

2011 Metropolitan High School Theater Awards Nominations

ARTISTIC CATEGORIES

Outstanding Overall Production

Archbishop Stepinac H.S. – Beauty and the Beast
Bergen County Academies – 42nd Street
Don Bosco Prep – Jekyll and Hyde
Hastings H.S. – Oklahoma!
Pleasantville H.S. – The Wizard of Oz
Rockland Country Day School – Guys and Dolls
Northern Highlands – Seussical

Outstanding Actress in a Leading Role

Academy of the Holy Angels – Kiss Me Kate – Christine Byrne (Lilli Vanessi/Katharine)
Archbishop Stepinac H.S. – Beauty and the Beast – Emily Schlotman (Belle)
Hendrick Hudson H.S. – Hello Dolly! – Georgie Simon (Dolly Levi)
Kennedy Catholic H.S. – On the Town – Kim Galaraga (Hildy Esterhazy)
Pleasantville H.S. – The Wizard of Oz – Kathryn Faughnan (Dorothy)
Ramsey H.S. – The Drowsy Chaperone – Kristina Walz (Janet Van De Graaff)
Salesian H.S. – Bye Bye Birdie – Sara Romanello (Rose Alvarez)
St. Joseph Reg. H.S. – Les Mis – Meghan Laflam (Fantine)

Outstanding Actor in a Leading Role

Archbishop Stepinac H.S. – Beauty and the Beast - Albert Stanaj (Beast/Prince)
Don Bosco Prep – Jekyll and Hyde - Patrick Sweeney (Dr. Jekyll/Mr.Hyde)
Glen Rock H.S. – Fiddler on the Roof – Will Colligan (Tevye)
Northern Highlands H.S. – Seussical - Alex Perrin (Horton the Elephant)
Pleasantville H.S.- The Wizard of Oz – Thomas Gilroy (Hunk/Scarecrow)
Ramsey H.S. – The Drowsy Chaperone – Jeremy Landes (Man in Chair)
St. Joseph Reg H.S. – Les Mis – Dan Gettler (Javert)
Westlake H.S. – Footloose - Justin Thomas (Ren McCormack)

Outstanding Actress in a Supporting Role

Archbishop Stepinac H.S. – Beauty and the Beast – Samantha Kenny (Mrs. Potts)
Emerson H.S. – No, No Nanette – Victoria Giacalone (Lucille)
Hastings H.S. – Oklahoma! – Julia Hogan (Ado Annie)
Northern Highlands H.S. – Seussical – Emily Richardi (Gertrude McFuzz)
Rockland Country Day School- Guys and Dolls – Maeve Crispi (Miss Adelaide)
Ramsey H.S. – The Drowsy Chaperone - Jackie Scheid (The Drowsy Chaperone)
Rye Neck H.S. – Footloose – Elena Ruigomez (Urleen)
Westlake H.S. – Footloose – Nina Veljovic (Rusty)

Outstanding Actor in a Supporting Role

Archbishop Stepinac H.S. – Beauty and the Beast – Matt Lotaj (Gaston)
Bergen County Academies – 42nd Street – Michael Ciszewski (Julian March)
Fair Lawn H.S. – Bye Bye Birdie – Steve Wyssenski (Harry MacAfee)
Hastings H.S. – Oklahoma! – Ari Shaps (Will Parker)
Hendrick Hudson H.S. – Hello Dolly! – Noah Ruff (Barnaby Tucker)
Northern Highlands H.S. – Seussical – Thomas Kiely (JoJo)
Ramsey H.S. – The Drowsy Chaperone- Kenny Clarke (Robert Martin)
St. Joseph Reg H.S. – Les Mis – Taylor Popielarz (Enjolras)

Outstanding Chorus

Archbishop Stepinac H.S. – Beauty and the Beast
Bergen County Academies – 42nd Street
Clarkstown South H.S. – Once on this Island
Fair Lawn H.S. – Bye Bye Birdie
Northern Highlands H.S. – Seussical
Ramsey H.S. – The Drowsy Chaperone
Rye Neck H.S. – Footloose
Tappan Zee H.S. – Sugar Babies
Westlake H.S. – Footloose

Outstanding Production Number

Archbishop Stepinac H.S. – Beauty and the Beast – “Gaston”
Bergen County Academies – 42nd Street – “Audition”
Don Bosco Prep – Jekyll and Hyde – “Murder Murder”
Fair Lawn H.S. – Bye Bye Birdie – “The Telephone Hour”
Hastings H.S. – Oklahoma! “Oklahoma!”
Northern Highlands H.S. – Seussical – “Oh, the Thinks You Can Think”
Rye Neck H.S. – Footloose “Footloose”
Tappan Zee H.S. – Sugar Babies – “Divine Diva”
Woodlands H.S. – Smokey Joe’s Café “Saved”

Outstanding Featured Ensemble Member

Blind Brook H.S. – Urinetown – Nora Fisher (Little Becky Two-Shoes)
Edgemont H.S. – Isabelle Kuhn- Grease (Patty Simcox)
Emerson H.S. – No, No Nanette – Aaron Gordon (Ensemble)
Fair Lawn H.S. – Bye Bye Birdie – Lindsay Sandberg (Mrs. Doris MacAfee)
Glen Rock H.S. – Fiddler on the Roof – Peter Schertz (Mendel)
Port Chester H.S. – A Chorus Line – Rebecca Barnes (Connie Wong)
Rockland Country Day School – Guys and Dolls – Keana Outlar (Big Julie)
Salesian H.S. – Bye Bye Birdie – Angela Fragale (Ursula)
Spring Valley H.S. – The Drowsy Chaperone – Alexandra Leslie (Kitty)
Tuckahoe H.S. – Guys and Dolls – Kaitlin Boyer (General Cartwright)

Outstanding Featured Ensemble Group

Academy of the Holy Angels – Kiss Me Kate – (Female Quartet)

Katherine Fuselier, Katie Flood, Alexandra Ann Pagnozzi, Lily Cunniff

Archbishop Stepinac H.S. – Beauty and the Beast – (Enchanted Objects)

Samer Akroush, Michael Nunez, Jillian Sayegh, Samantha Kenny, Brian McNally, Melissa Trainor

Bergen County Academies – 42nd Street – (The Girls)

Emma Hathaway, Claudia Huelbig-Stein, Angela Scorese, Elissa Bonito, Caroline Kosakowski

Don Bosco Prep – Jekyll and Hyde (The Board of Governors)

Tom Martorano, John Trieste, Katie Ingrassi, Craig Dietel, Sara Van Eerde, John Geraghty, Dylan Herina

Emerson H.S. – No, No Nanette (Flora, Betty and Winnie)

Jamie Leara, Christina Goursky, Jessica Johansen

Fair Lawn H.S. – Bye Bye Birdie (Bar Quartet)

Trevor Braun, Bobby Greco, Zak Hammerman, Eric Simeonoglou

Northern Highlands H.S. – Seussical – (Bird Girls)

Brittany DiNardo, Alexandra Russell, Katie Menna

Paramus H.S. – Bye Bye Birdie – (“One Boy” Ensemble)

Alexis Wolfer, Alison Wolfer, Marissa Gennarelli, Gabby DeGennaro

Ramsey H.S. – The Drowsy Chaperone (Gangsters)

Kevin Doty, Alex Albanese

Rockland Country Day School – Guys and Dolls (Hot Box Dancers)

Nina Heller, Naryn Paul, Danielle Cacioppo, Chemdiya Reed, Amalia Rubino, Aisling Crispi, Jamie Pohns, Brigid Crispi, Elissa Cho

Tappan Zee H.S. – Sugar Babies (Sugar Babies)

Patricia Conklin, Alissa Finn, Ali Ludas, Alyssa Marucci, Maggie O’Rourke, Briana Dunlay, Olivia Konstantinidis, Alexandra Marks, Rebecca Oliensis, Madison Schindele

Westlake H.S. – Footloose (Rusty, Urleen, Wendy, Jo)

Nina Veljovic, Miranda Grieco, Nicole Somavilla, Amanda Petfield

Outstanding Duet

Academy of the Holy Angels – Kiss Me Kate “Wunderbar”
Christine Byrne (Lili) and Tony Antoniou (Fred)

Bergen County Academies – 42nd Street - “About a Quarter to Nine”
Justine DeSilva (Dorothy) and Danielle Freid (Peggy)

Blind Brook H.S. – Urinetown - “Follow Your Heart”
Gabi Schiz (Hope Cladwell) and Daniel Polonsky (Bobby Strong)

Don Bosco Prep – Jekyll and Hyde – “In His Eyes”
Courtney Kofoed (Lucy) and Maria DeConzo (Emma)

Kennedy Catholic H.S. – On the Town “Come Up to My Place”
Kim Galaraga (Hildy) and Anthony Ruperto (Chip)

Lakeland H.S. – Anything Goes “Friendship”
Alexis Davis (Reno Sweeney) and John Winton (Moonface Martin)

Ramsey H.S. – The Drowsy Chaperone “Love Is Always Lovely In The End”
Eileen O’Connor (Mrs. Tottendale) and Alex Zammitti (Underling)

Somers H.S. – The Drowsy Chaperone “Cold Feet”
Tom Oliverio (Robert) and Ricky Hvisch (George)

Westlake H.S. – Footloose “Almost Paradise”
Justin Thomas (Ren McCormack) and Nicole Papa (Ariel Moore)

Outstanding Child Actor

Clarkstown South H.S. – Once on this Island – Cassie Gutierrez (Little Ti Moune)

Peekskill H.S. – Seussical - Miles Jay Harvey (JoJo)

Fair Lawn H.S. – Bye Bye Birdie – Colin Romaglia (Randolph MacAfee)

Northern Highlands H.S. – Seussical – Lucille Brennan (Cindy Lou Who)

Rockland Country Day School –Guys and Dolls–Colin McCalla (Nicely-Nicely Johnson)

Salesian H.S.- Bye Bye Birdie – Henry Morjikian (Randolph MacAfee)

St. Joseph Reg H.S. – Les Mis – Christopher Cheesman (Gavroche)

Outstanding Vocal Performance

Blind Brook H.S. – Urinetown – Lindsey Nuckel (Penelope Pennywise)

Briarcliff H.S. – The Pajama Game – John Alecci (Sid)

Don Bosco Prep – Jekyll and Hyde – Maria DeConzo (Emma)

Fair Lawn H.S. – Bye Bye Birdie – Toni Braun (Mrs. Mae Peterson)

Ramsey H.S. – The Drowsy Chaperone – Kristina Walz (Janet Van De Graaff)

Saddle River Day School – Into the Woods – Regan Moro (Cinderella)

Salesian H.S. – Bye Bye Birdie – Jonah Sotomayor (Conrad Birdie)

Walter Panas H.S. – Hairspray – Sierra Nelson (Motormouth Maybelle)

Woodlands H.S. – Smokey Joe’s Café – Caturah Brown (“Some Cats Know”)

Outstanding Dance Performance

Bergen County Academies – 42nd Street – Ben Chavez (Andy Lee)
Hastings H.S. – Oklahoma! – Emily Standiford (Dream Laurey)
Hendrick Hudson H.S. – Hello Dolly! – Alana Harris (Lead Dancer)
Kennedy Catholic H.S.- On the Town- Jena Lynne DiFrisco (Ivy Smith)
Northern Highlands H.S. – Seussical – Michele Schecter (Cat in the Hat)
River Dell H.S. – Grease – Samantha Surian (Frenchy)
Tappan Zee H.S. – Sugar Babies – Katie Leenig (Katie)

Outstanding Acting Performance

Blind Brook H.S. – Urinetown – Justin Gluck (Caldwell B. Cladwell)
New Milford H.S. – Into the Woods – Kelly Novak (Baker’s Wife)
Northern Highlands H.S. – Seussical - Joe Baez (Mr. Mayor)
Plesantville H.S. – The Wizard of Oz - Jessica Gill (Miss Gultch/Wicked Witch of the West)
Port Chester H.S. – A Chorus Line – Jose Lopez (Paul San Marco)
Rye Neck H.S. – Footlose – Hayley Biegel (Vi)
The Ursuline School – Anything Goes- Dakota Martin (Moonface Martin)

Outstanding Comic Performance

Albertus Magnus H.S. – Bye Bye Birdie – Alexis Jimenez (Mrs. Mae Peterson)
Bergen County Academies – 42nd Street – James Just (Abner Dillon)
Blind Brook H.S. – Urinetown – Ali Hartman (Little Sally)
Edgemont H.S. – Grease – Rebecca Gold (Ms. Lynch)
Hastings H.S. – Oklahoma! – Ben Lerner (Ali Hakim)
New Milford H.S. – Into the Woods – Mary Costa (Little Red Riding Hood)
Ramsey H.S. – The Drowsy Chaperone – Chris Ferrante (Adolpho)
Somers H.S. – The Drowsy Chaperone - Emma Klipstein (Kitty)
The Ursuline School – Anything Goes – Charlotte Siller (Erma)
Westlake H.S.- Footlose – Nick Squillante (Willard Hewitt)

Outstanding Orchestra

Bergen County Academies – 42nd Street
Kennedy Catholic H.S. – On the Town
Ramsey H.S. – The Drowsy Chaperone
River Dell H.S. – Grease
Rockland Country Day School – Guys and Dolls
Tappan Zee H.S. – Sugar Babies

Outstanding Instrumentalist

Academy of the Holy Angels – Kiss Me Kate Nora Neus (Flute)
Blind Brook H.S. – Urinetown Adam Weingarten (Percussion)
Briarcliff H.S. – The Pajama Game – Samantha Sternshein (Saxophone)
Clarkstown South H.S. – Once on this Island – Rachel Kim (Flute/Piccolo)
Emerson H.S. – No, No Nannette – Yiyang Shou (Flute/Alto Sax)
Hendrick Hudson H.S. –Hello Dolly! Jack Reuter (Cello)
Kennedy Catholic H.S. – On the Town - RJ Aprile (Timpani)
Northern Highlands H.S. – Seussical - Emile Hsu (Percussion)

PRODUCTION CATEGORIES

Outstanding Stage Crew

Archbishop Stepinac H.S. – Beauty and the Beast
Blind Brook H.S. – Urinetown
Fair Lawn H.S. – Bye Bye Birdie
Hendrick Hudson H.S. – Hello Dolly!
Kennedy Catholic H.S. – On the Town
Lakeland H.S. – Anything Goes
Ramsey H.S. – The Drowsy Chaperone
Salesian H.S. – Bye Bye Birdie
Spring Valley H.S. – The Drowsy Chaperone
Tappan Zee H.S. – Sugar Babies

Outstanding Lobby Display

Academy of the Holy Angels – Kiss Me Kate – Laurie Gibney
Archbishop Stepinac H.S. – Beauty and the Beast – Nancy Bisogno, Roxanne Calvello
Fair Lawn H.S. – Bye Bye Birdie – Matthew Aversa and Parents
New Milford H.S. – Into the Woods - Hayley Barton
Northern Highlands H.S. – Seussical - Diane Brown, Anne Wilson
Port Chester H.S. – A Chorus Line - Ruth Goldberg
River Dell H.S. – Grease - Anne Arjarasumpun and crew
Saddle River Day School – Into the Woods – Darcie Piacentile
St. Joseph Reg. H.S. – Les Mis – Terri Antoniou

Outstanding Graphic Design

Academy of the Holy Angels – Kiss Me Kate -David Bowers, Samantha Collavecchio, Mary Sull
Blind Brook H.S. – Urinetown - Rachel Simon
Edgemont H.S. – Grease - Naomi Root, Katie Goldman
Paramus H.S. – Bye Bye Birdie – Michael Ferrari, Michele Sarnoski
Peekskill H.S. – Seussical - Kirsten Berger, Nat Chau
Pleasantville H.S. – The Wizard of Oz – Jacob Nemece
Rye Neck H.S. – Footloose – Jennifer Dallow, A.J. Lavigna
Spring Valley H.S. – The Drowsy Chaperone - Matthew Shi, Melissa Neils, May Neils
St. Joseph Reg. H.S. - Les Mis - Mary Ann Spitaletta, John Kelly and Debbie Zika
Walter Panas H.S. – Hairspray - Tammy Burgus, James Filippelli

Outstanding Costuming Achievement

Archbishop Stepinac H.S. – Beauty and the Beast – Charlotte Newman, Nancy Bisogno
Bergen County Academies – 42nd Street – Stephanie Alexander
Blind Brook H.S. – Urinetown - Stephine Greenwald, Patti Whalen, Julie Hartman, Betty Dayan, Jesse Bauer
Don Bosco Prep – Jekyll and Hyde – Kathleen Martorano, Nancy Reynolds
Edgemont H.S. – Grease – Elizabeth Mullin
Hastings H.S. – Oklahoma! – Sara Koch, Jenna Saunders
Northern Highlands H.S. – Seussical - Mary Welton, Nancy Baez, Darlene Bryan, Maureen Primrose, Holly Norton, Brigitte Marten, Rachael Menna, Karen Capuano, Sheri Marino
Pleasantville H.S. – The Wizard of Oz - Debbie Paruolo, Lisa Ultan, Norma DeSousa
St. Joseph Reg. H.S. – Les Mis – Thomasina Hyland, Annie Costa
Tappan Zee H.S. – Sugar Babies - Edward Clinton

Outstanding Lighting Achievement

Bergen County Academies – 42nd Street - Dan Ozminkowski
Clarkstown South H.S. – Once on this Island - Tim Ruppen
Fair Lawn H.S. – Bye Bye Birdie - Travis McHale
Don Bosco Prep – Jekyll and Hyde – Ryan Bell
Hastings H.S. – Oklahoma! - Ari Shaps, Ben Torda
Lakeland H.S. – Anything Goes - Dan Mareello
Pleasantville H.S. – The Wizard of Oz - Bill Brown
Ramsey H.S. – The Drowsy Chaperone - Michael Meyers
Somers H.S.- The Drowsy Chaperone - Bob Geronimo, Dominick Belmont
Tuckahoe H.S. – Guys and Dolls - Andrew Gmoser

Outstanding Scenic Achievement

Archbishop Stepinac H.S. – Beauty and the Beast – Joseph Lore, June Ricciardi
Bergen County Academies – 42nd Street - Jared W. Rutherford
Don Bosco Prep- Jekyll and Hyde - Mary Mitsinikos, Chris Mitsinikos
Hastings H.S. – Oklahoma! - Lucy Killian, Binny Tercek, Tony Wan
Lakeland H.S. – Anything Goes - Jim Del Vecchio, Jennilee Aromando
Northern Highlands H.S. – Seussical - David T. Jones
Salesian H.S. – Bye Bye Birdie - Bruno Severo, Greg Somoza, Reilly Rabitaille
St. Joseph Reg H.S. – Les Mis – Newell Kring

Outstanding Musical Direction

Archbishop Stepinac H.S. – Beauty and the Beast – Chloe Sasson
Bergen County Academies – 42nd Street - Michael Lemma, Patrick Finely
Briarcliff H.S. – The Pajama Game - Carol Arrucci
Hastings H.S. – Oklahoma! - Remy Kurs
Hendrick Hudson H.S. – Hello Dolly! – Erica Denler
Northern Highlands H.S.- Seussical - Thomas Paster, Eugene Ryman, Theodora Sotiropoulos
Pleasantville H.S. – The Wizard of Oz - Thomas Heintzelman
Ramsey H.S. – The Drowsy Chaperone - Shawn Condon, Cliff Bialkin

Outstanding Choreography

Archbishop Stepinac – Beauty and the Beast – Charlotte Newman
Bergen County Academies – 42nd Street – Laurie Crochet
Emerson H.S. –No, No Nanette – Lisa Ullman
Northern Highlands H.S. – Seussical - Danielle Brennan
Pleasantville H.S. – The Wizard of Oz – Deborah Spahr - Toteda
Rye Neck H.S. – Footloose – Deborah Spahr - Toteda
Somers H.S. – The Drowsy Chaperone - Linda Duci
Tappan Zee H.S. – Sugar Babies - Edward Clinton
Westlake H.S. – Footloose – Merry Thomas

Outstanding Direction By Teacher

Archbishop Stepinac H.S. – Beauty and the Beast – Frank Portanova
Bergen County Academies – 42nd Street - Rebecca Strum
Don Bosco Prep – Jekyll and Hyde - Jodi Capeless
Northern Highlands H.S. – Seussical - Thomas Paster
Pleasantville H.S. – The Wizard of Oz - Kathleen Donovan-Warren
Port Chester H.S. – A Chorus Line – Josh Tenzer
Rockland Country Day School – Guys and Dolls - Marsha Predovic
Salesian H.S. – Bye Bye Birdie - Paul Romanello
St. Joseph Reg. H.S. – Les Mis - John T. Asselta and Robin Irwin

Technical Merit Award (Teacher Nominated)

Academy of the Holy Angels – Kiss Me Kate – Victoria Oggioni (Lighting and Prop Director)
Academy of the Holy Angels – Kiss Me Kate –Alison Kress (Producer)
Academy of the Holy Angels – Kiss Me Kate – Katherine Dominguez (Student Director)
Albertus Magnus H.S. – Bye Bye Birdie – Charlotte Rodriguez (Prop Mistress)
Albertus Magnus H.S. – Bye Bye Birdie – Brianne Keahon (Production Stage Manager)
Bergen County Academies – 42nd Street – Jessica Diamond & Lucas Riccardi (Production Stage Managers)
Bergen County Academies – 42nd Street – Lacey Davies, Alyssa Ford, Jason Kooistra, Heili Springsteen (Assistant Stage Managers)
Bergen County Academies – 42nd Street – Ben Chavez, Kathryn Kooistra, Alexis Sicklick (Choreographers)
Emerson H.S. – No, No Nanette Courtney Malone, Sophiana Leto, Katelyn Mills (Costume Design)
Hendrick Hudson H.S. – Hello Dolly! – Claire Leyden (Choreographer)
Kennedy Catholic H.S. – Christina Oros (Choreographer/Assistant Director)
Lakeland H.S. – Anything Goes - Jennilee Aromando (Art Director/Assistant Set Design)
Lakeland H.S. – Anything Goes- Dan Marello (Lighting Design)
Pleasantville H.S.- The Wizard of Oz – Matthew Wolf (Production Stage Manager)
Rockland Country Day School – Guys and Dolls – Nathan Paul and Adam Kapilow (Lighting Design)
Rockland Country Day School – Guys and Dolls – Matt Schmuckler (Assistant Musical Director)
Saddle River Day School – Into the Woods – Issey Blatt (Production Stage Manager)
Spring Valley H.S. – The Drowsy Chaperone – Caylin Acosta (Production Stage Manager)