



## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **MISSION OF PROCTORS**

Through arts and community leadership, be a catalyst for excellence in education, sustainable economic development and rich civic engagement to enhance the quality of life in the greater Capital Region.

### **MISSION OF HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE AWARDS AT PROCTORS**

To celebrate, inspire and honor excellence and achievement in high school musical theatre, and to highlight the importance of musical theatre and arts education within the greater Capital Region of New York.

### **SCHOOL PARTICIPATION**

Proctors invites all public and private high schools in the greater Capital Region to apply for participation in the 2018 program. The first twenty (20) schools who meet all eligibility criteria and whose completed applications are received by the School of the Performing Arts at Proctors will be guaranteed participation. Applications will be processed in the order they are received.

### **AWARD CATEGORIES**

Awards will be given for excellence in the following categories. The Best Musical category will consist of three budget tiers to be determined.

- Best Musical - Tier A
- Best Musical - Tier B
- Best Musical - Tier C
- Best Actor
- Best Actress
- Best Supporting Actor
- Best Supporting Actress
- Best Ensemble/Chorus
- Best Choreography Execution
- Best Student Orchestra
- Best Set Construction
- Best Technical Execution

## NEW YORK COUNTIES ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HSMTA AT PROCTORS

Albany	Hamilton	Schenectady
Columbia	Herkimer	Schoharie
Essex	Montgomery	Ulster
Fulton	Rensselaer	Warren
Green	Saratoga	Washington

*If you do not see your county on this list and would like to participate, call us!*

### ADJUDICATION PROCESS

Three members of the adjudicator panel will attend one performance at each participating school, and award points based on a rubric system. Following the performance, the three adjudicators will complete a written critique and all schools will be sent the critique as a learning tool. In addition, up to five (5) nominations will be given for each award category. The Best Musical category will consist of three tiers based on musical production budget. Up to three (3) schools will be nominated within each tier.

### THE AWARDS

The 2018 HSMTA will be held at Proctors May 19, 2018. Distinguished artists and professionals from the region will present the awards. The ceremony, modeled on the Tony Awards® format, will open and close with production numbers featuring two representatives from each participating high school.

In addition, the following student performances will intersperse the award presentations: one number from each of the nine Best Musical nominees (three schools per budget tier) and two medleys featuring students nominated for Best Actor and Best Actress. The order of performances will be decided by the High School Musical Awards Music Director.

### TICKETS

Each participating school will receive 10 complimentary tickets, and will have the opportunity to purchase group tickets at a reduced rate for participating students and directors prior to tickets going on sale to the public.

Any student participating in the awards ceremony will be backstage for the awards ceremony and therefore **will not** have a seat in the house. There will be a monitor backstage to watch the awards ceremony for these students. Ticket information for the general public will be issued by Proctors prior to the awards ceremony.

### BEST ACTRESS/BEST ACTOR WINNERS

The winner of the Best Actor and Best Actress awards will go on to represent Proctors and Upstate New York at the National High School Musical Theatre Awards (NHSMTA, known as The Jimmy Awards) on June 25, 2018.

The winners will receive an all-expenses paid trip to New York City where they will receive professional instruction and compete with students from across the country for title of Best National High School Actor and Best National High School Actress and college scholarships.

In the event Proctors High School Musical Theatre Awards' Best Actor or Best Actress winner(s) are unable to participate in the NHSMTA program, the nominee(s) with the second highest adjudicator's score will be invited.

To be eligible to participate in The Jimmy Awards, the Best Actor and Best Actress winners must have played a NHSMTA-recognized leading role in their school's production. For this reason, only students playing a NHSMTA-recognized leading role in their high school's production will be eligible for a Best Actor and/or Best Actress nomination. Visit [school.proctors.org/hsmta2018](http://school.proctors.org/hsmta2018) for the complete list.

## **INCLUSIVITY AND DIVERSITY**

The High School Musical Theatre Awards at Proctors is designed to celebrate the great achievements of musical theatre in the surrounding schools. Proctors welcome any and all students, teacher and more of varying races, religions, cultures, ethnicities, gender expressions or identities, sexual orientations, and socioeconomic statuses.

## **ABOUT THE JIMMY AWARDS**

The National High School Musical Theatre Awards (NHSMTA) was established in 2009 to elevate the importance of theatre arts education in schools and reward excellence in student performance. The program impacts over 50,000 students annually who participate in high school musical theatre competitions sponsored by thirty professional theatres throughout the US.

Thanks to the support of its participating professional regional theatres and donors, NHSMTA continues to grow. The depth, scope, and education-centric mission of NHSMTA coupled with its extensive television and media exposure have made participating in the program an aspiration for a growing number of high schools. Based on feedback from participating theatres, school administrators are now directing both human and financial resources to improve the quality of theatre arts education in their districts. This renewed enthusiasm for the performing arts in schools is already helping to invigorate local theatres and the communities they serve.