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Prime Stage Theatre Announces 3rd High School Drama Awards

(Pittsburgh, PA – February 25, 2023) Prime Stage Theatre is thrilled to announce the 3rd Annual Prime Stage High School Drama Awards for schools in Southwestern, PA. The awards ceremony will be held on April 24, 2023, at the New Hazlett Theater Center for the Performing Arts. Join us in bringing recognition to the students who work so hard to bring drama to their audiences keeping drama alive in our schools.

Prime Stage Theatre has been a mainstay of the Pittsburgh Arts Community for 26 years presenting over 100 productions. A hallmark of Prime Stage is how we consistently present artistic and educational productions and community-wide programs presented alongside local partners.

“Recognizing the talent of students with our High School Drama Awards is a valuable contribution as we celebrate their accomplishments. This is just a small token of appreciation for their talent, collaboration, and creativity within themselves, their school, and their community.” Said Wayne Brinda, Prime Stage Theatre Producing Artistic Director.

Knowing that great talent often starts in High School, we developed our High School Drama Awards to reward excellence in high-school drama for non-musical productions. These productions are student-run, and each student is directly responsible for their department’s activities. Our awards categories recognize the work and determination in both on and off-stage positions. This program publicly acknowledges the exceptional achievements in the production and performance of theatre in area high schools.

“We recognize the importance of showcasing and applauding those high school students who choose to express their artistic abilities through drama. By bringing recognition to the students who work so hard to offer drama to their audiences, we can also help keep theatre alive in our area schools and on their stages.” Said John Dolphin, Prime Stage Theatre Drama Awards Director.

Because all positions in producing a stage production are important, our award categories include both backstage and onstage roles. The following categories will have awards for both schools and individuals for each category.

- Best Actor
- Best Actress
- Best Supporting Actor

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- Best Student Director
- Best Student Manager
- Best Student Lighting Design
- Best Student Sound Design
- Best Student Costume Design
- Best Student Prop Design
- Best Student Crew Team
- Best Student Overall Production

This year we have the following 9 schools participating in the drama awards program.

- Avonworth High School
- Carlynton High School
- Deer Lakes High School
- Fox Chapel Area High School
- North Allegheny Intermediate High School
- Penn Hills High School
- Pine-Richland High School
- Shady Side Academy Senior School
- Thomas Jefferson High School

Attached is a list of nominees for each category and school.



John Dolphin, Prime Stage Theatre Drama Awards Director
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