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**2012 INFORMATION PACKET  
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# TRIANGLE Rising Star

June 2, 2012



Last Year's  
Winners:  
**Nathan McHenry**  
(Apex High School)  
**Amanda Higgins**  
(Fuquay-Varnia  
High School)

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## Dear Triangle High Schools,

We, in conjunction with the Durham Performing Arts Center and Theatre in the Park, are delighted to continue the Triangle Rising Star awards into its second annual year. This program, which serves as a regional qualifier for the National High School Musical Theater Awards/Jimmy Awards, is the first such program of its kind open to the entire Triangle region. Last year we were pleased to present Nathan McHenry from Apex High School and Amanda Higgins from Fuquay-Varina High School as our Triangle Rising Star representatives. This year we are excited to see this program grow and engage all of the talent within our local area students!

The second annual Triangle Rising Star Awards will be run much like they were last year: a one-day audition event to be held on June 2, 2012, at DPAC, the Durham Performing Arts Center at 123 Vivian Street, Durham, NC. On this day, an adjudicated awards process will recognize two exceptional students in the categories of Best Performance by an Actor and Best Performance by an Actress from all Triangle-area high schools participating. There are several exciting additions this year including \$500 academic scholarships rewarded for our Triangle Rising Stars recipients!

In order for your students to participate in the Triangle Rising Star Awards on June 2, 2012, please the guidelines and complete the enclosed Intent to Participate form. The Intent to Participate Form and requested package items must be completed and mailed to DPAC no later than April 15, 2012.

The spirit of this and likeminded programs is to reinforce the importance of the arts in turning out well-rounded, creative adults, no matter their career choice. I hope you will join me as we gather to celebrate our love for musical theater and recognize our local talent.

For more information about the program, please contact me at: [rgragg@dpacnc.com](mailto:rgragg@dpacnc.com) or (919) 281-0476. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

With my best wishes for the season,

**Rachel Gragg**  
DPAC Senior Director of Marketing  
Triangle Rising Star Awards

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## Q&A

### What is the program?

Triangle Rising Stars is a program designed to bring together area high school musical theater students to perform together and compete against one another – on one thrilling day – for educational scholarships and other prizes. The Triangle Rising Star Awards 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 under one roof. At the national showcase, the two winners from awards programs such as Triangle Rising Star Awards will compete against the best actor and best actress from each of dozens of local competitions, drawing on some 1,000 high schools nationwide

### What does the TRS Award entail?

The two TRS student winners will be provided with \$500 academic scholarships and will be invited to represent the Triangle Rising Star Awards in an all-expense paid trip to the National High School Musical Theater Awards program on June 20 - 26, 2012 in New York City. After a week of coaching, auditions, rehearsals and a final performance "on Broadway," a handful of students from the elite group will be awarded scholarships and other prizes.

This video provides a great peak into what happened last year:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0oyjnjfW6VA&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0oyjnjfW6VA&feature=player_embedded)

### Who's Included?

All students from any High School in the following counties: Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, Moore, Person, Vance, Wake, or Warren are eligible to participate.

### Are there any costs involved?

No, through the generosity of our sponsors, the TRS Awards are run at no cost to those who participate. The Award recipients are provided scholarships that cover all of their expenses (travel, room & board, and entertainment) to attend the National High School Musical Theater Awards in New York City.

### How do I apply?

See the Intent to Participate form on the attached page. This provides all necessary information and materials in the application process. There is no cost associated with applying or participating.

### How does judging work?

Students will be judged solely on the role performed in their high school-affiliated musical theater production. This means that the video quality of the audition tape, and other variables such as the quality of the set production will not be taken into consideration.

We realize there are discrepancies between the resources afforded to one school's program over another, and it is for this reason that we have professional judges that are able to discern talent beyond show and production qualities. We pride ourselves on giving every student that applies a fair opportunity to represent their state on the national stage.

To View a Sample of the Judging Score Sheet go to page 6 of this packet.



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# Guidelines for Participating Students

## Rules and Guidelines

- All entry forms must be completely filled out and submitted by the due date. (April 15, 2012)
- All deadlines are final; no late entries will be accepted.
- A Best Actor or Best Actress must be a high school student, grades 9-12.
- Students selected will be evaluated by a panel of qualified judges on June 3 from 2-4 p.m. at DPAC.
- No supporting roles will be accepted in place of a Best Actor or Best Actress. In the event a Best Actor or Best Actress is not able to participate, a runner-up in the same category will be eligible to participate.
- All decisions and awards are final.
- All prizes and awards are subject to change.
- Students must only be judged on the role performed in their high school musical.

## Participation in the National High School Musical Theater Awards/Jimmy Awards™

- If selected as the Best Actor or Best Actress in the Triangle Rising Star Awards they must be conflict-free to participate for all days of the 2012 NHSMTA program scheduled in New York City for June 20-June 26, 2012.
- Students are to be apprised that they are required to travel to New York City to participate in a 5-6 day event that includes private coaching, auditions, interviews, rehearsals for the opening and closing number of the Jimmy Awards™ show, and a process of elimination resulting in a handful of finalists.
- **Students are to understand and agree to all possible videotaping, televised opportunities, photos, press interviews, and print advertising.**

## Award Categories:

- Best Performance by an Actor
- Best Performance by an Actress

## Participant Requirements:

- A contact name and contact information including mailing address, email address and phone number of the school, as well as the high school musical director's name, mailing address, email address and contact number.
- Participating students' names and contact information, recent headshots (300 dpi or higher) and resume.
- A letter of recommendation from a principal, teacher, or director of the school production.
- Three color photos from the production performance.
- Highlight reel (video or DVD) proving the adjudication was a result of a 2011/12 lead role performance in a high school musical production.

## Please mail all to:

Durham Performing Arts Center  
Attn: Rachel Gragg  
123 Vivian Street, Durham, NC 27701

- Participants must have performed a solo live (one up-tempo and one ballad, if applicable) from the lead role played in a full-length high school musical performance from 2011/12 and be willing to perform if selected in front of an adjudication panel.
- Students will only be judged on the role performed in their high school affiliated musical theater production.



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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

# Intent to Participate Form

**Student Contact:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Role Played During 2011/2012 Musical: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:**

**Parent/Guardian Signature:**

**Deadlines:**

- Submit the above entry form, and requested items by Friday, April 15th at 5pm.
- \*Deadlines are final, no late entries will be accepted.
- Top 20 submissions will be selected and invited back on June 3 to perform audition pieces in front of a selection committee.
- \*must have no conflicts on June 2, 2012.
- A Best Actor & Actress will be selected and announced by June 8, 2012 and will be invited to attend the National High School Musical Theater Awards.
- \*All decisions and awards are final.

**School Contact:**

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Musical/Theater Director's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person Signature:**

**Please Provide in Package:**

- This completed entry form
- Recent headshot
- Resume formatted to our provided template
- Highlight reel (Video or DVD) of lead role performance in high school musical production.
- Please mail all to: Durham Performing Arts Center  
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## Press Release

### Durham Performing Arts Center and Theatre in the Park Present Triangle Rising Star Awards at DPAC

#### June 3 for Chance to Compete on National Broadway Stage

**February 15, 2012 (Durham, NC)** - Durham Performing Arts Center and Theatre in the Park are thrilled to continue the Triangle Rising Star Awards at DPAC. The Triangle Rising Star Awards is an education initiative to celebrate students who participate and excel with wide ranging talents in their high school musical theatrical productions.

The Triangle Rising Star Awards will select Best Actor and Best Actress nominees through an audition process from roles they performed in their high school musical in the 2011/2012 season. Students will submit a highlight reel of their 2011/2012 lead role performance in a high school musical production and recent headshot and resume to DPAC by April 15th for a preliminary screening process. The top 20 submissions will be selected and invited back on June 3rd to perform audition pieces from these roles where they will be viewed and judged by a selection committee. A Best Actor and Actress will be selected, given \$500 academic scholarships, and will be invited to attend the National High School Musical Theater Awards.

"Theatre in the Park is proud to once again partner with the Durham Performing Arts Center and be a part of Triangle Rising Star Awards. The Triangle is full of talent. Bravo DPAC for giving young actors and actresses an opportunity to showcase that talent," said Program Marketing Director of Theatre in the Park, Brent Simpson.

The Triangle Rising Star Awards are in conjunction with The National High School Musical Theater Awards which is a national celebration of outstanding student achievement in high school musical theater. Established by Nederlander Alliances and Pittsburgh CLO, the program recognizes individual artistry in vocal, dance, and acting performance, as well as honors teachers and their schools' commitment to excellence in performing arts education.

"DPAC is thrilled to be able to offer an amazing nationally recognized educational opportunity to two Triangle students for a chance to experience part of our very own Nederlander sponsored program in New York City the Jimmy Awards™," stated DPAC Senior Director of Marketing, Rachel Gragg.

These two top triangle students will have the opportunity to compete in the June 25 National High School Musical Theater Awards at Broadway's Minskoff Theatre. The two winners will receive a trip to New York which includes master classes and private coaching from theater professionals. In addition, they will have the opportunity to be seen by casting agents, meet and converse with Broadway actors, perform on a Broadway stage and compete for scholarships and other prizes.

**WHEN:** Sunday, April 15th, Audition Video Submission Due Date  
Sunday, May 1st, 2-4pm: 2011- Final Auditions

**WHO:** 20 students from Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, Moore, Orange, Person, Vance, Wake, or Warren Counties will be selected to audition on June 3rd. Each student will sing one song from the role they played in their high school's musical.

**WHERE:** Durham Performing Arts Center, 123 Vivian Street, Durham, NC 27701

The fourth annual National High School Musical Theater Awards will be held on Monday, June 25, 2012 at the Minskoff Theatre on Broadway. The show will feature the presentation of the Jimmy Award™ for Best Performance by an Actress and Best Performance by an Actor. Rehearsals, master classes and private coaching sessions for all participants will take place from Wednesday, June 20 - through Tuesday, June 26, 2012. Students are to be apprised that they are required to travel to New York City to participate in the 5-6 day event that includes private coaching, auditions, interviews, rehearsals for the opening and closing number of the Jimmy Awards™ show.

**HOW:** Interested students can download the personal release form, application to participate, and rules and regulation at DPACnc.com under the Get Involved tab.

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# Sample Score Sheet

\* This Sample Score Sheet is intended to show the areas of theatrical talent that are evaluated for the Triangle Rising Star Awards. Our adjudication panel is comprised of professionals with over 50 years of combined experience in their fields of music, drama, and dance. We put a great emphasis to ensure that every student has a fair chance to shine, regardless of budget of performance they come from. We feel that these areas of evaluation provide every applicant a fair and equal playing field from which to compete.

<b>Posture / Support</b>										
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Intonation</b>										
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Tone / Placement</b>										
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Diction</b>										
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Dynamics / Phrasing</b>										
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Notes / Rhythms</b>										
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Showmanship</b>										
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Professional Appearance</b>										
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Facial Expression</b>										
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Overall Presentation</b>										
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Total Score (100 Points Possible)</b>										
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**Additional Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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