

DAZZLE AWARDS



Playhouse Square®

GENERAL INFORMATION

PLAYHOUSE SQUARE MISSION STATEMENT

A not-for-profit arts center that presents and produces a wide variety of performing arts, advances arts education and creates a destination that is a superior location for entertainment, business and residential living, thereby strengthening the economic vitality of the region.

DAZZLE AWARDS MISSION

The Dazzle Awards aims to inspire and honor excellence in high school musical theater, and to recognize the importance of musical theater and arts education within the Northeast Ohio community.

ALIGNMENT WITH COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS

Student participation in the Dazzle Awards will allow educators to reinforce the following Common Core State Standards and Objectives for Drama/Theatre, Grades 9-12:

2012 Achievement Levels I-III for Producing and Performing:

Level I-1PR, 2PR, 4PR, 6PR, 7PR

Level II-1PR, 2PR, 3PR, 5PR

Level III-1PR, 2PR, 3PR, 6PR

Personal Choice and Vision: Students construct and solve problems of personal relevance and interest when expressing themselves in the dramatic and theatrical arts.

Critical and Creative Thinking: Students combine and apply artistic and reasoning skills to imagine, create, realize and refine dramatic and theatrical works in conventional and innovative ways and to understand the works produced and performed by others.

Authentic Application and Collaboration: Students work individually and in groups to focus ideas and create and perform works to address genuine local and global community needs.

Literacy: As consumers, critics and creators, students evaluate and understand dramatic and theatrical works and other texts produced in the media forms of the day.

MASTER CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

All students participating in the Dazzle Awards are invited to attend free master classes and workshops offered throughout the year. These educational opportunities will provide students the opportunity to work with industry professionals on vocals, acting, audition techniques, choreography and more.



APPLICATION INFORMATION

Playhouse Square invites all public and private high schools in Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit counties to apply for participation in the 2017-18 program. Playhouse Square can accommodate a limited number of schools in the program, therefore, participation will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications are accepted in the order they are received. The first 25 eligible schools with musical productions occurring between November 1, 2017 and April 25, 2018, who return a completed application, will be guaranteed participation.

Exceptions may be made for late applications if fewer than 25 schools have applied by the **September 22, 2017 deadline.**

AWARD CATEGORIES

Individual Performance:

The John & Patricia Chapman Best Actor
The John & Patricia Chapman Best Actress
The John & Patricia Chapman Best Supporting Actor
The John & Patricia Chapman Best Supporting Actress
Best Featured Performer

Ensemble & Technical Performance:

Best Ensemble/Chorus
Best Choreography Execution
The Nancy and A.J. Stokes Best Student Orchestra
Best Technical Execution
Best Costume Design
Best Scenic Design

The Connor Family Best Musical (Tiers 1 & 2)

ADJUDICATION PROCESS

Four members of the adjudicator's panel will attend one performance at each participating school, and award points based on a set rubric. Following the performance, the adjudicators will complete a comprehensive written critique. All schools will be sent the adjudicators' educational feedback to serve as a learning tool.

TICKETS

Playhouse Square requires all participating schools to purchase 50 tickets for the 2018 Dazzle Awards at \$20 each (totaling \$1,000) upon entry into the program.



Schools may purchase additional tickets at the reduced student rate of \$20. Additional ticket requests are processed on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to availability.

More information regarding school ticketing will be distributed to each participating school upon entry into the program. Ticket information for the general public will be issued by Playhouse Square prior to the Dazzle Awards.

Please Note: All ticket purchases are non-refundable.

THE DAZZLE AWARDS

The 2018 Dazzle Awards presented by Patricia and John Chapman will be held at Playhouse Square on May 19, 2018 in the Connor Palace. The show will open and close with production numbers featuring student representatives from each participating high school as well as all individual performance nominees. In addition, the following student performances will be interspersed throughout the show: one (1) number from each of the six (6) Connor Family Best Musical nominees and two (2) medleys featuring the 12 students nominated for the John and Patricia Chapman Best Actor and Best Actress awards.

THE JIMMY AWARDS

The winners of The John & Patricia Chapman Best Actor and Best Actress awards will go on to represent Playhouse Square and the state of Ohio at the National High School Musical Theatre Awards (NHSMTA, also known as The Jimmy™ Awards) in June, 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 other regional programs for the title of Best National High School Actor and Best National High School Actress. In the event the Dazzle Awards' Best Actor and/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 attend in their place.

ABOUT NHSMTA

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.

Since its inception, NHSMTA has been the catalyst for more than \$1,000,000 in educational scholarships awarded to deserving young performers. Also known as The Jimmy™ Awards, named for Broadway impresario James M. Nederlander, this year-round program is administered by The Broadway League Foundation Inc.

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The depth, scope, and education-centric mission of NHSMTA coupled with its extensive television and media exposure has 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.