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NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED FOR THE 8TH ANNUAL JERRY HERMAN AWARDS



8TH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE AWARDS CEREMONY WILL BE HOSTED AT THE RICARDO MONTALBAN THEATRE · SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019

Friday, April 19, 2019 – Today, the Nederlander Organization and Hollywood Pantages Theatre announced the nominees for **THE 8TH ANNUAL JERRY HERMAN AWARDS**, a celebration of the achievement and excellence in high school musical theatre in Los Angeles.

This celebrated annual awards show will take place at **The Ricardo Montalban Theatre** on **Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 7pm**. The Master of Ceremonies and panel of judges for this year's event will be announced next week.

Tickets for **THE JERRY HERMAN AWARDS** are now available for purchase directly through the Arts Administration points of contact affiliated with each of the nominated high schools. Students, friends, and families are encouraged to reach out to their school's respective contact regarding availability, prices, and links to purchase.

Each year, **THE JERRY HERMAN AWARDS** invites four of the participating high schools to perform production numbers during the awards ceremony. This year's show will feature performances from **Chadwick School** (*Mamma Mia!*), **California School of the Arts** (*Newsies*), **L.A. County High School of the Arts** (*Once on this Island*), and **Oak Park High School** (*The Music Man*).

THE 8TH ANNUAL JERRY HERMAN AWARDS is produced by **Benny Aguayo**. Musical Direction is by **Michael Orland** with Musical Staging by **Dana Solimando**. Director **John Bowab** serves as production consultant and **John Galo** returns as Production Stage Manager.

All schools participating in **THE JERRY HERMAN AWARDS** are given the opportunity to send a leading actress and leading actor to audition before a panel of judges, who determine the winner of the Best Actor and Best Actress categories. Winners in these two awards categories will represent Los Angeles at *The National High School Musical Theatre Awards* in New York City, where they will participate in a week long workshop and eventually compete for the coveted "Jimmy" Award; named after the late James M. Nederlander.

Nominations for the 8th Annual Jerry Herman Awards

During a seven month period this school year, 36 eligible high school productions were attended by adjudicators and scored in multiple creative, technical and performance categories, much like Broadway's Tony® Awards. The list of nominees for the 8th Annual **JERRY HERMAN AWARDS** are:

BEST SCENIC DESIGN

California School for the Arts | *Newsies*
Long Beach Polytechnic HS | *The Addams Family*
Beverly Hills High School | *Mamma Mia!*
Village Christian School | *The Music Man*
Santa Susana HS | *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*
Valley Academy of Arts & Sciences | *Freaky Friday*
University High School | *Once on this Island*

BEST LIGHTING DESIGN

Village Christian School | *The Music Man*
Monrovia High School | *In The Heights*
Santa Susana HS | *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*
Chaminade College Prep HS | *The Wizard of Oz*
Windward School | *Guys and Dolls*
Milken Community | *Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson*
de Toledo HS | *9 to 5*
Chadwick School | *Mamma Mia!*

BEST COSTUME DESIGN

de Toledo HS | *9 to 5*
Crescenta Valley HS | *The Addams Family*
Covina High School | *Rent (School Edition)*
Long Beach Polytechnic HS | *The Addams Family*
Santa Monica HS | *Side Show*
Immaculate Heart HS | *Anything Goes*
Providence HS | *Newsies*
St. Monica HS | *How to Succeed in Business...*

BEST ORCHESTRA

Hamilton High School | *Hairspray*
Calabasas HS | *Chicago*
John Burroughs HS | *West Side Story*
Crescenta Valley HS | *The Addams Family*
Redondo Union HS | *Into the Woods*
Oakwood School | *Chicago*

BEST ENSEMBLE OR CHORUS

L.A. County HS for the Arts | *Once on this Island*
Oakwood School | *Chicago*
Whitney HS | *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*
Crescenta Valley HS | *The Addams Family*
Long Beach Polytechnic HS | *The Addams Family*
Chaminade College Prep HS | *The Wizard of Oz*
Santa Susana HS | *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*
Archer School for Girls | *25th Annual...Spelling Bee*

BEST MUSICAL STAGING & CHOREOGRAPHY

California School for the Arts | *Newsies*
L.A. County HS for the Arts | *Once on this Island*
Louisville HS | *Curtains*
Santa Susana HS | *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*
Valley Academy of Arts & Sciences | *Freaky Friday*
Monrovia HS | *In the Heights*

BEST MUSICAL DIRECTION

Oak Park HS | *The Music Man*
Village Christian School | *The Music Man*
Monrovia HS | *In the Heights*
Grace Brethren HS | *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*
Valley Academy of Arts & Sciences | *Freaky Friday*
Notre Dame Academy | *Newsies*
Santa Susana HS | *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*

BEST TECHNICAL CREW

Oak Park HS | *The Music Man*
New Roads School | *Chicago*
Chaminade College Prep HS | *The Wizard of Oz*
West Covina HS | *Bright Star*
Westmark HS | *Grease*
Village Christian School | *The Music Man*
Monrovia HS | *In the Heights*

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

Whitney HS | *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*
TJ Vernon as Cogsworth
Long Beach Polytechnic HS | *The Addams Family*
Chase McPherson as Lurch
Chaminade College Prep HS | *The Wizard of Oz*
Mac Balleweg as Professor Marvel / Wizard
Redondo Union HS | *Into the Woods*
Thunder Bird as Mysterious Man
Monrovia HS | *In the Heights*
Kijana Blount as Sonny
Valley Academy of Arts & Sciences | *Freaky Friday*
Gannon Ripchik as Mike

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Village Christian School | *The Music Man*
Sabrina Del Rey as Amaryllis
Monrovia HS | *In the Heights*
Angie Bele-Portillo as Daniela
Valley Academy of Arts & Sciences | *Freaky Friday*
Lily Daugherty as Savannah
HArts Academy | *The Drowsy Chaperone*
Jasmine Moreno as Kitty
L.A. County HS for the Arts | *Once on this Island*
Adina Aaron as Asaka
Oak Park HS | *The Music Man*
Samantha Heller as Mrs. Paroo
Chaminade College Prep HS | *The Wizard of Oz*
Chloe Johnson as Aunt Em / Glinda
Providence HS | *Newsies*
Sabrina Williams as Race

“NO SMALL PARTS” AWARD

Oakwood School | *Chicago*
Lola Bode as June
HArts Academy | *The Drowsy Chaperone*
Fernando Maldonado as Gangster #2
de Toledo HS | *9 to 5*
Sam Davidson as Dwayne
Long Beach Polytechnic HS | *The Addams Family*
Jovanni Pham as Featured Dancer
Wildwood HS | *Les Miserables*
Leo Kurland as Bishop
Monrovia HS | *In the Heights*
Mason Tyler as Piragua Guy

BEST PRODUCTION

New Roads School	<i>Chicago</i>
L.A. County HS for the Arts	<i>Once on this Island</i>
California School for the Arts	<i>Newsies</i>
John Burroughs HS	<i>West Side Story</i>
Monrovia HS	<i>In the Heights</i>
Oakwood School	<i>Chicago</i>

For a full list of competing high schools and breakdown of nominations, please visit www.JerryHermanAwards.com.

THE JERRY HERMAN AWARDS would like to extend special thanks to **Gilbert Smith** and **Ricardo Ortiz-Barreto** with **The Ricardo Montalban Theatre** for use of their beautiful theatre for auditions, rehearsals, and our awards show performance.

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THE JERRY HERMAN AWARDS has a run time of 2 Hours and 45 Minutes and is recommended for all ages. (Please note that in consideration of audiences, no one under 5 years of age will be admitted to the theatre.)

For more information on **THE JERRY HERMAN AWARDS**, please visit www.JerryHermanAwards.com.

For tickets or more information about **THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE AWARDS**, please visit www.nhsmta.com.

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LISTINGS INFORMATION

Date and Time:	SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019 AT 7PM
Theatre:	RICARDO MONTALBAN THEATRE 1615 Vine St Los Angeles, CA 90028
Running Time:	2 Hours and 45 Minutes (Includes One 15 Minute Intermission)
Parental Advisory:	Recommended for All Ages <i>In consideration of audiences, no one under 5 admitted to the theatre</i>
Tickets:	For information on ticket availability and prices for THE JERRY HERMAN AWARDS , please contact the Arts Administration affiliated with each of the nominated high schools.

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