

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2023 BLUMENTHAL PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATER AWARDS

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Best Student Orchestra

Ardrey Kell High School – *Into the Woods*Central Academy of Technology and Arts – *Jesus Christ Superstar*Hickory Ridge High School – *Spongebob the Musical*Providence High School – *Sweeney Todd*South Mecklenburg High School – *9 to 5*William A. Hough High School – *Mamma Mia!*

Best Student Critic

Central Academy of Technology & Arts - Brody Martin North Mecklenburg High School - Camille Satterwhite-Rambert Northwest School of the Arts - Mia O'Brien West Cabarrus High School - Aminah Imran

Best Student Stage Manager

Central Academy of Technology and Arts – Margo Smith – Jesus Christ Superstar Charlotte Country Day School – Graham McPhail – Something Rotten Charlotte Latin School – Lila Rhee – Shrek the Musical Hopewell High School – Chloe Carper – Sister Act North Lincoln High School – Emily Curry - Anastasia Weddington High School – Avery Edwards – Seussical

Best Student Set Designer

Central Academy of Technology and Arts – Hannah Cook – *Jesus Christ Superstar*Concord Academy – Champ Lyerly – *Beauty and the Beast*Cuthbertson High School – Mya Beard – *Spongebob the Musical*Hickory Ridge High School – Milo Johnson – *Spongebob the Musical*North Lincoln High School – Matthew Howard - *Anastasia*Providence Day School – Caroline Grubbs – *Once Upon a Mattress*

Best Student Costume Designer

Ardrey Kell High School – Grace Maples – *Into the Woods*Central Academy of Technology and Arts – Mallory Caballero – *Jesus Christ Superstar*Concord Academy – Lainey Gaston – *Beauty and the Beast*Lake Norman High School – Christina Sawicki – *The Addams Family*North Lincoln High School – Alaina Binger - *Anastasia*South Pointe High School – Lorien Greenlee – *Curtains School Edition*

Best Choreography Execution

Central Academy of Technology and Arts – Jesus Christ Superstar
Central Cabarrus High School – Matilda the Musical
Charlotte Country Day School – Something Rotten
Concord Academy – Beauty and the Beast
North Lincoln High School - Anastasia
Weddington High School - Seussical

Best Ensemble/Chorus

Central Academy of Technology and Arts – Jesus Christ Superstar
Charlotte Country Day School – Something Rotten
Concord Academy – Beauty and the Beast
Davidson Day School – Mean Girls
North Lincoln High School - Anastasia
Northwest School of the Arts - Cabaret

Best Overall Direction

Central Academy of Technology and Arts – Jesus Christ Superstar
Charlotte Country Day School – Something Rotten
Davidson Day School – Mean Girls
North Lincoln High School – Anastasia
Northwest School of the Arts - Cabaret
Weddington High School - Seussical

Best Featured Performer

Central Academy of Technology and Arts – Lana Patel as King Herod – *Jesus Christ Superstar*Central Cabarrus High School - Cameron Shackelford as Doctor/Rudolpho - *Matilda the Musical*Cuthbertson High School – Kade Robinson as Foley Artist - *Spongebob the Musical*Davidson Day School – Ada Brown as Mrs. George - *Mean Girls*Fort Mill High School – Jackson Wright as Mr. Duvall - *Mean Girls*William A. Hough – Trey Purvis as Eddie - *Mamma Mia!*

Best Supporting Actor

Central Academy of Technology and Arts – Cade Helms as Peter – *Jesus Christ Superstar* Central Cabarrus High School – Major George as Bruce – *Matilda the Musical* Charlotte Country Day School – Jack Cooper as Shakespeare – *Something Rotten* Christ the King Catholic High School - Omari Benel as Donkey - *Shrek the Musical* Mooresville High School – Logan Pelchat as Wolf/Cinderella's Prince - *Into the Woods* Weddington High School – Josh Moraja as Wickersham/Schmitz/Yertle - *Seussical*

Best Supporting Actress

Central Academy of Technology and Arts – Natalie Hough as Pontius Pilate – *Jesus Christ Superstar* Christ the King Catholic High School – Eva Homic as Dragon - *Shrek the Musical* North Lincoln High School – Emily Laramie as Countess Lily Malevsky-Malevitch – *Anastasia* Northwest School of the Arts – Izzy Meltzer as Fraulein Schneider – *Cabaret* South Pointe High School - Kyia Jones as Carmen Bernstein – *Curtains School Edition* Weddington High School – Bella Efird as Gertrude - *Seussical*

Wells Fargo Best Musical - Tier 1

Lincolnton High School – *The Drowsy Chaperone*North Lincoln High School – *Anastasia*Weddington High School - *Seussical*

Wells Fargo Best Musical - Tier 2

Central Academy of Technology and Arts – *Jesus Christ Superstar* Charlotte Country Day School – *Something Rotten* Davidson Day School – *Mean Girls*

Best Actor

Central Academy of Technology and Arts - Omari Cupid as Jesus of Nazareth - *Jesus Christ Superstar*Charlotte Country Day School - Lance Toppin as Nick Bottom - *Something Rotten*Christ the King Catholic High School - Miguel Villalobos as Shrek - *Shrek the Musical*Concord Academy - Eli Fischer as Lumiere - *Beauty and the Beast*Cuthbertson High School - Lucas Mechelli as Spongebob Squarepants - *The Spongebob Musical*Northwestern High School - Parker Syler as Lumiere - *Beauty and the Beast*

Best Actress

Central Academy of Technology and Arts - Katie Ruttenberg as Mary Magdalene - *Jesus Christ Superstar*Davidson Day School - Kathleen Moore as Regina George - *Mean Girls*North Lincoln High School - Riley Washco as Anya - *Anastasia*Northwest School of the Arts - Gracie Bryant as Sally - *Cabaret*Providence High School - Njoki Tiagha as Mrs. Lovett - *Sweeney Todd*South Mecklenburg High School - Shantal Tavarez as Judy Bernly - *9 to 5*