

# PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE

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29<sup>TH</sup>  
**RISING STAR**  
Awards

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## 2024 RISING STAR AWARDS NOMINATIONS AND HONORABLE MENTIONS

### OUTSTANDING OVERALL PRODUCTION OF A MUSICAL

#### Final Nominations

Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS.....	42 <sup>nd</sup> STREET
Academy of the Holy Angels.....	URINETOWN
Delaware Valley Reg. HS.....	NEWSIES
Mt. Olive HS.....	ROCK OF AGES
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY
St. Joseph Reg. HS.....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL EDITION
Summit HS.....	ANYTHING GOES

#### Honorable Mentions

Cherry Hill HS East.....	MEAN GIRLS: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION
Morristown HS.....	MARY POPPINS

### OUTSTANDING PERFORMER IN A FEMALE-IDENTIFIED LEADING ROLE

#### Final Nominations

Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS.....	42 <sup>nd</sup> STREET.....	Willow Dixon as "Peggy Sawyer"
Cherry Hill HS East.....	MEAN GIRLS: HS EDITION.....	Charlotte Lemaire as "Cady Heron"
Cherry Hill HS East.....	MEAN GIRLS: HS EDITION.....	Lily Tewfik as "Regina George"
Eastern Reg. HS.....	URINETOWN.....	Zoey Blackman as "Hope Cladwell"
OCVTS Grunin Performing Arts Academy.....	THE PROM.....	Kelly Clark as "Dee Dee Allen"
Pinelands Reg. HS.....	THE LITTLE MERMAID.....	Kali Tucker as "Ariel"
St. Peter's Prep.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Gabby Beredo as "Rosemary Pilkington"
Summit HS.....	ANYTHING GOES.....	Sarah Walsh as "Reno Sweeney"

#### Honorable Mentions

Dwight-Englewood School.....	SPELLING BEE.....	Sophia Vemes as "Olive Ostrovsky"
Franklin HS.....	CHICAGO: TEEN EDITION.....	Teya Wright as "Velma Kelly"
Livingston HS.....	R + H'S CINDERELLA.....	Sylvie Friedman as "Ella"
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....	Olive Gomez as "Wednesday Addams"

## **OUTSTANDING PERFORMER IN A MALE-IDENTIFIED LEADING ROLE**

### **Final Nominations**

Delaware Valley Regional HS	NEWSIES	Dakota Krouse as "Jack Kelly"
Mt. Olive HS	ROCK OF AGES	Jack Scarsi as "Lonny Barnett"
Princeton HS	BEAUTY & THE BEAST	Elliott Becker Peeler as "Beast"
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS	THE ADDAMS FAMILY	David Gomez as "Gomez Addams"
Shawnee HS	SINGIN' IN THE RAIN	Michael Lazovitz as "Don Lockwood"
St. Joseph Reg. HS	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL ED.	Jack Laux as "Javert"
St. Joseph Reg. HS	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL ED.	Liam Fahey as "Jean Valjean"

### **Honorable Mentions**

Gill St. Bernard's School	SHE LOVES ME	John Besjak as "Georg Nowack"
Mt. St. Dominic Academy	ANASTASIA	Bridget Castano as "Dmitry"
Old Bridge HS	THE MUSIC MAN	Camryn Burniston as "Harold Hill"
Randolph HS	INTO THE WOODS	Brendan Angilello as "The Baker"

## **OUTSTANDING PERFORMER IN A FEMALE-IDENTIFIED SUPPORTING ROLE**

### **Final Nominations**

Eastern Reg. HS	URINETOWN	Sydney Steiner as "Penelope Pennywise"
Mary Help of Christians Academy	MATILDA	Lillian Kopacz as "Miss Honey"
Sayreville War Memorial HS	TUCK EVERLASTING	Gianna Roman as "Mae Tuck"
St. Joseph Reg. HS	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL ED.	Catherine Ryan as "Cosette"
St. Joseph Reg. HS	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL ED.	Maddie Heiniman as "Fantine"
Summit HS	ANYTHING GOES	Rosie Gaeta as "Hope Harcourt"
Verona HS	MEAN GIRLS: HS EDITION	Faith Brolly as "Janis Sarkisian"

### **Honorable Mentions**

Academy of the Holy Angels	URINETOWN	Ellie Finnegan as "Penelope Pennywise"
Pinelands Reg. HS	THE LITTLE MERMAID	Summer Hudak as "Ursula"
St. Joseph Reg. HS	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL ED.	Marlie J. McKenzie as "Eponine"
Westfield HS	HEATHERS: TEEN EDITION	Lily Erneta as "Heather McNamara"

## **OUTSTANDING PERFORMER IN A MALE-IDENTIFIED SUPPORTING ROLE**

### **Final Nominations**

Cherry Hill HS East	MEAN GIRLS: HS EDITION	Aviv Haroz as "Damian Hubbard"
Eastern Reg. HS	URINETOWN	Andrew Rickey as "Officer Lockstock"
Moorestown HS	MAMMA MIA!	Lucas Kirmsee as "Sam Carmichael"
Morris Knolls HS	LEGALLY BLONDE	Aidan Sales as "Professor Callahan"
Mt. Olive HS	ROCK OF AGES	Lincoln Vera as "Stacee Jaxx"
St. Joseph Reg. HS	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL ED.	Derek Bedell as "Marius"
Summit HS	ANYTHING GOES	Ben Schachne as "Moonface Martin"

### **Honorable Mentions**

Somerville HS	MEAN GIRLS: HS EDITION	Christian Fodor as "Damian Hubbard"
North Star Academy	CHICAGO: TEEN EDITION	Justin Mincy as Billy Flynn

## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A FEATURED ROLE

### Final Nominations

Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS.....	42 <sup>ND</sup> STREET.....	Elyana Barroqueiro as "Ann Reilly"
Academy of the Holy Angels.....	URINETOWN.....	James Coleman as "Hot Blades Harry"
Academy of the Holy Angels.....	URINETOWN.....	Valentina Gonzalez as "Becky Two Shoes"
Columbia HS.....	MAMMA MIA!.....	Alonzo Gallo as "Pepper"
Delaware Valley Reg. HS.....	NEWSIES.....	Alex Apgar as "Race"
Immaculata HS.....	GODSPELL.....	Jewelina Taylor as "O Bless the Lord Solo"
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....	Ashley Hoberman as "Alice Beineke"

### Honorable Mentions

Hightstown HS.....	THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL.....	Lily Rivenburgh as "Pearl Krabs"
Morris Knolls HS.....	LEGALLY BLONDE.....	Marisa DeStefano as "Brooke Wyndham"
Summit HS.....	ANYTHING GOES.....	Ben Strauss as "Eli Whitney"

## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY A FEATURED ENSEMBLE MEMBER

### Final Nominations

Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS.....	42 <sup>ND</sup> STREET.....	Nicholas Hernandez as "Andy Lee"
Clearview Reg. HS.....	CHICAGO: TEEN EDITION.....	Adam Wax as "Emcee"
Delaware Valley Regional.....	NEWSIES.....	Maxim Verdicchio as "Albert"
Madison HS.....	MAMMA MIA!.....	Becca Axler as "Ali"
Morristown HS.....	MARY POPPINS.....	Charlotte Cama as "Bird Woman"
Mt. Olive HS.....	ROCK OF AGES.....	Juno Copen as "Protestor/Ensemble #4"
Piscataway HS.....	MEAN GIRLS: HS EDITION.....	Savannah Weaver as "Taylor Wedell"

### Honorable Mentions

Eastern Reg. HS.....	URINETOWN.....	Domenic Giampetro as "Robby the Stockfish"
Wallkill Valley Reg. HS.....	CATCH ME IF YOU CAN.....	Skylar Tomlin as "Cindy"

## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY A FEATURED ENSEMBLE GROUP

### Final Nominations

Academy of the Holy Angels.....	URINETOWN.....	"The Rebel Poor"
Franklin HS.....	CHICAGO: TEEN EDITION.....	"Merry Murderesses"
Morris Knolls HS.....	LEGALLY BLONDE.....	"Delta Nu Greek Chorus"
Morristown HS.....	MARY POPPINS.....	"Sweeps"
Somerville HS.....	MEAN GIRLS: HS EDITION.....	"Mathletes"
Summit HS.....	ANYTHING GOES.....	"Reno's Angels"

### Honorable Mentions

Pope John XXIII Reg. HS.....	PIPPIN.....	"The Manson Trio"
Red Bank Catholic HS.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....	"The Ancestors"

## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY A CHORUS

### Final Nominations

Academy for the Performing Arts at UCVTS.....	42 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
Academy of the Holy Angels.....	URINETOWN
Delaware Valley Reg. HS.....	NEWSIES
Gill St. Bernard's School.....	SHE LOVES ME
Gloucester County Inst. Of Tech. ....	BIG FISH
Ridge HS.....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!
Summit HS.....	ANYTHING GOES

### Honorable Mentions

Immaculate Heart Academy.....	MAMMA MIA!
Columbia HS.....	MAMMA MIA!

## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY AN ORCHESTRA

### Final Nominations

Columbia HS.....	MAMMA MIA!
Eastern Reg. HS.....	URINETOWN
Howell HS.....	SHREK
Livingston HS.....	R + H'S CINDERELLA
Mt. Olive HS.....	ROCK OF AGES
Shawnee HS.....	SINGIN' IN THE RAIN
Summit HS.....	ANYTHING GOES

### Honorable Mentions

Cherry Hill HS East.....	MEAN GIRLS: HS EDITION
Ewing HS.....	BETWEEN THE LINES
Ridge HS.....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT BY A TEACHER OR OUTSIDE DIRECTOR

### Final Nominations

Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS....	42 <sup>nd</sup> STREET.....	Steven Collins
Academy of the Holy Angels.....	URINETOWN.....	Katie Collins
Delaware Valley Reg. HS.....	NEWSIES.....	Clinton Ambbs
Gill St. Bernard's School.....	SHE LOVES ME.....	Paul H. Canada
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....	Morgan Knight
Summit HS.....	ANYTHING GOES.....	Anne Poyner

### Honorable Mentions

Cherry Hill HS East.....	MEAN GIRLS: HS EDITION.....	Peter Gambino, Sandi Makofsy
Morristown HS.....	MARY POPPINS.....	Stephanie Rubin

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN MUSIC DIRECTION

### Final Nominations

Academy of the Holy Angels.....	URINETOWN.....	George Croom
Cherry Hill HS East.....	MEAN GIRLS: HS EDITION.....	Heather Lockart
Gill St. Bernard's School.....	SHE LOVES ME.....	Paul H. Canada, Jack Williams III

Gloucester County Inst. of Tech. ....	BIG FISH .....	Anthony Vitalo
Immaculate Heart Academy .....	MAMMA MIA! .....	Edward Ginter
Livingston HS .....	R + H'S CINDERELLA .....	Daniel King
Westfield HS.....	HEATHERS: TEEN EDITION.....	John Brzozowski

**Honorable Mentions**

Piscataway HS.....	MEAN GIRLS: TEEN EDITION .....	Haley Lopez, Megan Suozzo
Mt. Olive HS.....	ROCK OF AGES .....	Matthew Vanzini

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CHOREOGRAPHY AND STAGING**

**Final Nominations**

Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS....	42 <sup>nd</sup> STREET .....	Jensyn Modero
Delaware Valley Regional HS .....	NEWSIES.....	Heather Fleischman
Howell HS .....	SHREK.....	Brittany Cohen-Locke, Ella Clemenko
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....	Kyra Robinson
Summit HS.....	ANYTHING GOES.....	Kelly Mott-Sacks

**Honorable Mentions**

Gloucester County Inst. of Tech.. .....	BIG FISH .....	Erica Cavanaugh
Morristown HS.....	MARY POPPINS .....	Melanie Della Peruti

**OUTSTANDING SCENIC ACHIEVEMENT**

**Final Nominations**

Columbia HS .....	MAMMA MIA! .....	Louis J. Medrano
Gill St. Bernard’s School.....	SHE LOVES ME.....	Paul H. Canada
Princeton HS .....	BEAUTY & THE BEAST.....	Bridget Schmidt, Jeffrey Van Velsor
Ridge HS.....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Jason M. Stewart
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....	Joseph Napolitano
St. Joseph Reg. HS.....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL ED. ....	Vincent Gunn

**Honorable Mentions**

Christian Brothers Academy.....	THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL .....	Marcos Orozco, Therese Heidelberger, Gina Morrello
Piscataway HS.....	MEAN GIRLS: HS EDITION.....	Matt Nickles
Summit HS.....	ANYTHING GOES.....	Vincent Gunn

**OUTSTANDING LIGHTING ACHIEVEMENT**

**Final Nominations**

Harrison HS.....	STARMITES: HIGH SCHOOL .....	Colin Shields
Immaculate Heart Academy .....	MAMMA MIA! .....	Nikki Belenski
Madison HS .....	MAMMA MIA! .....	Cameron Filepas
Mt. Olive HS.....	ROCK OF AGES .....	Andrew Laudor
Princeton HS .....	BEAUTY & THE BEAST.....	Florencia Curchitser
St. Joseph Reg. HS.....	LES MISÉRABLES: SCHOOL ED. ....	Asa Lipton, Michael Yesenosky
Westfield HS.....	HEATHERS: TEEN EDITION.....	Emily Clare Gocon, Keira Redmond

### Honorable Mentions

Ridge HS.....SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....Colin Berry  
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....Christian Confalone  
Washington Township HS.....THE PROM.....Shawn McGovern

## OUTSTANDING COSTUMING ACHIEVEMENT

### Final Nominations

Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS....42<sup>nd</sup> STREET.....Steven Collins, Jensyn Modero  
Academy of the Holy Angels.....URINETOWN.....Axcel Portillo  
Gill St. Bernard's School.....SHE LOVES ME.....Paul H. Canada  
Harrison HS.....STARMITES: HIGH SCHOOL.....Mary Pat Shields, Colin Shields  
Morristown HS.....MARY POPPINS.....Brenda Burns  
Summit HS.....ANYTHING GOES.....Luciana Mallozzi  
Wallkill Valley Regional HS.....CATCH ME IF YOU CAN.....Christine Molnar

### Honorable Mentions

Mt. Olive HS.....ROCK OF AGES.....Mary Anne Hannon  
Ridge HS.....SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....Bonnie Grube  
Sayreville War Memorial HS.....TUCK EVERLASTING.....Cynthia Gallagher

## OUTSTANDING HAIR AND MAKE-UP ACHIEVEMENT

### Final Nominations

Gill St. Bernard's School.....SHE LOVES ME.....Unlisted  
Harrison HS.....STARMITES: HIGH SCHOOL.....Colin Shields, Mary Pat Shields  
Howell HS.....SHREK.....Shannon Naughton  
Morristown HS.....MARRY POPPINS.....Malik Letta, Ollie Gonzalez, Derek Alfano  
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....Frankie Dobies, Cast  
Summit HS.....ANYTHING GOES.....Zuleikha Reroma, Elisabeth Husveth,  
Derek Alfano

### Honorable Mentions

Gateway Reg. HS.....SEUSSICAL.....Unlisted  
Pinelands Reg. HS.....THE LITTLE MERMAID.....Unlisted

## OUTSTANDING SOLO PERFORMANCE (DIGITAL SUBMISSION)

### Final Nominations

Bridgewater Raritan HS....."All for the Best", GODSPELL.....Cole Januzzi  
Bridgewater Raritan HS....."By My Side", GODSPELL.....Indiana Lu  
Cedar Creek HS....."Close Every Door", JOSEPH.....Matthew Goodrich  
Memorial HS....."The Ballad of Farquaad", SHREK... ..Isaiah Delgado  
Memorial HS....."Forever", SHREK.....Karina Calderone  
Moorestown Friends HS....."Diva's Lament", SPAMALOT.....Makenzie Kirby  
Voorhees HS....."In My Life", LES MISÉRABLES.....Emily Denis  
Voorhees HS....."Who Am I?", LES MISÉRABLES.....Nick Leyesa

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

*(20 finalists, 10 recipients will be announced)*

### Final Nominations

Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS.....	42 <sup>nd</sup> STREET .....	Julie Cariello, <b>Dramaturg</b>
Delaware Valley Reg. HS.....	NEWSIES .....	Kacey Burd, <b>Percussion/Scenic</b>
Madison HS .....	MAMMA MIA! .....	Leland Borcharding, Daania Fakhar, <b>Lighting</b>
Manasquan HS .....	INTO THE WOODS .....	Jessica Slovak, <b>Student Choreographer</b>
Marlboro HS.....	CHICAGO: TEEN EDITION .....	Julia Catuogno, <b>Production Stage Mgr.</b>
Mt. Olive HS.....	ROCK OF AGES .....	Dylan Kovach, <b>Ensemble Captain</b>
North Star Academy .....	CHICAGO: TEEN EDITION .....	Victoria Lockhart, <b>Playbill Designer</b>
Ocean Township HS.....	MEAN GIRLS: HS EDITION .....	Maya Stein, <b>Hair &amp; Makeup</b>
Perth Amboy HS .....	MEAN GIRLS: HS EDITION .....	Anamika Bachoo, <b>Social Media Specialist</b>
Piscataway HS.....	MEAN GIRLS: HS EDITION .....	Scenic Artists
Princeton HS .....	BEAUTY & THE BEAST .....	Colin Lansky, <b>Projection Designer</b>
Princeton HS .....	BEAUTY & THE BEAST .....	Isabella Kolleeny, <b>Lead Painter</b>
Princeton HS .....	BEAUTY & THE BEAST .....	Florencia Curchitser, <b>Lighting Designer</b>
Randolph HS .....	INTO THE WOODS.....	Tingyu Yuan, <b>Production Manager</b>
Ridge HS .....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Morgan Wiehe, <b>Costume Crew</b>
Ridge HS .....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!.....	Shibani Sarkar, <b>Production Stage Mgr.</b>
Ridgefield Park Jr/Sr HS .....	CHICAGO: TEEN EDITION .....	Ryan Flynn, <b>Costume Designer</b>
Shawnee HS .....	SINGIN' IN THE RAIN .....	Michael Dowd, <b>Film Assistant</b>
Westfield HS.....	HEATHERS: TEEN EDITION .....	Keira Redmond, <b>Lighting Designer</b>
Woodstown HS.....	BRIGADOON.....	Colin Schmidt, <b>Stange Manager</b>

### Honorable Mentions

Morristown HS.....	MARY POPPINS .....	Elizabeth Gillen, <b>Vocal Captain</b>
The Pingry School.....	INTO THE WOODS .....	Jessica Poprik, <b>Violinist</b>

## THE EDUCATIONAL IMPACT AWARD

### Final Nominations

Christian Brothers Academy.....	THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL
Dumont HS .....	MEAN GIRLS: TEEN EDITION
Hillsborough HS .....	SOMETHING ROTTEN!
Madison HS.....	MAMMA MIA!
Morristown HS.....	MARY POPPINS
Summit HS .....	ANYTHING GOES

## RISING STAR "THEATRE FOR EVERYONE" INCLUSION AND ACCESS AWARD

### Final Nominations

Clearview Reg. HS .....	CHICAGO: TEEN EDITION
Madison HS.....	MAMMA MIA!
Moorestown HS.....	MAMMA MIA!

Morristown HS.....MARY POPPINS  
 Mt. Olive HS .....ROCK OF AGES  
 West Milford Township HS .....FOOTLOOSE

**OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD**

**Final Nominations**

Atlantic County Inst. Of Tech .....Elizabeth Volpe  
 Butler HS .....Kelsie Daniels  
 Madison HS.....Blake Spence  
 Mount Olive HS .....Jodi Bosch  
 North Star Academy .....Jessica Lisboa  
 The Pingry School.....Joseph Napolitano  
 Princeton HS .....Julianna Krawiecki  
 Sayreville War Memorial HS .....Laura DiStaulo

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**Scholarship applicants and recipients will be notified by email the week of May 20.**

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