



# 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 @ PA Leadership Charter School - CPFA*
  - ★ 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 @ PA Leadership Charter School - CPFA*
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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 @ PA Leadership Charter School - CPFA*
- ★ 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 @ PA Leadership Charter School - CPFA*
  - ★ 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 @ PA Leadership Charter School - CPFA*
  - ★ 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 @ PA Leadership Charter School - CPFA*
  - ★ 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 @ PA Leadership Charter School - CPFA*



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## SOLO DANCE

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

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

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

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



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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 *PA Leadership Charter School - CPFA*
  - ★ 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 @ PA Leadership Charter School - CPFA*
  - ★ 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
  - ★ PA Leadership Charter School-CPFA *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 @ PA Leadership Charter School - CPFA*  
Shift Crew/Stage Management
  - ★ PWHS Shift Crew *Something Rotten! @ Plymouth Whitemarsh High School*
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## LIGHT

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| ★ Central Bucks High School East Light      | <i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat @ Central Bucks High School East</i>       |
| ★ Great Valley High School Light            | <i>The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical @ Great Valley High School</i>           |
| ★ PA Leadership Charter School - CPFA Light | <i>Natasha, Pierre &amp; the Great Comet of 1812 @ PA Leadership Charter School - CPFA</i> |
| ★ PWSH Light Team                           | <i>Something Rotten! @ Plymouth Whitmarsh High School</i>                                  |
| ★ Percy Kent and Axel Oravec                | <i>Alice By Heart @ Abington Friends School</i>  |
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## SOUND

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

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

- ★ Central Bucks High School East Costumes *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat @ Central Bucks High School East*
  - ★ Neshaminy High School Costumes Costumes *The Addams Family Musical @ Neshaminy High School*
  - ★ PA Leadership Charter School - CPFA Costumes *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 @ PA Leadership Charter School - CPFA*
  - ★ PWSH Costuming Team *Something Rotten! @ Plymouth Whittemarsh High School*
  - ★ Upper Dublin Costumes Team *Hello, Dolly! @ Upper Dublin High School*
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## MAKEUP

- ★ Lower Moreland High School Makeup Team *Disney's The Little Mermaid @ Lower Moreland High School*
  - ★ Neshaminy High School Makeup *The Addams Family Musical @ Neshaminy High School*
  - ★ Penncrest High School Makeup Crew *The Phantom of the Opera @ Penncrest High School*
  - ★ PA Leadership Charter School - CPFA Makeup *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 @ PA Leadership Charter School - CPFA*
  - ★ PWSH Makeup Team *Something Rotten! @ Plymouth Whittemarsh High School*
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## MARKETING & PUBLICITY

- ★ Central Bucks High School West Marketing & Publicity *Ranked, A Musical @ Central Bucks High School West*
  - ★ Garnet Valley High School Marketing & Publicity *Les Misérables School Edition @ Garnet Valley High School*
  - ★ Holy Ghost Preparatory School Marketing & Publicity *Catch Me If You Can @ Holy Ghost Preparatory School*
  - ★ Irene Biju, Nina Agolino, & Alyssa Sauppee *Chicago: Teen Edition @ Marple Newtown High School*
  - ★ PWSH Marketing Team *Something Rotten! @ Plymouth Whittemarsh High School*
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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 @ Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School - CPFA*
  - ★ 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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  - ★ Abbie Parker *Lightning Thief The Percy Jackson Musical @ Great Valley High School*
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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*