



Philadelphia Independence Awards

2026 Nominees (listed in alphabetical order)

LEAD ACTRESS

- ★ Izzy Abramowitz *Once Upon a Mattress @ Conestoga High School*
 - ★ Scarlett Horoho *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 @ PALCS Center for Performing & Fine Arts*
 - ★ Molly Kent *Ragtime School Edition @ The Haverford School*
 - ★ Adrienne Nicastro *Disney's The Little Mermaid @ Lower Moreland High School*
 - ★ Maisie Williams *Hello, Dolly! @ Upper Dublin High School*
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LEAD ACTOR

- ★ Adrian Bush *Mary Poppins @ Girard Academic Music Program*
 - ★ Santiago Zarate Martinez *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat @ Central Bucks High School East*
 - ★ JJ McDonough *Catch Me If You Can @ Holy Ghost Preparatory School*
 - ★ Cole Miller *Les Misérables School Edition @ Garnet Valley High School*
 - ★ Zane Zangwill *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 @ PALCS Center for Performing & Fine Arts*
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SUPPORTING ACTRESS

- ★ Lauren Cusick *Les Misérables School Edition @ Garnet Valley High School*
 - ★ Danielle Douglas *Ragtime School Edition @ The Haverford School*
 - ★ Amaya Howard *Les Misérables School Edition @ Sun Valley High School*
 - ★ Magdaline Lock *Once Upon a One More Time @ Central Bucks High School South*
 - ★ Rosemary Ounsworth *Something Rotten! @ Plymouth Whitemarsh High School*
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SUPPORTING ACTOR

- ★ Jayden Herninko *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 @ PALCS Center for Performing & Fine Arts*
- ★ Zak Huot *Catch Me If You Can @ Holy Ghost Preparatory School*
- ★ JJ Melillo *Something Rotten! @ Plymouth Whitemarsh High School*
- ★ David Schaller *The Addams Family Musical @ Neshaminy High School*
- ★ Michael Stuardi *Les Misérables School Edition @ Garnet Valley High School*



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FEATURED ACTRESS

- ★ Molly Barash *Once Upon a One More Time @ Central Bucks High School South*
 - ★ Dyllan Leaf *Ragtime School Edition @ The Haverford School*
 - ★ Alyssa Marsh *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 @ PALCS Center for Performing & Fine Arts*
 - ★ Olivia Massaroni *The Addams Family Musical @ Neshaminy High School*
 - ★ Jillian Shweky *Ragtime School Edition @ The Haverford School*
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FEATURED ACTOR

- ★ Luke Burnette *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 @ PALCS Center for Performing & Fine Arts*
 - ★ Carter Downer *Something Rotten! @ Plymouth Whitemarsh High School*
 - ★ Ryan Federkiewicz *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat @ Central Bucks High School East*
 - ★ Tristan Gubler *Something Rotten! @ Plymouth Whitemarsh High School*
 - ★ Quinn Olinger *Les Misérables School Edition @ Garnet Valley High School*
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FEMALE VOCALIST

- ★ Grace Balkowski *Singin' in the Rain @ Mount Saint Joseph Academy*
 - ★ Lauren Cusick *Les Misérables School Edition @ Garnet Valley High School*
 - ★ Danielle Douglas *Ragtime School Edition @ The Haverford School*
 - ★ Scarlett Horoho *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 @ PALCS Center for Performing & Fine Arts*
 - ★ Adrienne Nicastro *Disney's The Little Mermaid @ Lower Moreland High School*
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MALE VOCALIST

- ★ Santiago Zarate Martinez *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat @ Central Bucks High School East*
- ★ JJ McDonough *Catch Me If You Can @ Holy Ghost Preparatory School*
- ★ Jonathan Michael *Les Misérables School Edition @ Sun Valley High School*
- ★ Noble Sherman *The Phantom of the Opera @ Penncrest High School*
- ★ Zane Zangwill *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 @ PALCS Center for Performing & Fine Arts*



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SOLO DANCE

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| ★ Adrian Bush | <i>Mary Poppins @ Girard Academic Music Program</i> |
| ★ Brian Flanagan | <i>Something Rotten! @ Plymouth Whitemarsh High School</i> |
| ★ Nevaeh Fiers | <i>Once On This Island @ Franklin Learning Center</i> |
| ★ JJ McDonough | <i>Catch Me If You Can @ Holy Ghost Preparatory School</i> |
| ★ Juliana Riberio | <i>Chicago: Teen Edition @ Marple Newtown High School</i> |
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DANCE ENSEMBLE

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| ★ Chimney Sweeps | <i>Mary Poppins @ Girard Academic Music Program</i> |
| ★ Don't Break the Rules Dancers | <i>Catch Me If You Can @ Holy Ghost Preparatory School</i> |
| ★ Featured Dancers | <i>Catch Me If You Can @ Holy Ghost Preparatory School</i> |
| ★ Gettin' Ready Rag Ensemble | <i>Ragtime School Edition @ The Haverford School</i> |
| ★ The Tappers | <i>Something Rotten! @ Plymouth Whitemarsh High School</i> |
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SMALL ENSEMBLE

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| ★ Narrators | <i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat @ Central Bucks High School East</i> |
| ★ People of Harlem | <i>Ragtime School Edition @ The Haverford School</i> |
| ★ Scroll Club Princesses | <i>Once Upon a One More Time @ Central Bucks High School South</i> |
| ★ The Bard Boys | <i>Something Rotten! @ Plymouth Whitemarsh High School</i> |
| ★ The Troupe | <i>Something Rotten! @ Plymouth Whitemarsh High School</i> |
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ORCHESTRA

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| ★ Central Bucks High School East Orchestra | <i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat @ Central Bucks High School East</i> |
| ★ Central Bucks High School South Orchestra | <i>Once Upon a One More Time @ Central Bucks High School South</i> |
| ★ Conestoga High School Orchestra | <i>Once Upon a Mattress @ Conestoga High School</i> |
| ★ Ridley High School Pit Orchestra | <i>Mean Girls, School Edition @ Ridley High School</i> |
| ★ Strath Haven High School Orchestra | <i>Alice By Heart @ Strath Haven High School</i> |



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ENSEMBLE

- ★ Catch Me If You Can *Holy Ghost Preparatory School*
 - ★ Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat *Central Bucks High School East*
 - ★ Les Misérables School Edition *Garnet Valley High School*
 - ★ Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 *PALCS Center for Performing & Fine Arts*
 - ★ Something Rotten! *Plymouth Whitemarsh High School*
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SONG

- ★ A Musical *Something Rotten! @ Plymouth Whitemarsh High School*
 - ★ Back to Before *Ragtime School Edition @ The Haverford School*
 - ★ I Dreamed a Dream *Les Miserable, School Edition @ Garnet Valley High School*
 - ★ No One Else (Natasha) *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 @ PALCS Center for Performing & Fine Arts*
 - ★ Step in Time *Mary Poppins @ Girard Academic Music Program*
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SHIFT CREW/STAGE MANAGEMENT

- ★ Abington Friends School *Alice By Heart @ Abington Friends School*
Shift Crew/Stage Management
 - ★ Academy at Palumbo *Disney's The Little Mermaid @ Academy at Palumbo*
Shift Crew/Stage Management
 - ★ Garnet Valley High School *Les Misérables School Edition @ Garnet Valley High School*
Shift Crew/Stage Management
 - ★ PALCS Center for Performing & Fine Arts *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 @ PALCS Center for Performing & Fine Arts*
Shift Crew/Stage Management
 - ★ PWHS Shift Crew *Something Rotten! @ Plymouth Whitemarsh High School*
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LIGHT

- ★ Central Bucks High School East Light *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat @ Central Bucks High School East*
 - ★ Great Valley High School Light *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical @ Great Valley High School*
 - ★ PALCS Center for Performing & Fine Arts Light *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 @ PALCS Center for Performing & Fine Arts*
 - ★ PWSH Light Team *Something Rotten! @ Plymouth Whitmarsh High School*
 - ★ Percy Kent and Axel Oravec *Alice By Heart @ Abington Friends School*
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SOUND

- ★ Central Bucks High School East Sound *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat - Central Bucks High School East*
 - ★ Conestoga High School Sound *Once Upon a Mattress @ Conestoga High School*
 - ★ Garnet Valley High School Sound *Les Misérables School Edition @ Garnet Valley High School*
 - ★ Liam Robinson and Stephen Hellings *Catch Me If You Can @ Holy Ghost Preparatory School*
 - ★ PWSH Sound Team *Something Rotten! @ Plymouth Whitmarsh High School*
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SCENIC DESIGN

- ★ Academy of the New Church Scenic Design *Curtains: School Edition @ Academy of the New Church*
 - ★ Conestoga High School Scenic Design *Once Upon a Mattress @ Conestoga High School*
 - ★ Great Valley High School Scenic Design *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical @ Great Valley High School*
 - ★ Josephine Muller Auditorium Student Staff (JMASS) *Alice By Heart @ Abington Friends School*
 - ★ PWSH Scenic Design Team *Something Rotten! @ Plymouth Whitmarsh High School*
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COSTUMES

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| ★ Central Bucks High School East Costumes | <i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat @ Central Bucks High School East</i> |
| ★ Neshaminy High School Costumes | <i>The Addams Family Musical @ Neshaminy High School</i> |
| ★ PALCS Center for Performing & Fine Arts Costumes | <i>Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 @ PALCS Center for Performing & Fine Arts</i> |
| ★ PWHs Costuming Team | <i>Something Rotten! @ Plymouth Whitemarsh High School</i> |
| ★ Upper Dublin Costumes Team | <i>Hello, Dolly! @ Upper Dublin High School</i> |
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MAKEUP

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| ★ Lower Moreland High School Makeup Team | <i>Disney's The Little Mermaid @ Lower Moreland High School</i> |
| ★ Neshaminy High School Makeup | <i>The Addams Family Musical @ Neshaminy High School</i> |
| ★ Penncrest High School Makeup Crew | <i>The Phantom of the Opera @ Penncrest High School</i> |
| ★ PALCS Center for Performing & Fine Arts Makeup | <i>Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 @ PALCS Center for Performing & Fine Arts</i> |
| ★ PWHs Makeup Team | <i>Something Rotten! @ Plymouth Whitemarsh High School</i> |
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MARKETING & PUBLICITY

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| ★ Central Bucks High School West Marketing & Publicity | <i>Ranked, A Musical @ Central Bucks High School West</i> |
| ★ Garnet Valley High School Marketing & Publicity | <i>Les Misérables School Edition @ Garnet Valley High School</i> |
| ★ Holy Ghost Preparatory School Marketing & Publicity | <i>Catch Me If You Can @ Holy Ghost Preparatory School</i> |
| ★ Irene Biju, Nina Agolino, & Alyssa Sauppee | <i>Chicago: Teen Edition @ Marple Newtown High School</i> |
| ★ PWHs Marketing Team | <i>Something Rotten! @ Plymouth Whitemarsh High School</i> |
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CREATIVE EFFECTS

- ★ Tyler Calloway *Les Misérables School Edition @ Garnet Valley High School*
 - ★ Chandelier Crew *The Phantom of the Opera @ Penncrest High School*
 - ★ Emily Dobbins *Chicago: Teen Edition @ Marple Newtown High School*
 - ★ Aryan Gupta & Cody Vermillion *Once Upon a Mattress @ Conestoga High School*
 - ★ Josephine Zemsky *Alice By Heart @ Abington Friends School*
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CREATIVE LEADERSHIP

- ★ Chris Cancelliere *Chicago: Teen Edition @ Marple Newtown High School*
 - ★ Magdaline Lock & Callie MacClay *Once Upon a One More Time @ Central Bucks High School South*
 - ★ Ciara McFadden *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 @ PALCS Center for Performing & Fine Arts*
 - ★ Sebastian Nguyen & Lauren Cusick *Les Misérables School Edition @ Garnet Valley High School*
 - ★ Maddie Pomager *Something Rotten! @ Plymouth Whitemarsh High School*
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SHOW

- ★ Catch Me If You Can @ Holy Ghost Preparatory School
- ★ Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat @ Central Bucks High School East
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JIMMY AWARDS REPORTER

- ★ Shae Gruber *Central Bucks High School South*
 - ★ Madeline Pomager *Plymouth Whitemarsh High School*
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THEATER EDUCATOR

- ★ Lindsey Carney *Girard Academic Music Program*
- ★ Gina Chiolan *Neshaminy High School*
- ★ Nicole Gerenyi *Upper Dublin High School*
- ★ Elizabeth Hazlett *Sun Valley High School*
- ★ Bridget Thompson *Marple Newtown High School*