick Bottom"
Delaware Valley Regional HS	THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....	Dakota Krouse as "Gomez Addams"
Gloucester County Institute of Tech	LES MISÉRABLES	Armon Salgado as "Jean Valjean"
Moorestown HS.....	R & H's CINDERELLA	Lucas Kirmsee as "Prince Christopher"
North Hunterdon HS.....	LES MISÉRABLES	Alex Lipinski as "Javert"
Piscataway HS.....	THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD ..	Najm Muhammad as "Clive/John"
Westfield HS.....	SUNDAY IN THE PARK	Evan Leone as "George Seurat"

Honorable Mentions

Ewing HS.....	AIDA.....	Jayden White as "Radames"
Morristown Beard School	BE MORE CHILL.....	Ari Mandel as "Michael Mell"
Nottingham HS	THE LIGHTNING THIEF	Evan Vistoso as "Percy Jackson"
Ridge HS.....	NEWSIES.....	Gabriel Subervi as "Jack Kelly"
St. Joseph Regional HS.....	INTO THE WOODS	Thomas Snyder as "Baker"

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING PERFORMER IN A FEMALE-IDENTIFIED ROLE

Final Nominations

Immaculata HS	SISTER ACT.....	Susie Polito as "Mother Superior"
Madison HS	LITTLE WOMEN	Lily Bias as "Marmee March"
North Hunterdon HS.....	LES MISÉRABLES	Lea Chukrallah as "Eponine"
Ocean County Vocational Tech. School.....	SWEENEY TODD.....	Shea East as "Beggar Woman"
Randolph HS	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF	Amanda Diaz as "Hodel"
Sayreville War Memorial HS.....	THE LITTLE MERMAID.....	Ryan Yuhas as "Ursula"
Summit HS.....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Sarah Walsh as "Bea Bottom"

Honorable Mentions

Columbia HS	SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Scarlett Choi as "Portia"
Gloucester County Institute of Tech	LES MISÉRABLES.....	Kenikki Thompson as "Eponine"
Haddonfield Memorial HS.....	HEAD OVER HEELS.....	Mia Bompensa as "Gynecia"
Morris Knolls HS.	THE DROWSY CHAPERONE	Bridget Jacobus as "Drowsy Chaperone"
Pingry School	SPRING AWAKENING.....	Brielle Marques as "Martha"

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING PERFORMER IN A MALE-IDENTIFIED ROLE

Final Nominations

Bergen County Academies.....	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF.....	Edward Turner as "Perchik"
Clearview Regional HS	MAMMA MIA!	Adam Bathurst as "Sam Carmichael"
Columbia HS	SOMETHING ROTTEN!	Owen Umiker as "Will Shakespeare"
Gloucester County Institute of Tech	LES MISÉRABLES.....	Neal Reitano as "Thenardier"
Haddonfield Memorial HS.....	HEAD OVER HEELS.....	Griffin Adams as "Basilius"
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....	THE DROWSY CHAPERONE	David Gomez as "Adolfo"
Summit HS.....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Zach Seigel as "Nigel Bottom"

Honorable Mentions

Columbia HS	SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Scott Barton as "Nigel Bottom"
Gloucester County Institute of Tech	LES MISÉRABLES.....	Johnny Brown as "Marius"
West Milford Township HS.....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Jason Pritchett as "Will Shakespeare"

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A FEATURED ROLE

Final Nominations

Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS	.....CHICAGO: TEEN EDITION.....	Willow Frazier as <i>"Matron 'Mama' Morton"</i>
Columbia HS	.....SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Alonzo Gallo as <i>"Minstrel"</i>
Columbia HS	.....SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Mac Silverstein as <i>"Brother Jeremiah"</i>
Columbia HS	.....SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Miller Asch as <i>"Nostradamus"</i>
Gloucester County Institute of Tech	.....LES MISÉRABLES.....	Zachary Palais as <i>"Enjolras"</i>
Immaculata HS	.....SISTER ACT.....	Charles Alexis as <i>"Eddie Souther"</i>
Morris Knolls HS	.....THE DROWSY CHAPERONE	Elijah Dor as <i>"George"</i>
Mountain Lakes HS	.....GUYS AND DOLLS.....	Nicholas Tripodi as <i>"Nicely Nicely Johnson"</i>
Southern Regional HS	.....42 ND STREET.....	Amanda Muldownsy as <i>"Annie Reilly"</i>

Honorable Mentions

Arts HS	.....THE WIZ.....	Zahara Jackson as <i>"Evilene"</i>
Delaware Valley Regional HS	.....THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....	Jessica McGlothlin as <i>"Alice Beineke"</i>
Immaculata HS	.....SISTER ACT.....	Katherine Tami as <i>"Sister Mary Lazarus"</i>
Summit HS	.....SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Hefzibah Campos as <i>"Nostradamus"</i>

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY A FEATURED ENSEMBLE MEMBER

Final Nominations

Bergen County Academies	.....FIDDLER ON THE ROOF	Amaya Romero as <i>"Fruma Sarah"</i>
Delaware Valley Regional HS	.....THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....	Will Gonzalez as <i>"Lurch"</i>
Morristown HS	.....R & H'S CINDERELLA.....	Charlotte Cama as <i>"Ensemble"</i>
Ridge HS	.....NEWSIES.....	Jaidyn Riley as <i>"Mush"</i>
Rumson Fair Haven HS	.....SPAMALOT.....	Connor Olson as <i>"French Guard"</i>
Union HS	.....MAMMA MIA!	Layla Soares as <i>"Lead Dancer"</i>
St. Peter's Prep	.....LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS	Gabby Beredo as <i>"Crystal"</i>

Honorable Mentions

Columbia HS	.....SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Zoe McKay as <i>"Lady Clapham"</i>
Summit HS	.....SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Ben Strauss as <i>"Shylock"</i>

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY A FEATURED ENSEMBLE GROUP

Final Nominations

Academy of Performing Arts at UCVTS	.....CHICAGO: TEEN EDITION.....	<i>"Merry Murderesses"</i>
Arts HS	.....THE WIZ.....	<i>"Tornado Dancers"</i>
Delaware Valley Regional HS	.....THE ADDAMS FAMILY	<i>"Ancestors"</i>
Haddon Township HS	.....JOSEPH (AND...)	<i>"Joseph's Brothers"</i>
Pinelands Regional HS	.....MATILDA	<i>"Older Students"</i>
Summit HS	.....SOMETHING ROTTEN!	<i>"Troupe"</i>

Honorable Mentions

Cedar Creek HS	.....BIG FISH	<i>"Alabama Lambs"</i>
Columbia HS	.....SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	<i>"Troupe"</i>
Highland Regional HS	.....JEKYLL & HYDE	<i>"Red Rat Girls"</i>
Moorestown HS	.....R & H'S CINDERELLA.....	<i>"Mice, Cat, Dove"</i>

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY A CHORUS

Final Nominations

Columbia HS	SOMETHING ROTTEN!
Haddonfield Memorial HS	HEAD OVER HEELS
Ridge HS	NEWSIES
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....	THE DROWSY CHAPERONE
Summit HS	SOMETHING ROTTEN!
Union HS	MAMMA MIA!
Westfield HS.....	SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE

Honorable Mentions

Gloucester County Institute of Technology	LES MISÉRABLES
Moorestown HS.....	R & H'S CINDERELLA
Wallkill Valley Regional HS	THE WIZARD OF OZ

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY AN ORCHESTRA

Final Nominations

Bergen County Academies.....	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY
Randolph HS	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
Ridge HS	NEWSIES
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....	THE DROWSY CHAPERONE
Southern Regional HS.....	42 ND STREET
Summit HS	SOMETHING ROTTEN!

Honorable Mentions

Carteret HS.....	PIPPIN
Princeton HS	NEWSIES

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT BY A TEACHER OR OUTSIDE DIRECTOR

Final Nominations

Columbia HS	SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Tricia Benn, Bethany Pettigrew
Delaware Valley Regional HS	THE ADDAMS FAMILY	Clinton Ambts
Gloucester County Institute of Tech.	LES MISÉRABLES	Katie Knoblock
Haddonfield Memorial HS.....	HEAD OVER HEELS.....	Matt DiDonato
Moorestown HS.....	R & H'S CINDERELLA.....	Erica Scanlon Harr
Summit HS.....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Anne Poyner
Wallkill Valley Regional HS	THE WIZARD OF OZ	Christine Molnar

Honorable Mentions

Academy for Performing Arts at UCPTS	CHICAGO: TEEN EDITION.....	Steven Collins
Madison High School	LITTLE WOMEN	Blake Spence
Ridge HS.....	NEWSIES.....	Tim Lynch
Westfield HS.....	SUNDAY IN THE PARK	Daniel Devlin

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN MUSIC DIRECTION

Final Nominations

Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS	....CHICAGO: TEEN EDITION.....	Michael Gilch
Columbia HS	.....SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Jacob C. Ezzo
Delaware Valley Regional HS	.....THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....	TJ Hayden, Adrian Camano
Haddonfield Memorial HS	.....HEAD OVER HEELS.....	Tyler Mills
Moorestown HS	.....R & H'S CINDERELLA.....	Amanda Wise Harris
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS	.....THE DROWSY CHAPERONE	Jan Allen
Westfield HS	.....SUNDAY IN THE PARK	John Brzozowski

Honorable Mentions

Cherry Hill HS East	.....INTO THE WOODS	Heather Lockart
Gloucester County Institute of Tech.	.....LES MISÉRABLES	Anthony Vitalo

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CHOREOGRAPHY AND STAGING

Final Nominations

Columbia HS	.....SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Tricia Benn, Bethany Pettigrew
Delaware Valley Regional HS	.....THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....	Heather Fleischman
Haddonfield Memorial HS	.....HEAD OVER HEELS.....	Sara DeRossi
Ridge HS	.....NEWSIES.....	Rachel Miranda, Jennifer Diguseppe
Summit HS	.....SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Kelly Mott-Sacks

Honorable Mentions

Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS	....CHICAGO: TEEN EDITION.....	Jay T. Jenkins
Arts HS	.....THE WIZ.....	Gregory Omar Osbourne
Franklin HS	.....DISNEY'S DESCENDANTS	Lindsey Della Serra

OUTSTANDING SCENIC ACHIEVEMENT

Final Nominations

Columbia HS	.....SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Louis J. Medrano
Delaware Valley Regional HS	.....THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....	Josh Paul, Eric Fiorito
Haddonfield Memorial HS	.....HEAD OVER HEELS.....	Bob Shindle
Madison HS	.....LITTLE WOMEN	Anthony Freitas
Moorestown HS	.....R & H'S CINDERELLA.....	Andrew Robinson, Jess Rottcamp
Princeton HS	.....NEWSIES.....	Jeffrey Van Velsor, Bridget Schmidt
Wallkill Valley Regional HS	.....THE WIZARD OF OZ	Amy Naprstek, Mike Napovier

Honorable Mentions

Bergen County Academies	.....FIDDLER ON THE ROOF	Ryan Howell, Bill Pavlu
Pinelands Regional HS	.....MATILDA	Rich Pear
Ridge HS	.....NEWSIES.....	Jason M. Stewart
Summit HS	.....SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Jordan Janota
Union HS	.....MAMMA MIA!.....	Brian Toscano

OUTSTANDING LIGHTING ACHIEVEMENT

Final Nominations

Cedar Creek HS.....	BIG FISH	Tyler Daddario
Clearview Regional HS	MAMMA MIA!	Starlite Audio Visual & Lighting Solutions, Chris Wood, John Schwab, Nicholas Rossi, John Rowland
Columbia HS	SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Tara Marie Abbondante
Delaware Valley Regional HS	THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....	Clinton Ambs, Kacey Burd
Haddonfield Memorial HS.....	HEAD OVER HEELS.....	Matt DiDonato, Jack Novak, Camila Manskopf
Madison HS	LITTLE WOMEN	Cameron Filepas
Moorestown HS	R & H'S CINDERELLA.....	Dee Dugan, Chris Miller
Wallkill Valley Regional HS	THE WIZARD OF OZ	Michael Kimmel, Lisa Weinsrott

Honorable Mentions

Morristown Beard School	BE MORE CHILL	Nicholas Marmo
Princeton HS	NEWSIES.....	Sasha Stepanova
Ridge HS.....	NEWSIES.....	Colin Berry
Westfield HS.....	SUNDAY IN THE PARK	Jack Frankola

OUTSTANDING COSTUMING ACHIEVEMENT

Final Nominations

Columbia HS	SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Barbara Canace
Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....	Lisa Cartwright, Scaramouche Costumes
Haddonfield Memorial HS.....	HEAD OVER HEELS.....	Sabrina Windt
Moorestown HS	R & H'S CINDERELLA.....	Erin Cramer
Ridge HS.....	NEWSIES.....	Bonnie Grube
Sayreville War Memorial HS.....	THE LITTLE MERMAID.....	Cynthia Gallagher
Summit HS.....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!	Bonnie Grube
Wallkill Valley Regional HS	THE WIZARD OF OZ	Christine Molnar
Westfield HS.....	SUNDAY IN THE PARK	Hannah Stavin, Suzanna Rogers

Honorable Mentions

Franklin HS	DISNEY'S DESCENDANTS	Amy Rice
Madison HS	LITTLE WOMEN	Linda Spence, Blake Spence
Marlboro HS.....	SEUSSICAL	Anthony Greco
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....	THE DROWSY CHAPERONE	Joanna Sprague
Watchung Hills Regional HS.....	SINGING IN THE RAIN.....	Gail DiCicco

OUTSTANDING HAIR AND MAKE-UP ACHIEVEMENT

Final Nominations

Atlantic County Institute of Tech	SEUSSICAL	Leah Cacopardo, Erin Hanna, Debe Carpenter, Catherine Chambers Elizabeth Volpe
Delaware Valley Regional HS.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....	Carrie Snodgrass
Gloucester County Institute of Tech	LES MISÉRABLES	Caitlin Geisser
Franklin HS	DISNEY’S DESCENDANTS.....	Amy Rice
Haddonfield Memorial HS.....	HEAD OVER HEELS.....	Dawn Sheidt
Sayreville War Memorial HS.....	THE LITTLE MERMAID	Grace English, Malaya Emory
Wallkill Valley Regional HS	THE WIZARD OF OZ	Christine Molnar

Honorable Mentions

Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS....	CHICAGO: TEEN EDITION.....	Derek Alfano
Cherry Hill HS East.....	INTO THE WOODS.....	None Listed

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

(20 finalists, 10 recipients will be announced)

Final Nominations

Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS..	CHICAGO: TEEN EDITION	Lilly Resnick, Production Stage Manager
Bergen County Academies.....	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF	Sofia Merie Maravillas, Production Stage Manager
Bergen County Academies.....	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF	Marketing Team
Carteret HS.....	PIPPIN	Nia Serrano, Dance Captain
Cedar Grove HS	THE PROM	Katarina Leno, Prop Crew Chief
Eastern Regional HS.....	FROZEN.....	Mazie O’Keefe, Costume Head, Wigs
Eastern Regional HS.....	FROZEN.....	Team Sven, Puppet Build and Operation
Hillsborough HS.....	LEGALLY BLONDE.....	Sinara Sood, Producer
Madison HS	LITTLE WOMEN	Skye Coen, Production Stage Manager
Morristown HS.....	R & H’S CINDERELLA.....	Ava Zappulla, Student Director
Mount Olive HS.....	MAMMA MIA!	Olivier Kacprowicz, Emilie Felix, Ensemble Captains
Princeton HS	NEWSIES.....	Isabella Kolleeny, Lead Painter, Costumes
Princeton HS	NEWSIES.....	Azlyn Haley, Head Carpenter
Princeton HS	NEWSIES.....	Sasha Stepanova, Lighting Designer
Randolph HS	FIDDLER ON THE ROOF	Gavin Emdur, Emma Carothers, Dramaturg
Summit HS.....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Costume Crew
Summit HS.....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Grace Coyle, Hair, Makeup
Westfield HS.....	SUNDAY IN THE PARK.....	Set Design Crew
Westfield HS.....	SUNDAY IN THE PARK.....	Ryan Karlin, Production Stage Manager
Westfield HS.....	SUNDAY IN THE PARK.....	Sophie Havens, Music Director

Honorable Mentions

Princeton HS	NEWSIES.....	Lily Raphael, Production Stage Manager
Princeton HS	NEWSIES.....	Colin Lansky, Sound, Projections

THE EDUCATIONAL IMPACT AWARD

Final Nominations

Carteret HS.....	PIPPIN
Cedar Grove HS	THE PROM
Hillsborough HS	LEGALLY BLONDE
Jonathan Dayton HS	HEATHERS: SCHOOL EDITION
Madison HS.....	LITTLE WOMEN
Morristown HS.....	R & H'S CINDERELLA
Ridge HS	NEWSIES
Weehawken HS	SISTER ACT

RISING STAR "THEATRE FOR EVERYONE" INCLUSION AND ACCESS AWARD

Final Nominations

Atlantic County Institute of Technology.....	SEUSSICAL
Butler HS	ALL SHOOK UP
Eastern Regional HS.....	FROZEN
Madison HS.....	LITTLE WOMEN
Jose Marti STEM Academy	URINETOWN
Lakeland Regional HS.....	SHREK
Moorestown HS.....	R & H'S CINDERELLA
Morristown HS.....	R & H'S CINDERELLA
Mount Olive HS	MAMMA MIA!
Perth Amboy HS.....	INTO THE WOODS
Ridge HS	NEWSIES
Secaucus HS.....	THE PROM
Weehawken HS	SISTER ACT
West Milford Township HS	SOMETHING ROTTEN!

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

Final Nominations

Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS.....	Steven Collins
Butler HS	Kelsie Daniels
Ewing HS.....	Christine Monaco Caldwell
Madison HS.....	Blake Spence
Manasquan HS	Madison Schille
Mount Olive HS	Jodi Bosch
Pingry School	Alan Van Antwerp
Princeton HS	Julianna Krawiecki
Ridge HS	Tim Lynch

Tickets to the live Rising Star Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, June 13th will be made available to final nominees via their school contact on May 4. Please do not call Paper Mill Box Office for tickets.

The Rising Star Awards will be livestreamed for free on Tuesday June 13 at 7:30pm. Go to PaperMill.org for more information and log in details.

Scholarship applicants and recipients will be notified by email the week of May 8.

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