



2nd Annual

Prime Stage High School Drama Awards

RECOGNIZING DISTINCTION IN HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA

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Dear Educator,

My name is Wayne Brinda, and I am the Producing Artistic Director of Prime Stage Theatre here in Pittsburgh. Our goal, for the past 24 years, has been to produce quality educational theatre for our audiences.

As an educational theatre company we understand that there is a need to showcase and applaud those high school students who choose to express their artistic abilities through drama. With this in mind, I am thrilled to announce the 2nd Annual Prime Stage High School Drama Awards. These awards are designed for non-musical productions, one acts or full length.

As you may be aware, the Coronavirus put a hold on the First Annual High School Drama Awards ceremony that was scheduled last March. It may have stopped the ceremony from taking place as planned, but it did not stop the awards from being given. We offered a virtual ceremony announcing all of this year's winners. We want to assure everyone that we are dedicated to continuing the High School Drama Awards. This is an annual event that is here to stay.

As of now, we will continue with the 2021 awards event in its original live setting at the New Hazlett Theater for the Performing Arts on Saturday, March 27, 2021. Be assured that the health and safety of our participants is our main priority. If the situation changes due to renewed health concerns or restrictions on group gatherings, we have several contingency plans that we are working on. We will share further information in August as to what format the 2nd Annual High School Drama Awards ceremony will take.

Included in this letter, you will find the ***Intent To Participate Form***. This is the official registration for your school. This form will be due no later than August 31, 2020. All information and forms will be sent to you in the Official Drama Awards Handbook and will also be available on our website in the near future at <https://primestage.com/education/drama-award/>

Since all positions involved in producing a stage production are important, our award categories include both backstage and onstage positions. We will accept up to 10 participating schools on a first come, first served basis. Your production must be completely student run, and each student must be directly responsible for that department's activities.

Participating schools will be able to perform a short scene from their production on the main stage during the evening's festivities. Scenes can be between 5 and 10 minutes long and should be one continuous scene, not a montage of scenes. Schools will receive a trophy for each category that they win, which can be proudly displayed at your school. All nominees will receive a certificate.

We hope that you will join us in bringing recognition to the students who work so hard to bring drama to their audiences. By doing so, you will also be helping to keep drama alive in our schools and on our stages. If you have any questions about the Prime Stage High School Drama Awards, please feel free to contact us at dramaawards@primestage.com or at 724-773-0700.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Wayne Brinda Ed.D.
Producing Artistic Director



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HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA AWARDS INTENT TO PARTICIPATE FORM

The Awards ceremony will be held on March 27, 2021, at the New Hazlett Theater Center for the Performing Arts.

*NAME OF SCHOOL _____

*SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF PRODUCTION (if known) _____

*DATES OF PRODUCTION _____

*NAME OF CONTACT PERSON (PRINT) _____

This should be the director of the production. This person will be receiving all Prime Stage correspondence.
This person must have access to all forms of communication (those listed below) on a daily basis.

E-MAIL: _____

DAY PHONE: _____ EVENING PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

I have included my \$50 non-refundable** registration fee with this paperwork. Make checks payable to Prime Stage Theatre.

By signing this intent to participate form, you are giving Prime Stage permission, and full rights, to photograph and/or videotape students, faculty and any other staff or volunteers involved with your production. These photographs or videotaped images may be used for promotional purposes on television, newspapers, magazines, or any other media. A separate Photo Release Form for all participants will be available in the Official Handbook.

By signing this form you are also verifying that the entire production was student run.

SIGNATURE: _____

This should be the director of the production.

DATE: _____

This form must be returned no later than Monday, August 31, 2020. Return to:

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The maximum number of schools that can participate is 10. Schools will be chosen on a first come, first served basis.

* Designates a required field

** Future health restrictions due to Coronavirus may alter this policy.