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Nominations & Finalists Announced for the Shea's Wonder Awards - A High School Musical Theatre Awards Program

Over 1,500 WNY Students from 20 Schools Taking Part in a Program Celebrating Young Theatre Talent, Two Winning Students Will Participate in National Jimmy Awards Program in NYC

[Nomination Video](#)

Shea's Performing Arts Center announced the school nominees and student semi-finalists for [Shea's Wonder Awards](#), Shea's high school musical theatre awards program. The nominees were announced during an event for high school students, featuring a choreography workshop and representatives from local theatres and colleges, held at Shea's Buffalo Theatre on April 22. Shea's Wonder Awards winners will be announced during a ceremony at Shea's Buffalo Theatre on May 17.

This year 1,511 students from across Western New York are participating in Shea's Wonder Awards. The 2024-25 participating schools, which stretch across Erie, Niagara Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegany and Wyoming Counties, include: Cheektowaga Central, Cleveland Hill USFD, East Aurora High School, Fillmore Central, Holland High School, Jamestown High School, Kenmore West High School, Letchworth Central High School, Mount St. Mary Academy, Nardin Academy, Randolph Jr./Sr. High School, Royalton Hartland High School, Southwestern Central High School, St. Francis High School, St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, St. Mary's High School, Sweet Home Central High School, Tonawanda High School, West Seneca West Senior High School, and Westfield Academy and Central High School.

Throughout the school year 34 adjudicators attended local high school musicals, providing feedback and scoring each high school production in various categories. Shea's Wonder Awards are provided in categories related to best performance, vocals, dance, music, lighting, set, costume, hair and makeup, direction, choreography, and more.

In addition, Shea's announced 16 individual semi-finalists for the "Student Talent And Growth Experience" STAGE Program. The two student winners of Shea's STAGE program will go on to compete in [The Jimmy Awards](#), the national high school theatre awards program, which will be held in New York City on June 23, 2025.

Winners of Shea's Wonder Awards program including the STAGE finalists will be announced at an event held at Shea's Buffalo Theatre on Saturday, May 17 at 7:00pm. Tickets are available at: <https://www.sheas.org/performances/sheas-wonder-awards/>.

Presenting sponsors of Shea's Wonder Awards program are Rachael Small, Pfalzgraf Beinhaur Gear Harris Schuller LLP, Buffalo Urban League, and Erie County.

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Additional Resources:

School Wonder Awards Nomination List: [2025-NOMINATIONS.pdf](#)

Student STAGE Program Semi-Finalists: [The STAGE Semi-Finalists.pdf](#)

Adjudicator List & Bios: [24-25 WONDER AWARD ADJUDICATOR BIOS.pdf](#)

Nomination Video: <https://youtu.be/zt31E0shwBA?si=5sSq20-qCV8gsrbx>