

# 2013 INFORMATION PACKET

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## Join us for 3<sup>rd</sup> Exciting Year!



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### Last Year's Winners:

**Joshua Williams**  
(Cary High School) and  
**Gretchen Struckmeyer**  
(Millbrook High School)  
on the red carpet  
at the Minskoff  
Theatre on  
Broadway.



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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 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 \$1,000 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 25- July 2, 2013 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://video.pbs.org/program/broadway-or-bust/>

#### Who's Included?

All students from any High School in the following counties: Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, Moore, Orange, 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. All interested students must complete this form in order to have members of our judging panel attend their school's performance. Finalists will be invited to a closed audition on June 1 and to participate in our performance June 2.

#### How does judging work?

Students will be judged solely on the role performed in their high school-affiliated musical theater production. 2 members from a panel of judges will attend the production live and evaluate the performance. Then a DVD of highlights from the applicant's performance will be required for final adjudication. The vote of the judges who attended the performance will count for 65% of the total score and the panel viewing the DVD will count for 35% of the total score. Students selected to the second round of competition will audition in front of a panel of judges and participate in a final performance on June 2, 2013 at DPAC. Winners will be announced at the final performance.

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.

## Dear Triangle High Schools,

We, DPAC, Durham Performing Arts Center, in conjunction with presenting sponsor **Bailey's Fine Jewelry**, Theatre in the Park, and Playmakers Repertory Company and with the help of our media sponsor, **WTVD ABC 11** are delighted to usher the Triangle Rising Star Awards into its third 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 Joshua Williams from Cary High School and Gretchen Struckmeyer from Milbrook High School as our Triangle Rising Star representatives. This year under the sponsorship of Bailey's Fine Jewelry, we are excited to see this program grow and engage all of the talent within our local area students!

The 2013 Triangle Rising Star Awards will be run in a different format than in years past: A panel of judges will attend the performance of all students whose applications have been received by the deadline. Finalists will be invited to a one-day closed audition held on June 1. 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. A rehearsal for all finalists will take place following the closed auditions. Then on June 2, there will be a ticketed Triangle Rising Stars event held at DPAC, Durham Performing Arts Center, at 6:30 p.m. which will feature performances by the finalists as well as the announcement of our winners.

In order for your students to participate in the 2013 Triangle Rising Star Awards program, please read 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 less than 2 weeks prior to high school performance.

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,

Rachel Gragg  
DPAC Senior Director of Marketing



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# Guidelines for Participating Students

## Rules and Guidelines

- All intent to participate forms must be completely filled out and submitted no later than 2 weeks prior to high school performance
- 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.
- All participants must submit their audition piece, with their audition segment clearly marked by May 13
- Students selected to the second round will be evaluated by a panel of qualified judges on June 1st at Playmakers Repertory Company in Chapel Hill and will participate in a live event celebrating their achievements on June 2 at DPAC.
- Students selected to the second round will also be required to learn 2 group numbers and attend a group rehearsal on June 1st at Playmakers Repertory Company in Chapel Hill for the final show.
- 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 25- July 2, 2013.
- 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
- Best Musical
- Best Ensemble/Chorus

## Submission Timeline:

Due 2 weeks prior to high school performance:

- 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' recent headshots (Professional headshot not necessary)

Due May 13:

- Participating students' resume formatted to template on page 5
- Three color photos from the production performance
- Sheet music for audition piece with audition segment clearly marked
- Highlight reel (video or DVD) proving the adjudication was a result of a 2012/2013 lead role performance in a high school musical production.

## Please mail to:

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

## Or email to:

[trianglerisingstar@DPACnc.com](mailto:trianglerisingstar@DPACnc.com)

- 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 2012/13 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.



# INTENT TO PARTICIPATE FORM

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### Student Contact:

Name:

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Age:

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Mailing Address:

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Email:

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Year in School:

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Student Phone #:

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Parent/Guardian Name:

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Parent/Guardian Phone #:

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Lead Role Played During 2012/2013 Musical:

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**Student Signature:**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature:**

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### School Contact:

Name of School:

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County:

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Name of Contact/Title:

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School Mailing Address:

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Email:

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School Phone #:

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High School Musical/Theater Director's Name:

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Contact #:

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Fax #:

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Name of Production:

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Date of Production:

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**Contact Person Signature:**

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### Please Provide in Initial Package:

- This completed entry form
- Recent headshot (professional headshot not required)

**Please mail all to:**  
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**Or Email to:**  
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NAME  
SCHOOL  
Address  
Phone Number  
Email Address

Hair Color :  
Eye Color:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Vocal Range:  
Birthday:

### Experience

<i>Show</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Theatre/Location</i>	<i>Date</i>

### Education and Training

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### Special Skills and/or Achievements

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**Posture / Support**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**Intonation**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**Tone / Placement**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**Diction**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**Dynamics / Phrasing**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**Notes / Rhythms**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**Showmanship**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**Professional Appearance**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**Facial Expression**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**Overall Presentation**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**Total Score (100 Points Possible)**

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DPAC, WTVD ABC 11, Bailey's Fine Jewelry, PlayMakers Repertory Company and Theatre in the Park  
present:

## 2013 Triangle Rising Star Awards at DPAC

### June 2, 2013

A Chance to Compete on the National Stage

January 13, 2013 (Durham, NC) – **DPAC** (Durham Performing Arts Center), **Bailey's Fine Jewelry**, **WTVD ABC 11**, **PlayMakers Repertory Company** and **Theatre in the Park** are thrilled to announce the **2013 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.

This year, the **Triangle Rising Star Awards** will select Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Production and Best Chorus Ensemble through an audition process from participating high schools' musicals in the 2012/2013 season. Teachers must first submit an **Intent to Participate Form**, and the **requested package** (recent headshot and résumé formatted to our provided template).

Note: items must be completed and mailed to **DPAC** no later than **2 weeks prior to high school performance**.

Judges will attend the various high schools' musical theater productions. The top submissions will be selected and invited back on June 1 to a closed audition where they will be viewed and judged by a selection committee. The following evening on June 2, there will be a ticketed **Triangle Rising Stars** event at **DPAC** where Best Actor and Actress will be announced. They will each be recipients of a \$1000 scholarship as well. These two top Triangle students will then have the opportunity to compete in the **National High School Musical Theater Awards** at Broadway's Minskoff Theatre **July 1, 2013**. The two winners will receive a trip to New York which includes master classes and private coaching from theatre 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.

"**Theatre in the Park** is proud to once again partner with the **Durham Performing Arts Center** and be a part of the third annual **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 Brent Simpson, Program Marketing Director of **Theatre in the Park**. The **Triangle Rising Star Awards** are held in conjunction with the **National High School Musical Theater Awards**, 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.

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