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## **ABOUT THE DPAC RISING STAR AWARDS**

**The DPAC Rising Star Awards** is a program designed to celebrate outstanding achievements in high school musical theater throughout Central, North Carolina. Since 2010, this program has focused attention on the meaningful work being done both on and off stage by dedicated teachers and students.

To participate, one school representative can apply to have their production and students reviewed by our panel of qualified adjudicators. In the spring **The DPAC Rising Star Awards** will host a ceremony on DPAC's stage where top area high school musical students perform together and compete against one another for educational scholarships and other prizes.

This program is a member of **The National High School Musical Theater Awards** (NHSMTA), a national program that unites high school musical theater awards programs from across the country. The Best Actor and Actress of The DPAC Rising Star Awards will have an all-expense paid trip to New York where they will compete against the winners from dozens of regional competitions and similar awards programs from other parts of the country. The program impacts over 140,000 students annually who participate in high school musical theatre competitions sponsored by over forty professional theatres (like DPAC) throughout the US.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to watch a PBS special that documents what happens at The National High School Music Awards in New York City.

## **GOALS**

- 1) To encourage, recognize and honor excellence in high school musical theater performances across Central North Carolina.
- 2) To provide quality educational experiences in dance, theater, and music for high school student finalists.
- 3) To grow audiences and advocates for arts education across Central North Carolina.

## **AWARDS CATEGORIES**

The DPAC Rising Star Awards recognizes achievements made by student performers and made by the collective school production.

### **Student Performance Categories**

- Best Actor
- Best Actress
- Best Dancer
- The DPAC Shining Star

## **Student Production Categories**

- Best Student Costume Design
- Best Student Lighting Design
- Best Student Choreography
- Best Student Orchestra

## **School Production Categories**

- Best Ensemble (Tier 1)
- Best Musical (Tier 1)
- Best Ensemble (Tier 2)
- Best Musical (Tier 2)



#### **BEST ACTOR & BEST ACTRESS AWARDS**

Best Actor and Best Actress are provided with \$2,000 academic scholarships and will be invited to represent The DPAC Rising Star Awards in an all-expense paid trip to the National High School Musical Theater Awards program in mid-June of 2025 in New York City. After a week of coaching, auditions, rehearsals and a final performance on Broadway, a handful of students from the elite program will be awarded scholarships and other prizes.

#### **BEST DANCER AWARD**

One of the Top 20 Finalists will be recognized as Best Dancer during the live awards ceremony. This person will be determined during a dance audition during the week of rehearsals leading up to the live awards ceremony. The winner of this category receives a trophy and a \$500 scholarship.

#### THE DPAC SHINING STAR AWARD

This award is selected not by the panel of adjudicators, but by the Top 20 Finalists themselves. The award will go to the student who exhibits positivity and an enthusiastic spirit in all Rising Star related activities as well as in interactions with other finalists. The winner of this category receives a trophy and a \$500 scholarship.

# BEST STUDENT COSTUME DESIGN, BEST STUDENT LIGHTING DESIGN, BEST STUDENT CHOREOGRAPHY, BEST STUDENT ORCHESTRA

Each of these student production categories receive a trophy and recognition during the live awards ceremony at DPAC. Only productions with a student (or students) responsible for these elements will be eligible for these awards categories.

## BEST ENSEMBLE (Tier 1 and Tier 2) & BEST MUSICAL (Tier 1 and Tier 2) AWARDS

The theater programs who win either the Best Ensemble and the Best Musical Awards receive \$1,000, a trophy and recognition during the live awards ceremony at DPAC.

- Tier 1: Includes schools with a production budget of \$7,000 and under
- Tier 2: Includes schools with a production budget of \$7,001 and up

## **ELIGIBILITY**

The DPAC Rising Star Awards program is open to public and private high schools producing musical theater in Central North Carolina. To be eligible for our 2024/2025 season, programs should meet the following qualifications:

#### **SCHOOL LOCATION**

High schools located in Central North Carolina are invited to register. This currently includes the following counties:

Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Cumberland, Davidson, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Hoke, Johnston, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, Orange, Person, Randolf, Rockingham, Sampson, Stokes, Vance, Wake, Warren, Wayne, Wilson.



The DPAC Rising Star Awards aims to be as inclusive as possible. If your county is in Central North Carolina and not listed here, please email <a href="mailto:mrindoks@dpacnc.com">mrindoks@dpacnc.com</a> to request the addition of your area.

#### PRODUCTION DATES

High school musical theater productions must take place between October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and April 27, 2025. There will be no exceptions for any productions that take place outside of this window.

## **PRODUCTION & STUDENT ROLE REQUIREMENTS**

Schools must choose a musical from a list of qualified productions. Students being nominated for Best Actor and Actress must be cast in qualifying lead roles.

The current NHSMTA qualifying lead roles and musicals can be found at nhsmta.com, or by CLICKING HERE.

## **COST TO PARTICIPATE**

Through the **generosity of our sponsor and community partners**, The DPAC Rising Star Awards are run at **no cost** to those who register and participate.

## ADDED SUPPORT FOR NEW SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS

Do you have any questions? We have a program expert who is willing to come to your school and to meet with you and your students in person to talk about the process, expectations, highlight reels and more. If you would like to inquire about this option, please email <a href="mailto:mrindoks@dpacnc.com">mrindoks@dpacnc.com</a>.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

There are three steps to the application process.

**Step One: School Registration** [Due by December 1, 2024]

**Step Two: Student Nominations & Show Details** [Due two weeks prior to the opening performance]

Step Three: Post-Production Submissions [Due two weeks after the closing performance]

Each participating school needs to select one staff member/responsible adult associated with the program to act as the "School Representative". Any materials submitted separately by various students, other teachers, or parents will not be accepted.

All three phases of the application process must be completed using Acceptd. To register your school for participation and adjudication, visit: <a href="https://dpacrisingstar.getacceptd.com">https://dpacrisingstar.getacceptd.com</a>.



#### **SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

The registration deadline is **December 1, 2024**. Any submissions received after this registration period will require special approval and will be subject to judges' availability.

If you are unable to confirm your show dates or the musical that your school will produce, you are still welcome to register. You can email these details as they are solidified to mrindoks@dpacnc.com.

During the School Registration phase of the application process, you will be asked to submit the following things:

- School Name
- Name of Musical
- Dates and Times of Production
- School Representative Name & Contact Information
- School Logo
- School County
- Production Location/Address
- School and/or Theatre Department Instagram Handle
- Licensing House
- Agreement to provide complimentary tickets to Rising Star Awards judges
- Visual Arts Teacher Contact Information

#### STUDENT NOMINATIONS & SHOW DETAILS

The second phase of the application process is **due two weeks prior to the Opening Night** of your school's production. These pre-production items are necessary for judges to score your production and to know which students have been nominated.

## **Student Nominations**

Each participating musical can nominate up to four (4) students for adjudication. Two (2) for Best Actress consideration, and two (2) for Best Actor Consideration. For each nominated student, you will be asked to provide the following:

- Nominated Student's Name and Contact Information
- Nominated Student's Year in School
- Student's Nominated Role\*
- Nominated Student's Parent Information

<sup>\*</sup> Please check the <a href="MHSMTA Qualifying Roles List">MHSMTA Qualifying Roles List</a>. If the role is not listed as a Qualifying Role, please email Megan Rindoks at <a href="mmrmmirror">mmrmmirror</a> mindoks@dpacnc.com to inquire about submitting an appeal. Please note that all appeals are subject to approval by The DPAC Rising Star Awards' parent organization: the National High School Musical Theatre Awards.



#### **Show Details**

Also in phase two of the application process is Show Details. You will be asked to submit the following information so that judges are properly prepared to review your musical:

- Production Budget
- Special Arrival Instructions for Judges
- Whether or not a student (or group of students) was responsible for the following:
  - Choreography
  - Costume Design
  - Lighting Design
- Whether or not your musical is accompanied by a live student orchestra.\*\*

#### POST-PRODUCTION SUBMISSIONS

The Post-Production phase of the application process is **due two weeks after the Closing Night** of your school's production.

For any productions taking place in April, please note that the absolute latest date for Post-Production submissions will be Sunday, April 27.

DPAC advises to plan ahead and be prepared to submit these post-production materials. This is often the most time consuming part of the application process for participating schools.

This phase requires a number of video uploads. Video submissions are NOT scored or adjudicated. Only live performances are scored and adjudicated. Videos are, however, used during the spring judges meeting to jog memory and/or provide some insight into a student or school being discussed for any of the judges who were not assigned to review your musical in person. These videos will not be used publicly and should not conflict with any licensing agreements.

The Post-Production phase of the application process will require providing the below listed items:

- Production Highlight Reel. This highlight reel should be no longer than 1 minute in length, and should feature the ensemble.
- Production Photos Featuring Ensemble. Please upload three photographs of your show that feature the ensemble.
- Production Photos Featuring Student Nominees. Please upload one production photo for each nominated student.
- Student Nominee Sheet Music. Please upload the sheet music for each student nominee's "big number" in the show. If the role has multiple solo songs, the student



<sup>\*\*</sup>To qualify for the "Best Student Orchestra" award, the majority of orchestra members must be high school students currently enrolled in the participating school.

should choose one for submission. All sheet music provided must be the piano conductor score (not pulled from the vocal score or chorus book).

- Student Nominee Solo Video Submission. Please upload a video for each nominated student singing the "big number" from their nominated role. If the role has multiple solo songs, the student should choose one for submission. This can be production video footage, from a rehearsal, or a self-tape. Whichever option is chosen, please make sure that the video quality and sound quality are good and consistent. There are no requirements for accompaniment, use of tracks, or choice to sing acapella.
- Student Nominee Dance Video Submission. Please upload a video for each nominated student performing this dance number.

## **ADJUDICATION PROCESS**

Each fall DPAC appoints a group of qualified year-round judges to attend and review registered high school musical theater productions. Some of these year-round judges are considered "Lead Judges". It is DPAC's promise to send two or more adjudicators to review every registered show, and at least one lead judge will attend every registered show. The score sheets and adjudication guidelines used by our judges are provided at the end of this handbook.

In late April/early May, Rising Star Awards Lead Judges will gather for DPAC's **Spring Judges Meeting** to review each registered musical. Scores submitted by judges will determine finalists in production categories. Lead judges will discuss top scoring productions and determine winners in all student production awards categories and school production awards categories. Lead judges will also review top scoring students and determine the Top 20 Student Finalists.

In late April/early May, DPAC will announce these Top 20 Student Finalists as well as finalists in all other categories.

Top 20 Student Finalists will participate in two weeks of rehearsals, coaching and auditioning leading up to the in-person awards ceremony at DPAC in late May.

The DPAC Rising Star Awards will host an awards ceremony on DPAC's stage on **May 29, 2025**. This ceremony will be adjudicated live by 3 specially selected ceremony judges. These three individuals will have incredible resumes that include Broadway credits, connections to reputable talent agencies, and more. These ceremony judges will determine which two students are crowned as "Best Actor" and "Best Actress" who go on to represent our program nationally at the Jimmy Awards.

## THE DPAC RISING STAR AWARDS ENSEMBLE INVITATION

Each participating school will be invited to send two (2) student representatives to perform in the Ensemble at The DPAC Rising Star Awards. School representatives will be asked to determine who those two students are by Friday, May 2. DPAC will send an email to each school representative in early April with instructions on how to submit these two selected students.



Ensemble rehearsals are mandatory for these specially selected students. These rehearsals are scheduled for May 3, May 4, May 27 and May 28 (tech). Of course, they are also required to be there on May 29 for the performance.

**Only two representatives from each school will be invited.** If your school is submitting more than one musical this year, you will not be eligible to submit additional students. This opportunity is for each participating school, not each participating musical. It is up to each school to determine how these students are selected.

## STUDENT PRODUCTION TEAM

The DPAC Rising Star Awards will be selecting a small number of students to serve as Stage Managers and in other important production roles for the live awards ceremony. Those interested in applying for this special opportunity must be available for every rehearsal, tech and the performance.

To apply, student stage managers should send their resume, cover letter and references to <a href="mrindoks@dpacnc.com">mrindoks@dpacnc.com</a>. Deadline for applications is April 1, 2025.

## **VISUAL ARTS GALLERY WITH DURHAM ART GUILD**

The DPAC Rising Star Awards will be working with Durham Art Guild to celebrate achievements made by high school visual art students.

Only students from participating high schools will be eligible. Information will be emailed to each participating high school after the registration deadline concludes in December of 2024.

Students will be selected to have their work featured in a pop-up gallery in DPAC's lobby at The DPAC Rising Star Awards on May 29, 2025.

Each student whose artwork is selected will receive one complimentary ticket to The DPAC Rising Star Awards on May 29, 2025. The visual arts teacher who submits work juried into the gallery will also receive one (1) complimentary ticket to The DPAC Rising Star Awards on May 29, 2025.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Q: Can my school register more than one musical?

A: Yes. Each school is invited to register up to two (2) musicals for consideration. Each musical should have its own application in Acceptd. If you choose to submit two musicals, you should have two submissions in Acceptd.

## Q: Is it okay if our production includes students from our affiliated middle or lower school?

A: Yes. Just as long as only high school students cast in Qualifying Roles are nominated for Best Actor and Best Actress consideration.

## Q: Are complimentary tickets offered to anyone for The DPAC Rising Star Awards ceremony?

A: Yes. DPAC will provide complimentary tickets as listed below. Seating will be General Admission.

Participating Schools: Each school will receive ten (10) complimentary seats. The complimentary tickets will be mobile and sent to the designated school representative (the person who submits all application materials) to distribute.

Student Production Team: Each student hired to help on the student production team will receive one (1) complimentary ticket.

Top 20 Student Finalists: Each student finalist will receive four (4) complimentary tickets.

Ensemble: Each student participating in the Ensemble will receive one complimentary ticket for their own use. Ensemble will be able to watch the show when they are not performing.

Visual Arts Gallery Students and Teachers: Each student whose artwork is selected will receive one (1) complimentary ticket. The visual arts teacher who submits work juried into the gallery will also receive one (1) complimentary ticket.

### Q: What if our production is double cast?

A: No double casting will be accepted. If you choose to double cast your production, you must only send us the dates for the performances including the cast that you want to be reviewed.

# Q: How should we handle nominating non-binary and/or transgender students for Best Actor and Best Actress adjudication?

A: The DPAC Rising Star Awards follows the guidelines provided by NHSMTA. While the "Best Actor" and "Best Actress" titles do imply gender, we will welcome students of all gender identities in the manner that feels most applicable to each participating student.

If you have any questions about this subject, please email <a href="mrindoks@dpacnc.com">mrindoks@dpacnc.com</a> and this can be discussed further with a personal conversation.



# Q: Can we nominate a student for Best Actor or Best Actress adjudication if they aren't currently enrolled in our school?

A: No. Our apologies, but any student nominated for consideration must currently be an enrolled high school students at the school at which is registered for participation.

# Q: If the musical that we are doing has more than four Qualifying Roles, can we nominate more than four students for Best Actor and Actress consideration?

A: No. Our apologies, but each production must choose which students they wish to nominate from the list of Qualifying Roles.

Schools may nominate up to four (4) total students for adjudication per musical. Two (2) for Best Actor and two (2) for Best Actress. Some exceptions might be allowed if a school would prefer to nominate more or less for either category, just so long as the total number of student nominees does not exceed four (4).

## Q: Do we have to upload a video highlight reel if we are concerned about licensing violations?

A: Yes. Highlight reels should not be any longer than one to two minutes and should not include any full length video of any portion of the live performance, but just small clips. This should not violate any licensing agreements. If you have major concerns about submitting a video highlight reel of your production, please contact Megan Rindoks at <a href="minutosis">mrindoks@dpacnc.com</a> to discuss further.

## **GUIDELINES**

- All deadlines are final.
- All decisions are final.
- All prizes and awards are subject to change.
- Only students nominated for Best Actor and Best Actress will be considered for a Top 20 Student Finalist placement.
- Students will only be judged on the live performance of their nominated role.
- The Best Actor and Best Actress nominees must be current high school students, grades 9-12.
- Students selected as Top 20 Student Finalists will be required to attend rehearsals, workshops and auditions scheduled May 15 through May 29, 2025. This year, rehearsals will occur on Memorial Day and Memorial Day weekend.
- In the event that a Best Actor or Best Actress Finalists is not able to participate, a runner-up in the same category will be eligible to participate.

#### **TIMELINE** 5/3-5/4 10/1 10/17 12/1 4/1 5/28 5/29 JUNE 5/15-5/26 First Eligible Day for Adjudication o Finalist New Procedure Rehearsal Tech Re The DPAC RISING Star Tech Rehearsa Application Deadline last Possible Day for Act ission Deadline

## **SCORING**

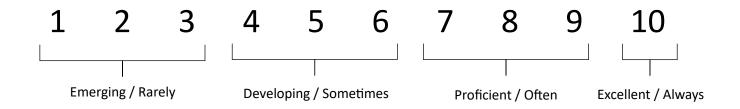
The DPAC Rising Star Awards' year-round judges will be using the same adjudication rubric that is used by Jimmy Awards® judges when critiquing Best Actor and Best Actress nominees. This is a 1-10 scoring model.

The DPAC Rising Star Awards' year-round judges will be using a 1-10 scoring model when critiquing student and school production categories.

Sample score sheets and adjudication guidelines are provided below and in the pages that follow.

## **BEST ACTRESS & BEST ACTOR PERFORMANCE - ADJUDICATION RUBRIC**

CRITERIA	1-3	4-6	7-9	10
	Emerging = Rarely	Developing = Sometimes	Proficient = Often	Excellent = Always
VOCALS	Performer <i>rarely</i> sang with	Performer <i>sometimes</i> sang	Performer <i>often</i> sang with	Performer <i>always</i> sang with
	emotional understanding,	with emotional understanding,	emotional understanding,	emotional understanding,
	adequate volume, proper	adequate volume, proper	adequate volume, proper	adequate volume, proper
	diction, correct pitch and	diction, correct pitch and tone,	diction, correct pitch and	diction, correct pitch and
	tone, supported breathing	supported breathing and	tone, supported breathing	tone, supported breathing
	and dramatic expression.	dramatic expression.	and dramatic expression.	and dramatic expression.
	The performer <i>rarely</i>	The performer sometimes	The performer <i>often</i>	The performer <i>always</i>
	executed the correct notes	executed the correct notes and	executed the correct notes	executed the correct notes
	and rhythms.	rhythms.	and rhythms.	and rhythms.
	The performer <i>rarely</i>	The performer sometimes	The performer <i>often</i>	The performer always
	produced a fluid and audibly	produced a fluid and audibly	produced a fluid and audibly	produced a fluid and audibly
	pleasing quality in music.	pleasing quality in music.	pleasing quality in music.	pleasing quality in music.
ACTING	Pace and physicality <i>rarely</i>	Pace and physicality	Pace and physicality often	Pace and physicality always
	supported the performers	sometimes supported the	supported the performers	supported the performers
	understanding of their	performers understanding of	understanding of their	understanding of their
	audition pieces throughout	their audition pieces	audition pieces throughout	audition pieces throughout
	the performances.	throughout the performances.	the performances.	the performances.
	The performer <i>rarely</i> "sold"	The performer sometimes	The performer <b>often</b> "sold"	The performer always
	the song through believable	"sold" the song through	the song through believable	"sold" the song through
	enactments with clear acting	believable enactments with	enactments with clear acting	believable enactments with
	choices.	clear acting choices.	choices.	clear acting choices.
OVERALL	The performer <i>rarely</i>	The performer sometimes	The performer <i>often</i>	The performer always
PRESENTATION	demonstrated an overall	demonstrated an overall	demonstrated an overall	demonstrated an overall
PRESENTATION	cohesive understanding of	cohesive understanding of	cohesive understanding of	cohesive understanding of
	stage presence, artistic	stage presence, artistic	stage presence, artistic	stage presence, artistic
	interpretation, appropriate	interpretation, appropriate	interpretation, appropriate	interpretation, appropriate
	character choices and	character choices and	character choices and	character choices and
	movement, and the ability to	movement, and the ability to	movement, and the ability to	movement, and the ability
	engage an audience.	engage an audience.	engage an audience.	to engage an audience.

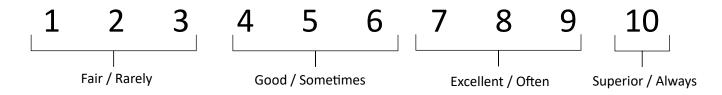




## **STUDENT PRODUCTION ACHIEVEMENTS - ADJUDICATION RUBRIC**

Only schools who have students responsible for the below areas of the production are eligible for an award in these categories. Schools who hire professionals, assign an adult, rent or borrow costumes, etc. are not eligible for these award categories.

CRITERIA	1-3	4-6	7-9	10
J	Fair = Rarely	Good = Sometimes	Excellent = Often	Superior = Always
STUDENT CHOREOGRAPHY	The student (or group of students) responsible for choreographing the show did a fair job at assigning dynamic and creative movement that enhanced and supported the narrative of the production.  The student (or group of students) responsible for choreographing rarely assigned movement that could be executed well by the cast.	The student (or group of students) responsible for choreographing the show did a good job at assigning dynamic and creative movement that enhanced and supported the narrative of the production. The student (or group of students) responsible for choreographing sometimes assigned movement that could be executed well by the cast.	The student (or group of students) responsible for choreographing the show did an <i>excellent</i> job at assigning dynamic and creative movement that enhanced and supported the narrative of the production.  The student (or group of students) responsible for choreographing <i>often</i> assigned movement that could be executed well by the cast.	The student (or group of students) responsible for choreographing the show did a <i>superior</i> job at assigning dynamic and creative movement that enhanced and supported the narrative of the production.  The student (or group of students) responsible for choreographing always assigned movement that could be executed well by the cast.
STUDENT COSTUME DESIGN	The student (or group of students) responsible for costume design did a <i>fair</i> job at dressing the cast in costumes thought to be relevant to the story.  The student (or group of students) <i>rarely</i> assigned costumes that were believable, appropriate and creative.	The student (or group of students) responsible for costume design did a <b>good</b> job at dressing the cast in costumes thought to be relevant to the story.  The student (or group of students) <b>sometimes</b> assigned costumes that were believable, appropriate and creative.	The student (or group of students) responsible for costume design did an excellent job at dressing the cast in costumes thought to be relevant to the story.  The student (or group of students) often assigned costumes that were believable, appropriate and creative.	The student (or group of students) responsible for costume design did a superior job at dressing the cast in costumes thought to be relevant to the story.  The student (or group of students) always assigned costumes that were believable, appropriate and creative.
STUDENT LIGHTING DESIGN	The student (or group of students) responsible for lighting design did a <i>fair</i> job at setting creative lighting that aided in storytelling. The student (or group of students) responsible for lighting design <i>rarely</i> succeeded in the use of color to create atmosphere.	The student (or group of students) responsible for lighting design did a <i>good</i> job at setting creative lighting that aided in storytelling. The student (or group of students) responsible for lighting design <i>sometimes</i> succeeded in the use of color to create atmosphere.	The student (or group of students) responsible for lighting design did an excellent job at setting creative lighting that aided in storytelling.  The student (or group of students) responsible for lighting design often succeeded in the use of color to create atmosphere.	The student (or group of students) responsible for lighting design did a superior job at setting creative lighting that aided in storytelling.  The student (or group of students) responsible for lighting design always succeeded in the use of color to create atmosphere.
STUDENT ORCHESTRA A majority of the orchestra members must be high school students enrolled at the participating school in order to be eligible for this award.	The student orchestra did a fair job at performing in pitch with adequate volume and proper diction.  The student orchestra rarely supported the cast well during musical numbers.	The student orchestra did a <b>good</b> job at performing in pitch with adequate volume and proper diction. The student orchestra <b>sometimes</b> supported the cast well during musical numbers.	The student orchestra did an excellent job at performing in pitch with adequate volume and proper diction.  The student orchestra often supported the cast well during musical numbers.	The student orchestra did a superior job at performing in pitch with adequate volume and proper diction. The student orchestra always supported the cast well during musical numbers.





## **SCHOOL PRODUCTION ACHIEVEMENTS - ADJUDICATION RUBRIC**

All participating schools are eligible for School Production Awards Categories.

Schools with a budget at or under \$7,000 are eligible for Tier 1 awards. Schools with a budget at or above \$7,001 are eligible for Tier 2 awards.

CRITERIA	1-3	4-6	7-9	10
	Fair = Rarely	Good = Sometimes	Excellent = Often	Superior = Always
BEST ENSEMBLE	The ensemble did a <i>fair</i> job	The ensemble did a <i>good</i> job	The ensemble did an	The ensemble did a superior
Tier 1 and Tier 2	working as a team or unit and	working as a team or unit and	<i>excellent</i> job working as a	job working as a team or
THE I AND THE Z	did a <i>fair</i> job at displaying a	did a <b>good</b> job at displaying a	team or unit and did an	unit and did a <i>superior</i> job
	strong level of trust among	strong level of trust among the	excellent job at displaying a	at displaying a strong level
	the entire cast.	entire cast.	strong level of trust among	of trust among the entire
	The performers <i>rarely</i> sang	The performers sometimes	the entire cast.	cast.
	and acted as a unit while also showing individual	sang and acted as a unit while also showing individual	The performers <i>often</i> sang and acted as a unit while also	The performers <i>always</i> sang and acted as a unit while
	characters.	characters.	showing individual	also showing individual
	The performers <i>rarely</i>	The performers <b>sometimes</b>	characters.	characters.
	showcased active	showcased active engagement	The performers <b>often</b>	The performers <i>always</i>
	engagement and enhanced	and enhanced the world of the	showcased active	showcased active
	the world of the production.	production.	engagement and enhanced	engagement and enhanced
	The show did a <i>fair</i> job at	The show did a <b>good</b> job at	the world of the production.	the world of the production.
	featuring a talented cast of	featuring a talented cast of	The show did an <i>excellent</i> job	The show did a <i>superior</i> job
	performers who drove the	performers who drove the	at featuring a talented cast of	at featuring a talented cast
	story in a cohesive and well	story in a cohesive and well	performers who drove the	of performers who drove
	executed manner.	executed manner.	story in a cohesive and well	the story in a cohesive and
			executed manner.	well executed manner.
BEST MUSICAL	The cast did a <b>fair</b> job at	The cast did a <b>good</b> job at	The cast did an <i>excellent</i> job	The cast did a <i>superior</i> job
Tier 1 and Tier 2	delivering a strong and	delivering a strong and unified	at delivering a strong and	at delivering a strong and
	unified performance	performance consistently	unified performance	unified performance
	consistently throughout the show.	throughout the show. The overall presentation of	consistently throughout the show.	consistently throughout the show.
	The overall presentation of	technical execution and	The overall presentation of	The overall presentation of
	technical execution and	musical direction was	technical execution and	technical execution and
	musical direction was <i>rarely</i>	sometimes successful.	musical direction was <i>often</i>	musical direction was
	successful.	The ease of set changes and	successful.	always successful.
	The ease of set changes and	execution of cues was	The ease of set changes and	The ease of set changes and
	execution of cues was <i>rarely</i>	sometimes successful.	execution of cues was often	execution of cues was
	successful.	The interpretation, casting, use	successful.	always successful.
	The interpretation, casting,	of space, consistency, artistic	The interpretation, casting,	The interpretation, casting,
	use of space, consistency,	vision and clarity of story was	use of space, consistency,	use of space, consistency,
	artistic vision and clarity of	sometimes successful.	artistic vision and clarity of	artistic vision and clarity of
	story was <i>rarely</i> successful.	This production did a <b>good</b> job	story was <i>often</i> successful.	story was <i>always</i> successful.
	This production did a <b>fair</b> job	at showing their ability to	This production did an	This production did a
	at showing their ability to showcase the diverse talents	showcase the diverse talents of the cast.	excellent job at showing their ability to showcase the	superior job at showing their ability to showcase the
	of the cast.	This production did a <b>good</b> job	diverse talents of the cast.	diverse talents of the cast.
	This production did a <b>fair</b> job	at producing quality musical	This production did an	This production did a
	at producing quality musical	theater, as evident through	excellent job at producing	superior job at producing
	theater, as evident through	music, movement, props and	quality musical theater, as	quality musical theater, as
	music, movement, props and	costumes, lighting, sets and	evident through music,	evident through music,
	costumes, lighting, sets and	overall performance from full	movement, props and	movement, props and
	overall performance from full	cast.	costumes, lighting, sets and	costumes, lighting, sets and
	cast.		overall performance from full	overall performance from
			cast.	full cast.

