

2024 Rising Star Recipients

Presented at the 29th annual Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Awards on June 11, 2024

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Overall Production
Academy of the Holy Angels
URINETOWN

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Performance in a Female-Identified Leading Role
Kelly Clark as "Dee Dee Allen"
OCVTS Grunin Performing Arts Academy
THE PROM

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Performance in a Male-Identified Leading Role
David Gomez as "Gomez Addams"
Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School
THE ADDAMS FAMILY

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award Outstanding Performance in a Female-Identified Supporting Role Gianna Roman as "Mae Tuck" Sayreville War Memorial High School TUCK EVERLASTING

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Performance in a Male-Identified Supporting Role
Aviv Haroz as "Damian Hubbard"
Cherry Hill High School East
MEAN GIRLS: HIGH SCHOOL EDITION

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award Outstanding Performance in a Featured Role Ashley Hoberman as "Alice Beineke" Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School THE ADDAMS FAMILY

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Solo Performance
Cole Januzzi
"All for the Best" from Godspell
Bridgewater Raritan HS

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Performance by a Featured Ensemble Member
Maxim Verdicchio as "Albert"
Delaware Valley Regional High School
NEWSIES

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Featured Ensemble Group
The Rebel Poor
Academy of the Holy Angels
URINETOWN

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Music Direction
Paul H. Canada, Jack Williams III
Gill St. Bernard's School
SHE LOVES ME

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Orchestra
Shawnee High School
SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Chorus
Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS
42ND STREET

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Choreography / Musical Staging
Jensyn Modero
Academy for Performing Arts at UCVTS
42ND STREET

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Direction
Katie Collins
Academy of the Holy Angels
URINETOWN

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Hair and Make-up Achievement
Colin Shields
Harrison High School
STARMITES: HIGH SCHOOL

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award Outstanding Costuming Achievement Paul H. Canada Gill St. Bernard's School SHE LOVES ME

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Lighting Achievement
Colin Shields
Harrison High School
STARMITES: HIGH SCHOOL

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
Outstanding Scenic Achievement
Jason M. Stewart
Ridge High School
SOMETHING ROTTEN!

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award Student Achievement Awards

Julie Cariello, Dramaturg	42 ND STREET	Acad. for Perf. Arts at UCVTS
Leland Borcherding, Daania Fakhar, Lighting	MAMMA MIA!	Madison HS
Jessica Slovak, Choreographer	INTO THE WOODS	Manasquan HS
Julia Cauogno, Stage Manager	CHICAGO	Marlboro HS
Maya Stein, Hair & Makeup	MEAN GIRLS: HS ED.	Ocean Township HS
Colin Lansky, Projections	BEAUTY & THE BEAST	Princeton HS
Isabella Kolleeny, Lead Painter	BEAUTY & THE BEAST	Princeton HS
Florencia Curchitser, Lighting Designer	BEAUTY & THE BEAST	Princeton HS
Ryan Flynn, Costume Designer	CHICAGO: TEEN ED.	Ridgefield Park Jr/Sr HS
Colin Schmidt, Stage Manager	BRIGADOON	Woodstown HS

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
The Rising Star
Educational Impact Award
Christian Brothers Academy
THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award The Rising Star Educational Impact Award Madison High School MAMMA MIA!

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
The Rising Star
"Theatre for Everyone"
Inclusion & Access Award
Mount Olive High School
ROCK OF AGES

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
The Rising Star
Outstanding Educator Award
Joseph Napolitano
The Pingry School
INTO THE WOODS

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
The Rising Star
Outstanding Educator Award
Jodi Bosch
Mount Olive HS
ROCK OF AGES

2024 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award
The Rising Star
Outstanding Educator Award
Jessica Lisboa
North Star Academy
CHICAGO: TEEN EDITION

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