



**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 Super Star*
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 Choreography Execution

Central Academy of Technology and Arts – *Jesus Christ Super Star*
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 Super Star*
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 Super Star*
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 Super Star*
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 Helm as Peter – *Jesus Christ Super Star*
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 Super Star*
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 Super Star*
Charlotte Country Day School – *Something Rotten*
Davidson Day School – *Mean Girls*

Best Student Stage Manager, Best Student Set Designer, Best Student Costume Designer, Best Student Critic

The nominees for each of these categories will be announced the week of May 1, 2023.

The students listed below are the finalists in the categories of Best Actor and Best Actress. The 6 nominees for these categories will be announced the week of May 1, 2023.

Finalists for Best Actor

A.L. Brown High School – Liam Graves as Baker - *Into the Woods*
Ardrey Kell High School - Brett Parrish as Jack - *Into the Woods*
Bandys High School - Gabriel Beech as Clyde Barrow - *Bonnie and Clyde*
Cannon School - Jonah Feeley as Adam - *Freaky Friday*
Central Academy of Technology and Arts - Omari Cupid as Jesus of Nazareth - *Jesus Christ Superstar*
Central Cabarrus High School - Cavan Kastler as Mr. Wormwood - *Matilda the Musical*
Charlotte Christian School - Jeffery Wilson as Baker - *Into the Woods*
Charlotte Country Day School - Lance Toppin as Nick Bottom - *Something Rotten*
Charlotte Latin School - Adam Stone as Farquard - *Shrek the Musical*
Christ the King Catholic High School - Miguel Villalobos as Shrek - *Shrek the Musical*
Concord Academy - Eli Fischer as Lumiere - *Beauty and the Beast*
Cox Mill High School - Cooper Grove as Sam - *Mamma Mia!*
Cuthbertson High School - Lucas Mechelli as Spongebob Squarepants - *The Spongebob Musical*
David W. Butler High School - Grant Bergeman as Bill Calhoun/Lucentio - *Kiss Me, Kate*
Davidson Day School - Taylor Shiley as Damian - *Mean Girls*
East Lincoln High School - Ty Yandle as Troy Bolton - *High School Musical*
East Mecklenburg High School - Kayne Domenech as Gaston - *Beauty and the Beast*
Fort Mill High School - Liam Escalante as Damian - *Mean Girls*
Gaston Christian School - Caden Sprinkles as Professor Bhaer - *Little Women the Musical*
Hickory Ridge High School - Peyton Ledbetter as Spongebob Squarepants - *The Spongebob Musical*
Hopewell High School - Ian Cavendish as Eddie Souther - *Sister Act*
Independence High School - Michael Sami-Geng as Cpt. Joseph Riser - *The Hello Girls*
Kings Mountain High School - Hunter Turnow as Sam - *Mamma Mia!*
Lake Norman High School - Joey Minogue as Gomez Addams - *The Addams Family*
Lincolnton High School - Kevin Solera as Adolpho - *The Drowsy Chaperone*
Mooresville High School - Jaiden Noblezada as Jack - *Into the Woods*
Mountain Island Charter School - Kendrick Wells as Mal - *The Addams Family*
North Gaston High School - Cody Meares as Baker - *Into the Woods*
North Lincoln High School - Ethan Smith as Vlad Popov - *Anastasia*
North Mecklenburg High School - Gary Lane as Daniel - *Once on This Island*
Northwest Cabarrus High School - Samuel Benton as Hermes - *Orphie and the Book of Heroes*
Northwest School of the Arts - Devon Ovall as Emcee - *Cabaret*
Northwestern High School - Parker Syler as Lumiere - *Beauty and the Beast*
Piedmont Community Charter School - Matthew Carper as Billy Ray Dobbs - *Bright Star*
Porter Ridge High School - Jackson Highshaw as Seymour - *Little Shop of Horrors*
Providence Day School – Carson Sacco as Prince Dauntless - *Once Upon a Mattress*
Providence High School - Trey Conder as Sweeney Todd - *Sweeney Todd*
Shelby High School - Will Hoard as Motel - *Fiddler on the Roof*
South Iredell High School - Aaron Feige as Sam Carmichael - *Mamma Mia!*
South Mecklenburg High School - Jack Ellsworth as Franklin Hart Jr. - *9 to 5*
South Pointe High School - Noah Whisonant as Lieutenant Frank Cioffi - *Curtains School Edition*
Stuart W. Cramer High School - Bowie Werren as Horton - *Seussical*
Weddington High School - Jackson Jedelsky as Horton - *Seussical*
West Cabarrus High School - Trey Betler as Baker - *Into the Woods*
Westminster Catawba Christian School - Chris Hancock as Davey - *Newsies*
William A. Hough High School - Michael Swartz as Sam Carmichael - *Mamma Mia!*

Finalists for Best Actress

A.L. Brown High School – Jada Sifford as Witch - *Into the Woods*
Ardrey Kell High School - Ainsley Jones as Cinderella - *Into the Woods*
Bandys High School - Ciara Davidon as Bonnie Parker - *Bonnie and Clyde*
Cannon School - Annalise Randall-Bauer as Ellie Blake - *Freaky Friday*
Central Academy of Technology and Arts - Katie Ruttenberg as Mary Magdalene - *Jesus Christ Superstar*
Central Cabarrus High School - Mycah Smith as Matilda Wormwood - *Matilda the Musical*
Charlotte Christian School - Isabella Long as Witch - *Into the Woods*
Charlotte Country Day School - Sabrina McGovern as Bea - *Something Rotten*
Charlotte Latin School - Sydney Lawrence as Fiona - *Shrek the Musical*
Christ the King Catholic High School - Paige Flynn as Fiona - *Shrek the Musical*
Concord Academy - Lainey Gaston as Mrs. Potts - *Beauty and the Beast*
Cox Mill High School - Dasha Jackson as Sophie - *Mamma Mia!*
Cuthbertson High School - Jolie Kymer as Sandy Cheeks - *The Spongebob Musical*
David W. Butler High School - Tori Regehr as Lois Lane/Bianca - *Kiss Me, Kate*
Davidson Day School - Kathleen Moore as Regina George - *Mean Girls*
East Lincoln High School - Ava Watters as Sharpay Evans - *High School Musical*
East Mecklenburg High School - Dagnie Sturdahl as Mrs. Potts - *Beauty and the Beast*
Fort Mill High School - Lily Stiles as Regina George - *Mean Girls*
Gaston Christian School - Ava Sullivan as Jo March - *Little Women the Musical*
Hickory Ridge High School - Gianna Clark as Patrick Star - *The Spongebob Musical*
Hopewell High School - Alana McQueen as Deloris Van Cartier - *Sister Act*
Independence High School - Annie Clark as Grace Banker - *The Hello Girls*
Kings Mountain High School - Railey Bolt as Sophie - *Mamma Mia!*
Lake Norman High School - Emma Scherer as Morticia Addams - *The Addams Family*
Lincolnton High School - Madison Alwran as Chaperone - *The Drowsy Chaperone*
Mooresville High School - Brianna Bernhardt as Baker's Wife - *Into the Woods*
Mountain Island Charter School - Joyner Jones as Wednesday - *The Addams Family*
North Gaston High School - Jayda Outen as Witch - *Into the Woods*
North Lincoln High School - Riley Washco as Anya - *Anastasia*
North Mecklenburg High School - Amya Harris as TiMoune - *Once on This Island*
Northwest Cabarrus High School - Anna Self as Orphie - *Orphie and the Book of Heroes*
Northwest School of the Arts - Gracie Bryant as Sally - *Cabaret*
Northwestern High School - Grace Summers as Belle - *Beauty and the Beast*
Piedmont Community Charter School - Sara Montreuil as Alice Murphy - *Bright Star*
Porter Ridge High School - Emily Bowling as Audrey - *Little Shop of Horrors*
Providence Day School – Avery Thalburg as Princess Winnifred - *Once Upon a Mattress*
Providence High School - Njoki Tiagha as Mrs. Lovett - *Sweeney Todd*
Shelby High School - Azariah Surratt as Golde - *Fiddler on the Roof*
South Iredell High School - Juliet Mingle as Donna Sheridan - *Mamma Mia!*
South Mecklenburg High School - Shantal Tavarez as Judy Bernly - *9 to 5*
South Pointe High School - Scooter Johnson as Georgia Hendricks - *Curtains School Edition*
Stuart W. Cramer High School - Marley Prato as Mayzie - *Seussical*
Weddington High School - Kate Johnson as Mayzie - *Seussical*
West Cabarrus High School - Myla-Joi Jacobs as Little Red Riding Hood - *Into the Woods*
Westminster Catawba Christian School - Jordan Smith as Katherine Plumber - *Newsies*
William A. Hough High School - Kylee Gauthier as Tanya Cresham-Leigh - *Mamma Mia!*

The students listed below are each production's finalists in the categories of Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actress. The top 6 nominees for these categories are provided above.

Finalists for Best Supporting Actor

A.L. Brown High School – Rylan Lowe as Rapunzel's Prince - *Into the Woods*
Ardrey Kell High School - Dean Neelson as Rapunzel's Prince - *Into the Woods*
Bandys High School - Zachary Ferreira as Ted Hinton - *Bonnie and Clyde*
Cannon School - Michael Wang as Mike - *Freaky Friday*
Carmel Christian School - Dylan Wilson as George Banks - *Mary Poppins*
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 Christian School - Jayden Stall as Cinderella's Prince - *Into the Woods*
Charlotte Country Day School - Jack Cooper as Shakespeare - *Something Rotten*
Charlotte Latin School - John Puylear as Pinocchio - *Shrek the Musical*
Christ the King Catholic High School - Omari Benel as Donkey - *Shrek the Musical*
Concord Academy - Hayden Love as Gaston - *Beauty and the Beast*
Cox Mill High School - Finnegan McCarthy as Harry - *Mamma Mia!*
Cuthbertson High School - Collin Limer as Squidward - *The Spongebob Musical*
David W. Butler High School - Tristan Blackmon as 1st Gangster - *Kiss Me, Kate*
Davidson Day School - Aiden Lank as Aaron Samuels - *Mean Girls*
East Lincoln High School - Marqui Sanders as Ryan Evans - *High School Musical*
East Mecklenburg High School - Victor Olivan as Lumiere - *Beauty and the Beast*
Fort Mill High School - Tyler Brothers as Aaron - *Mean Girls*
Gaston Christian School - Spencer Witt as Mr. Brook - *Little Women the Musical*
Hickory Ridge High School - Eli Messer as Sheldon Plankton - *The Spongebob Musical*
Hopewell High School - Frankie Zaremba as TJ - *Sister Act*
Independence High School - Tiago Forner Filho as Lt. Ernest Wessen - *The Hello Girls*
Kings Mountain High School - Kaden Sims as Harry - *Mamma Mia!*
Lake Norman High School - Jet Teasley as Fester - *The Addams Family*
Lincolnton High School - Logan Marshall as Feldzieg - *The Drowsy Chaperone*
Mooresville High School - Logan Pelchat as Wolf/Cinderella's Prince - *Into the Woods*
Mountain Island Charter School - Colson Branum as Pugsley - *The Addams Family*
North Gaston High School - Wesley Lawson as Wolf/Cinderella's Prince - *Into the Woods*
North Lincoln High School - Caleb Gerena as Gleb Vaganov - *Anastasia*
North Mecklenburg High School - Phoenix Hammond as Ton Ton Julian/Beauxhomme Storyteller - *Once on This Island*
Northwest Cabarrus High School - Maddox Bass as Heracles - *Orphie and the Book of Heroes*
Northwest School of the Arts - Jack Tyrell as Cliff Bradshaw - *Cabaret*
Northwestern High School - Joseph Grant as Gaston - *Beauty and the Beast*
Piedmont Community Charter School - Daniel Esquivel as Billy Cane - *Bright Star*
Porter Ridge High School – Will Vancleave as Voice of Audrey 2 - *Little Shop of Horrors*
Providence Day School – AJ James as Jester - *Once Upon a Mattress*
Providence High School - Clay Patton as Anthony - *Sweeney Todd*
Shelby High School - Drake Spence as Perchik - *Fiddler on the Roof*
South Iredell High School - Aiden Zanotti as Sky - *Mamma Mia!*
South Mecklenburg High School - Callum Griffith as Joe - *9 to 5*
South Pointe High School - Mauri Hicklen as Bobby Pepper - *Curtains School Edition*
Stuart W. Cramer High School - Caleb Bailey as General Schmitz - *Seussical*
Weddington High School - Josh Moraja as Wickersham/Schmitz/Yertle - *Seussical*
West Cabarrus High School - Elias Obsaint as Cinderella's Prince - *Into the Woods*
Westminster Catawba Christian School - Hayden Roach as Joseph Pulitzer - *Newsies*
William A. Hough High School - Sam Millen as Harry Bright - *Mamma Mia!*

Finalists for Best Supporting Actress

A.L. Brown High School – Hannah Furr as Little Red Riding Hood - *Into the Woods*
Ardrey Kell High School - Amelia Cox as Jack’s Mother - *Into the Woods*
Bandys High School - Allie Reed as Blanche Barrow - *Bonnie and Clyde*
Cannon School - Abby Guilfoyle as Torrey - *Freaky Friday*
Carmel Christian School - Hope Joubert as Winifred Banks - *Mary Poppins*
Central Academy of Technology and Arts - Natalie Hough as Pontius Pilate - *Jesus Christ Superstar*
Central Cabarrus High School - Jenna Guilmette as Lavendar - *Matilda the Musical*
Charlotte Christian School - Ruthie Caswell as Little Red Riding Hood - *Into the Woods*
Charlotte Country Day School - Magdeline Fraser as Portia - *Something Rotten*
Charlotte Latin School - Anna Wasko as Dragon - *Shrek the Musical*
Christ the King Catholic High School - Eva Homic as Dragon - *Shrek the Musical*
Concord Academy - Vada Burke as Cogsworth - *Beauty and the Beast*
Cox Mill High School - Rebecca Aylward as Rosie - *Mamma Mia!*
Cuthbertson High School - Ananda Thompson as Pearl Krabs - *The Spongebob Musical*
David W. Butler High School - Montana Hayes as 2nd Gangster - *Kiss Me, Kate*
Davidson Day School - Ashlyn Letarte as Janis Sarkisian - *Mean Girls*
East Lincoln High School - Reagan Wray as Ms. Darbus - *High School Musical*
East Mecklenburg High School - Derika Campos as Madame - *Beauty and the Beast*
Fort Mill High School - Sophia Tsouris as Janis Sarkisian - *Mean Girls*
Gaston Christian School - Lilly Floyd as Beth - *Little Women the Musical*
Hickory Ridge High School - Lauren Coleman as Pearl Krabs - *The Spongebob Musical*
Hopewell High School - Danielle Deavers as Sister Mary Robert - *Sister Act*
Independence High School - Kaylie Ny as Suzanne Prevot - *The Hello Girls*
Kings Mountain High School - Olivia Wilson as Rosie - *Mamma Mia!*
Lake Norman High School - Caitlyn D’Amore as Alice Beineke - *The Addams Family*
Lincolnton High School - Adrienne Bryant as Janet - *The Drowsy Chaperone*
Mooresville High School - Shakayla Lewis as Jack’s Mother - *Into the Woods*
Mountain Island Charter School - Bella Grace Rhinehardt as Grandma - *The Addams Family*
North Gaston High School - Lily Frazier as Little Red Riding Hood - *Into the Woods*
North Lincoln High School - Emily Laramie as Countess Lily Malevsky-Malevitch - *Anastasia*
North Mecklenburg High School - Yasmin Mayfield as Papa Ge - *Once on This Island*
Northwest Cabarrus High School - Natalia McNutt as Persephone - *Orphie and the Book of Heroes*
Northwest School of the Arts - Izzy Meltzer as Fraulein Schneider - *Cabaret*
Northwestern High School - McKenna Baker as Mrs. Potts - *Beauty and the Beast*
Piedmont Community Charter School - Sabrina Lorca-Lozano as Lucy - *Bright Star*
Porter Ridge High School – Judith Vargas as Mrs. Mushnik - *Little Shop of Horrors*
Providence Day School – Cassie Miller as Lady Larken - *Once Upon a Mattress*
Providence High School - Amelia McCarty as Johanna - *Sweeney Todd*
Shelby High School - Lana Meadows as Yente - *Fiddler on the Roof*
South Iredell High School - Olutofarati Agbebi as Rosie - *Mamma Mia!*
South Mecklenburg High School - Manuela Bello as Roz - *9 to 5*
South Pointe High School - Kyia Jones as Carmen Bernstein - *Curtains School Edition*
Stuart W. Cramer High School - Nyla Hoffman as Sour Kangaroo - *Seussical*
Weddington High School - Bella Efird as Gertrude - *Seussical*
West Cabarrus High School - Sarai’ Obsaint as Narrator - *Into the Woods*
Westminster Catawba Christian School - Olivia Grant as Crutchie - *Newsies*
William A. Hough High School - Eryn Rueb as Rosie Mulligan - *Mamma Mia!*

The students listed below are each production's finalist in the categories of Best Featured Performer. The top 6 nominees for this category are provided above.

Finalists for Best Featured Performer

A.L. Brown High School – Jakob Wagner as Mysterious Man - *Into the Woods*
Ardrey Kell High School - Meagan AuBuchon as Cinderella's Stepmother - *Into the Woods*
Bandys High School - Caeley Miles as Trish - *Bonnie and Clyde*
Cannon School - Avery Fawcett as Mrs. Luckenbill/Officer Sitz - *Freaky Friday*
Carmel Christian School - Jordan Saunders as Miss Andrew - *Mary Poppins*
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*
Charlotte Christian School - Isabelle Franklin as Ensemble/Wolf - *Into the Woods*
Charlotte Country Day School - Reagan Harris as Ensemble/Peter - *Something Rotten*
Charlotte Latin School - Noelle Okland as Gingy/Wicked Witch - *Shrek the Musical*
Christ the King Catholic High School - Haley Gorman as Gingy - *Shrek the Musical*
Concord Academy - Lola Ugale as Babette - *Beauty and the Beast*
Cox Mill High School - Griffin Harris as Eddie - *Mamma Mia!*
Cuthbertson High School - Kade Robinson as Foley Artist - *The Spongebob Musical*
David W. Butler High School - Sydney Milligan as Stage Manager - *Kiss Me, Kate*
Davidson Day School - Ada Brown as Mrs. George - *Mean Girls*
East Lincoln High School - Fardi Luna Gonzalez as Jack Scott - *High School Musical*
East Mecklenburg High School - Samantha Bost as Fille #1 - *Beauty and the Beast*
Fort Mill High School - Jackson Wright as Mr. Duvall - *Mean Girls*
Gaston Christian School - Callie Keller as Mrs. Kirk - *Little Women the Musical*
Hickory Ridge High School - Ridhu Venigalla as Perch Perkins - *The Spongebob Musical*
Hopewell High School - JP Spencer as Monsignor O'Hare - *Sister Act*
Kings Mountain High School - Kamari Tyler Floyd as Pepper - *Mamma Mia!*
Lake Norman High School - Emily Deaver as Grandma - *The Addams Family*
Lincolnton High School - Xavriana Alexander as Trix - *The Drowsy Chaperone*
Mooresville High School - Achilles Arends as Mysterious Man - *Into the Woods*
Mountain Island Charter School - Gracee Tsitouris as Ancestor - *The Addams Family*
North Gaston High School - Mike Schulz as Steward- *Into the Woods*
North Lincoln High School - Harold Garcia as Count Ipolitov - *Anastasia*
North Mecklenburg High School - Charlotte Coyour as Andrea/Storyteller - *Once on This Island*
Northwest Cabarrus High School - Caden Collett as Atlas - *Orphie and the Book of Heroes*
Northwest School of the Arts - Olivia DeAmicis as Lulu - *Cabaret*
Northwestern High School - Jeremiah Hardin as Baker - *Beauty and the Beast*
Piedmont Community Charter School - Emma Wilson as Mama Murphy - *Bright Star*
Porter Ridge High School – Josh Simpson as Puppeteer - *Little Shop of Horrors*
Providence Day School – John Carter Krell as King Sextimus - *Once Upon a Mattress*
Providence High School - Pippa Miller as Beggar Woman - *Sweeney Todd*
Shelby High School - Annalise Bradley as Fruma-Sarah - *Fiddler on the Roof*
South Iredell High School - Kelly Giron as Ensemble/Dance Captain - *Mamma Mia!*
South Mecklenburg High School - Ahlivia Gary as Tinsworthy - *9 to 5*
South Pointe High School - Kathryn Johnson as Joanie Harmon - *Curtains School Edition*
Stuart W. Cramer High School - Paxton Free as Bird Girl #1 - *Seussical*
Weddington High School - Jordan Cobb as South Kangaroo - *Seussical*
West Cabarrus High School - Jacob Williams as Milky White - *Into the Woods*
Westminster Catawba Christian School - Jessica Kelly Tindal as Mrs. Jacobi - *Newsies*
William A. Hough High School - Trey Purvis as Eddie - *Mamma Mia!*