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NYC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NOMINATED FOR MUSICAL THEATER PERFORMANCE ACCOLADES

**THE ROGER REES AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT PERFORMANCE
WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017 IN MANHATTAN**

(Thursday, April 27, 2017 – New York City), The Broadway Education Alliance is pleased to announce the names of the 41 student performers who will compete for the 2016-2017 **Roger Rees Awards for Excellence in Student Performance**. This year, 23 schools from the Greater New York area have nominated their students to participate in a showcase that culminates in the selection of the Best Actor and Best Actress in a local high school musical. The complete list of nominees representing schools from Brooklyn, Manhattan, Staten Island and Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland and Westchester Counties follows and is also available by [clicking here](#).



Roger Rees coaching theater students.

Produced by the Broadway Education Alliance, The Roger Rees Awards recognizes the importance of musical theater as part of a school curriculum. By acknowledging the talent of participating students, the award encourages young people to get involved in a creative and collaborative activity that motivates them to strive for personal excellence.

The Roger Rees Awards presentation will be held on Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 pm at the Professional Children's School hosted by writer, Tim Federle. The event is a musical theater showcase featuring ensemble musical numbers and solos by students performing a song from his or her leading role in their school musical for industry professionals, family and friends. Two students will be selected by a panel of theater industry professionals to receive the Best Actress and Best Actor Awards. The two local winners will represent Greater New York at the 9th [National High School Musical Theatre Awards](#) (aka The Jimmy® Awards) on June 26 at the Minskoff Theatre.



The Roger Rees Awards for Excellence in Student Performance celebrates the exceptional life and career-long artistic excellence of Broadway's beloved actor, Roger Rees. Roger received Olivier® and Tony® Awards for his performance in *The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby*, and Tony nominations for *Indiscretions* and as co-director of *Peter and the Starcatcher*. He passed away in July 2015 after a year-long battle with brain cancer. He was posthumously inducted into the American Theater Hall of Fame in November 2015.

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The 2016-2017 Roger Rees Award Nominees are:

High School	Production	Actress	Role	Actor	Role
Brooklyn					
Brooklyn Tech High School	<i>Cinderella</i>	Sandra Kralik	Cinderella		
Poly Prep Country Day School	<i>Pippin</i>	Olivia Whitmer	Leading Player	Zachary Kimmel	Pippin
The Berkeley Carroll School	<i>Blood Brothers</i>	Gemma Siegler	Mrs. Johnstone	Graham Stodolski	Mickey
Manhattan					
Hunter College High School	<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Juliette Carbonnier	Audrey	Emmet Smith	Seymour
Professional Performing Arts School	<i>How to Succeed In Business Without Really Trying</i>	Madeleine Rubin	Rosemary Pilkington	Talon Ackerman	J Pierpont Finch
Talent Unlimited High School	<i>In the Heights</i>	Gloria McDonald	Nina Rosario	Andrew Elhamalawy	Usnavi de la Vega
Nassau County					
Carle Place High School	<i>A Chorus Line</i>	Jean-Marie Neave	Cassie	Logan Kelly	Zach
Paul D Schreiber High School	<i>Crazy for You</i>	Sarah DeMarino	Polly	Christian Hill	Bobby
Wantagh High School	<i>The Little Mermaid / Legally Blonde</i>	Nicole Ninivaggi	Ariel	Kevin Ganzkauffer	Emmett
Staten Island					
St. Joseph Hill Academy High School	<i>Bye, Bye Birdie</i>	Rosalia Cioffi	Rosie Alvarez		
New Dorp High School	<i>Cabaret</i>	Sophia Condon	Sally Bowles	Anthony Oliva	Emcee
Susan Wagner High School	<i>Evita / Company</i>	Olivia Jane Parisi	Evita	Joseph Gottfried	Robert
Suffolk County					
Bay Shore High School	<i>25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee / The Addams Family</i>	Michaela DeJoseph	Olive Ostrovsky	Christian Negrón	Gomez Addams
Hauppauge High School	<i>The Boyfriend</i>	Evelyn Beltrani	Polly		
North Babylon High School	<i>Godspell</i>			Jacob Lesko	Jesus
St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School	<i>Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella</i>	Hannah Crews	Marie		
West Babylon High School	<i>Grease</i>	Nicole Rinaudo-Concessi	Sandy Dumbrowski	Matthew Lightsey	Danny Zuko
Rockland County					
Nyack High School	<i>Xanadu</i>	Alyssa McDonald	Kira (Clio)	Graham Sevastian	Sonny Malone
Westchester County					
Archbishop Stepinac	<i>Hunchback of Notre Dame</i>	Gabbie Sansone	Esmerelda	Jeremy Fuentes	Quasimodo
Ossining High School	<i>Sister Act</i>	Ijendu Adiele	Deloris	Colin Tobin	Eddie
Pleasantville High School	<i>The Drowsy Chaperone</i>	Carina Florio	Beatrice Stockwell	Michael Bloom	Aldolpho
Rye Neck High School	<i>Legally Blonde</i>	Rachel Wurzbarger	Elle Woods	Justin Sturgis	Emmett Forrest
Walter Panas High School	<i>Monty Python's Spamalot</i>	Lilliana Oliviero	The Lady of the Lake	Ryan Moore	Sir Robin

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