



RISING STAR A W A R D S

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2015 Rising Star Awards Nominations and Honorable Mentions

Outstanding Overall Production of a Musical

Final Nominations

Columbia HS	RAGTIME: SCHOOL EDITION
Cranford HS	SEUSSICAL
Eastern Regional HS.....	HAIRSPRAY
Hillsborough HS	CATS
Summit HS	SWEENEY TODD
Union HS.....	SOPHISTICATED LADIES
Westfield HS	URINETOWN

Honorable Mentions

Academy of the Holy Angels.....	THE DROWSY CHAPERONE
Colonia HS	CARRIE: THE MUSICAL
Franklin HS.....	JEKYLL & HYDE
Gill St. Bernard's School.....	ONCE UPON A MATTRESS

Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role

Final Nominations

Cedar Grove HS.....	URINETOWN	Brielle Raddi as "Hope Cladwell"
Columbia HS.....	RAGTIME: SCHOOL EDITION	Ali Pease as "Mother"
Hamilton HS West.....	ANNIE GET YOUR GUN.....	Jenna O'Neill as "Annie Oakley"
Northern Highlands Reg. HS	ANYTHING GOES.....	Vanessa Tarabocchia as "Reno Sweeney"
Princeton Day School.....	ONCE UPON A MATTRESS	Adina Triolo as "Princess Winnifred"
Summit HS	SWEENEY TODD	Dana Goodstein as "Mrs. Lovett"
Union HS	SOPHISTICATED LADIES	Bernice Onanuga

Honorable Mentions

Colonia HS.....	CARRIE: THE MUSICAL	Kelly Hedden as "Carrie White"
Delaware Valley Reg. HS	ANYTHING GOES.....	Amalia Crevani as "Reno Sweeney"
Ridge HS	BYE, BYE BIRDIE	Morgan Hernandez as "Rose Alvarez"

Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role

Final Nominations

Bergen County Academies.....	KISS ME, KATE.....	Joseph Nasta as "Fred Graham/Petruchio"
Fair Lawn HS.....	A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE	Trevor Braun as "Alfie Byrne"
Rahway HS	FOOTLOOSE	Dion Grier as "Ren McCormack"
St. Joseph Regional HS	MISS SAIGON	Nick Berninger as "Chris"
Summit HS	SWEENEY TODD.....	Keenan Buckley as "Sweeney Todd"
Union HS	SOPHISTICATED LADIES	James Frazier
Union HS	SOPHISTICATED LADIES	Jonathan Duvelson
Westfield HS	URINETOWN	Julian Mone as "Bobby Strong"

Honorable Mentions

Cedar Grove HS.....	URINETOWN	Chris Bailey as "Bobby Strong"
Columbia HS.....	RAGTIME: SCHOOL EDITION	Isaiah Thomas as "Coalhouse Walker Jr."
Linden HS	IN THE HEIGHTS	Chris Grant as "Usnavi"

Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role

Final Nominations

Don Bosco Prep HS	FOOTLOOSE	Victoria Duffy as "Vi Moore"
Midland Park Junior/Senior HS	SPAMALOT	Paulina Hill as "Lady of the Lake"
Morristown-Beard School	ANYTHING GOES	Alexa Rojek as "Hope Harcourt"
Mount Olive HS	THE ADDAMS FAMILY	Madisyn Mugavero as "Wednesday Addams"
Rumson-Fair Haven Reg. HS	YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN	Julia Mosby as "Frau Blucher"
St. Joseph Regional HS	MISS SAIGON	Rosemary Lambert as "Ellen"
Westfield HS	URINETOWN	Lauren Echausse as "Little Sally"

Honorable Mentions

Cumberland Regional HS	THE WIZARD OF OZ	Danea Hayes as "Zeke/Cowardly Lion"
Morris Hills HS	THE ADDAMS FAMILY	Mackenzie Schaefer as "Wednesday Addams"
Sayreville War Memorial HS	MY FAVORITE YEAR	Taylor Leigh Bera as "Alice Miller"
Westfield HS	URINETOWN	Madeline Hudelson as "Penelope Pennywise"

Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role

Final Nominations

Academy of the Holy Angels	THE DROWSY CHAPERONE	Trey Plutnicki as "Robert Martin"
Eastern Regional HS	HAIRSPRAY	Gary Bowman as "Corny Collins"
Franklin HS	JEKYLL & HYDE	Ezekial Robinson as "John Utterson"
Hillsborough HS	CATS	Kevin Bizzocco as "Rum Tum Tugger"
Midland Park Junior/Senior HS	SPAMALOT	Jonathan Tanigake as "Patsy"
Summit HS	SWEENEY TODD	Sean McManus as "Tobias Ragg"
Union HS	SOPHISTICATED LADIES	Javon King

Honorable Mentions

Academy of the Holy Angels	THE DROWSY CHAPERONE	Nick Berninger as "Aldolpho"
Brick Memorial HS	THE DROWSY CHAPERONE	Tommy Gedrich as "Robert Martin"
Linden HS	IN THE HEIGHTS	Deante Britton as "Sonny"

Outstanding Performance in a Featured Role

Final Nominations

Colonia HS	CARRIE: THE MUSICAL	Tiffanie Arokiaswamy as "Chris Hargensen"
Columbia HS	RAGTIME: SCHOOL EDITION	Hannah Nye as "Evelyn Nesbit"
Columbia HS	RAGTIME: SCHOOL EDITION	Carolyn Leys as "Emma Goldman"
Eastern Regional HS	HAIRSPRAY	Jeremy Gubman as "Wilbur Turnblad"
Perth Amboy HS	IN THE HEIGHTS	Amanda Leon as "Daniella"
Rahway HS	FOOTLOOSE	Mariah Grajales as "Rusty"
Union HS	SOPHISTICATED LADIES	Kristian Adap

Honorable Mentions

Bayonne HS	THE 25TH ANNUAL...SPELLING BEE	Stephen Hladik as "Douglas Panch"
Cranford HS	SEUSSICAL	Sarah Parlapiano as "The Sour Kangaroo"
West Morris Central HS	URINETOWN	Max Van Kooy as "Mr. McQueen"

Outstanding Performance by a Featured Ensemble Group

Final Nominations

Don Bosco Prep HS	FOOTLOOSE	"Rusty, Wendy Jo, and Urleen"
Eastern Regional HS	HAIRSPRAY	"The Corny Collins Show Dancers"
Hackensack HS	AVENUE Q: SCHOOL EDITION	"The Bad Idea Bears"
Rahway HS	FOOTLOOSE	"Rusty, Wendy Jo, and Urleen"
Union HS	SOPHISTICATED LADIES	"The Sophisticated Gentlemen"
Vineland HS	LEGALLY BLONDE	"The Delta Nu Girls"
Westfield HS	URINETOWN	"The Poor"

Honorable Mention

Franklin HS	JEKYLL & HYDE	"The Red Rat Girls"
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Outstanding Performance by a Chorus

Final Nominations

Colonia HS	CARRIE: THE MUSICAL
Columbia HS	RAGTIME: SCHOOL EDITION
Cranford HS	SEUSSICAL
Hillsborough HS	CATS
Perth Amboy HS	IN THE HEIGHTS
Summit HS	SWEENEY TODD
Westfield HS	URINETOWN

Honorable Mentions

Academy of the Holy Angels.....	THE DROWSY CHAPERONE
Gill St. Bernard's School.....	ONCE UPON A MATTRESS
Morris Hills HS	THE ADDAMS FAMILY

Outstanding Performance by an Orchestra

Final Nominations

Bloomfield HS	SEUSSICAL
Columbia HS	RAGTIME: SCHOOL EDITION
Fair Lawn HS	A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE
Hillsborough HS	CATS
Mount Olive HS	THE ADDAMS FAMILY
Ridge HS.....	BYE, BYE BIRDIE
Union HS.....	SOPHISTICATED LADIES

Honorable Mentions

Franklin HS.....	JEKYLL & HYDE
Summit HS	SWEENEY TODD

Outstanding Achievement by a Teacher or Outside Director

Final Nominations

Columbia HS.....	RAGTIME: SCHOOL EDITION	Tricia Benn, Bethany Pettigrew
Cranford HS.....	SEUSSICAL.....	Michelle Massa
Eastern Regional HS.....	HAIRSPRAY.....	Gregg Molotsky
Hillsborough HS.....	CATS.....	Bernard J. Solomon
Summit HS	SWEENEY TODD, THE DEMON	Anne Poyner
Union HS	SOPHISTICATED LADIES	James Mosser
Westfield HS	URINETOWN	Daniel Devlin

Honorable Mentions

Academy of the Holy Angels	THE DROWSY CHAPERONE	Katie McSherry
Colonia HS.....	CARRIE: THE MUSICAL	Stephanie Platko
Franklin HS.....	JEKYLL & HYDE	Timothy Walton
Gill St. Bernard's School	ONCE UPON A MATTRESS	Paul H. Canada

Outstanding Achievement in Music Direction

Final Nominations

Columbia HS.....	RAGTIME: SCHOOL EDITION	Jaimie Bunce-Arraial, Peter F. Bauer
Cranford HS.....	SEUSSICAL.....	Nick DeGregorio
Fair Lawn HS.....	A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE	John Giresi, Scott Robert Avidon
Franklin HS	JEKYLL & HYDE	Timothy Walton, Fred Oltarzewski
Gill St. Bernard's School	ONCE UPON A MATTRESS	Amy Southerland, David Southerland
Union HS	SOPHISTICATED LADIES	James Mosser, Laura Muller
Westfield HS	URINETOWN	John Brzozowski

Honorable Mentions

Academy of the Holy Angels	THE DROWSY CHAPERONE	George Croom
Colonia HS.....	CARRIE: THE MUSICAL	Eric Johnson, Kevin Perdoni
Rahway HS	FOOTLOOSE	Robert Van Wyk

Outstanding Achievement in Choreography and Staging

Final Nominations

Academy of the Holy Angels	THE DROWSY CHAPERONE	Ariane Ryan
Columbia HS.....	RAGTIME: SCHOOL EDITION.....	Tricia Benn, Bethany Pettigrew
Cranford HS.....	SEUSSICAL.....	Michelle Massa
Hillsborough HS.....	CATS.....	Bernard J. Solomon
Rahway HS	FOOTLOOSE	Alison Dooley
Union HS	SOPHISTICATED LADIES	Jennifer Williams, James Mosser
Westfield HS	URINETOWN	Samantha Hahn

Honorable Mentions

Colonia HS.....	CARRIE: THE MUSICAL	Kristin Ruta
Eastern Regional HS.....	HAIRSPRAY.....	Curt Foy
Vineland HS.....	LEGALLY BLONDE.....	Natalie Quackenbush

Outstanding Scenic Achievement

Final Nominations

Gill St. Bernard's School	ONCE UPON A MATTRESS	Paul H. Canada
Hillsborough HS.....	CATS.....	Bernard J. Solomon
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS.....	GREASE	Jeffrey Allen
Summit HS	SWEENEY TODD.....	Travis McHale
Union HS	SOPHISTICATED LADIES	Eric Marchetta
Wallkill Valley Reg. HS.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY	Rodney Carroll
Westfield HS	URINETOWN	Roy Chambers

Honorable Mentions

Cranford HS.....	SEUSSICAL.....	Lynn C. Berry
Delaware Valley Reg. HS	ANYTHING GOES.....	Josh Paul
Fair Lawn HS.....	A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE	John Giresi
West Morris Central HS	URINETOWN	Ron Kadri

Outstanding Lighting Achievement

Final Nominations

Absegami HS	SWEENEY TODD.....	Tim Simon
Columbia HS.....	RAGTIME: SCHOOL EDITION.....	Tara Maria Abbondante
Hillsborough HS.....	CATS.....	Kyle Kravette
Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy.....	BRING IT ON	Inez Julieth Zapata
Union HS	SOPHISTICATED LADIES	Cosby Chasman-Beck
Vineland HS.....	LEGALLY BLONDE.....	Jeff Bettencourt, Emily Scanlon
Westfield HS	URINETOWN	Sharp Edge Lighting Design

Honorable Mentions

Cranford HS.....	SEUSSICAL.....	Mark Reilly
Morristown-Beard School.....	ANYTHING GOES.....	Nicholas Marmo
West Morris Central HS	URINETOWN	Timothy Meola

Outstanding Costuming Achievement

Final Nominations

Columbia HS.....	RAGTIME: SCHOOL EDITION.....	Barbara Canace, Carol Rutledge, Kathy Nye
Delaware Valley Reg. HS	ANYTHING GOES.....	Sally Brunkus
Eastern Regional HS	HAIRSPRAY.....	Michelle Heyers
Gill St. Bernard's School	ONCE UPON A MATTRESS	Paul H. Canada
Princeton Day School	ONCE UPON A MATTRESS	Deb Sugarman
Union HS	SOPHISTICATED LADIES	Karen Criss
Westfield HS	URINETOWN	Maddie Kevelson, OC Szwarc

Honorable Mentions

Franklin HS	JEKYLL & HYDE	Joanne Segear
Morris Hills HS.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY	Aldina Minic
Mount Olive HS.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY	Maggie Cowden, Evelyn Lavin, Vicki Smith

Outstanding Hair & Make-up Achievement

Final Nominations

Columbia HS.....	RAGTIME: SCHOOL EDITION.....	Tricia Benn, Bethany Pettigrew, Kathy Nye
Eastern Regional HS.....	HAIRSPRAY.....	Michelle Heyers
Gill St. Bernard's School.....	ONCE UPON A MATTRESS.....	Lee Amoroso, Venus Nedd
Hillsborough HS.....	CATS.....	Bernard J. Solomon
Morristown-Beard School.....	ANYTHING GOES.....	Not Listed
Summit HS.....	SWEENEY TODD.....	Rebecca Arnold, Emmy Zobitz, Rachel Olsen
Westfield HS.....	URINETOWN.....	Allie Safonov

Honorable Mentions

Pascack Valley HS.....	ANYTHING GOES.....	Joyce Beiner, Jen Beiner
Union HS.....	SOPHISTICATED LADIES.....	Not listed
Wallkill Valley Reg. HS.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....	Lindsay McAloney, Christine Molnar

Student Achievement Award

(20 finalists, 10 recipients will be announced)

Final Nominations

Academy for the Performing Arts at UCPTS.....	XANADU.....	Izzi Wayner, Choreographer
Bergen County Academies.....	KISS ME, KATE.....	Emily Donegan, Stage Management
Bergen County Academies.....	KISS ME, KATE.....	Brianna Hoody, Student Music Director
Cedar Grove HS.....	URINETOWN.....	Monica DeLora, Stage Management
Cicely Tyson School of Performing and Fine Arts.....	THE FROGS.....	Mamasa Waggeh, Stage Management
Columbia HS.....	RAGTIME: SCHOOL EDITION.....	Ethan Gill, Assistant Technical Director
Memorial HS.....	LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS.....	Jose Sosa and Marlen Sanchez, Drop/Prop Design
Morristown HS.....	GREASE.....	Alanna Beneroff, Costume Coordination
Morristown HS.....	GREASE.....	Kelly Ganning and Helen Burgess, Graphic Design
Mount Olive HS.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY.....	Melissa Barrow, Assistant Choreographer
Northern Highlands Regional HS.....	ANYTHING GOES.....	Giuliana Nasta, Costume Coordination
Pascack Valley HS.....	ANYTHING GOES.....	Alyssa Zoll and Tyler Halligan, Assistant Choreographers/Dance Captains
Princeton Day School.....	ONCE UPON A MATTRESS.....	Kayla Stokes, Assistant Director
Rahway HS.....	FOOTLOOSE.....	Michael Akakpo, Assistant Director
Summit HS.....	SWEENEY TODD.....	Trevor Ashmun, Light Crew Head
Summit HS.....	SWEENEY TODD.....	Peter Gangi, Sound Design
Union HS.....	SOPHISTICATED LADIES.....	Jasmine Durham, Assistant Director
Union HS.....	SOPHISTICATED LADIES.....	Dylan Worst, Deck Chief
Westfield HS.....	URINETOWN.....	Stephen Bubniak, Stage Management
Westfield HS.....	URINETOWN.....	Rita Murphy, Graphic Design

The Educational Impact Award

Final Nominations

Cedar Grove HS.....	URINETOWN
Cicely Tyson School of Performing and Fine Arts.....	THE FROGS
Clearview Regional HS.....	DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
Colonia HS.....	CARRIE: THE MUSICAL
Columbia HS.....	RAGTIME: SCHOOL EDITION
Franklin HS.....	JEKYLL & HYDE
Mount Olive HS.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY
St. Joseph Regional HS.....	MISS SAIGON
Summit HS.....	SWEENEY TODD

Rising Star "Theatre for Everyone" Inclusion and Access Award

Final Nominations

Freehold HS.....	THE ADDAMS FAMILY
Moorestown HS.....	SPAMALOT

Tickets to the Rising Star Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, June 2 will be made available to final nominees via their school contact on May 6th.

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Scholarship applicants and recipients will be notified by mail the week of May 11th.

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