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Calling All Theatre Lovers: Shea's is Seeking Adjudicators for the 2025-26 Wonder Awards

Be Part of the Wonder and Help Celebrate WNY's High School Musical Talent

Shea's Performing Arts Center's Arts Engagement and Education Department is now seeking adjudicator applications for the 2025-2026 Shea's Wonder Awards, Western New York's premier celebration of high school musical theatre.

Shea's High School Musical Theatre Awards, titled the "Wonder Awards," recognize excellence in high school musical theatre across Western New York. The program shines a spotlight on the talent and dedication of high school performers, designers, directors, and productions.

Shea's invites arts educators, theatre artists, and industry professionals from across the region's eight counties to be part of this rewarding program by applying to be a Wonder Awards adjudicator. Judges commit to attending one training session and just 3-5 productions. Judges are expected to submit timely evaluations using Shea's scoring guidelines, demonstrating fairness, consistency, and enthusiasm for student theatre. Travel is reimbursed.

The Wonder Awards culminate with an award ceremony at Shea's Buffalo Theatre on May 16, 2026, where outstanding students will be honored, and two top performers will advance to the national high school musical awards program – The Jimmy Awards®.

Those interested in becoming a Wonder Awards adjudicator, including prior year participants, are encouraged to **apply by Sunday, September 28, 2025**, through the following link: <https://bit.ly/WonderAwardsJudge>.

For more information, visit Shea's website at: <https://www.sheas.org/wonder-awards/> or contact Jake Gear in Shea's Arts Engagement and Education Department at jgear@sheas.org.

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