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2022/2023 Nebraska High School Theater Academy Winners

Outstanding Musical Theater Production

Bellevue West High School – *Legally Blonde The Musical*
Concordia High School – *Hello, Dolly!*
Grand Island Northwest High School – *Tarzan*
Grand Island Senior High School – *Big Fish*
Lincoln Southeast High School – Roald Dahl's *Matilda the Musical*
Lincoln Southwest High School – Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*
Omaha Burke High School – *Urinetown*
Papillion-La Vista Senior High School – *Big Fish*
Papillion-La Vista South High School – *Catch Me If You Can*
Westside High School – *Shrek the Musical*
Columbus Middle School – Disney's *The Lion King JR.*
Millard North Middle School – Disney's *High School Musical JR.*

Outstanding Ensemble

Bellevue West High School – *Legally Blonde The Musical*
Grand Island Northwest High School – *Tarzan*
Grand Island Senior High School – *Big Fish*
Gretna High School – Disney's *Newsies*
Lincoln Southeast High School – Roald Dahl's *Matilda the Musical*
Lincoln Southwest High School – Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*
Millard South High School – *The Wizard of Oz*
Omaha Burke High School – *Urinetown*
Papillion-La Vista Senior High School – *Big Fish*
Westside High School – *Shrek the Musical*
Columbus Middle School – Disney's *The Lion King JR.*
Gretna Middle School – Disney's *Frozen JR.*

Outstanding Performance in a Lead Role

Addison Stelzer, Lincoln Southwest High School – Belle from Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*
Alex Cook, Norfolk Senior High School – Robbie Hart from *The Wedding Singer*
Caden Keller, Grand Island Northwest High School – Tarzan from *Tarzan*
Cooper Strickland, Omaha Burke High School – Bobby Strong from *Urinetown*
Drew Cota, Westside High School – Donkey from *Shrek the Musical*
Greta Hegarty, Concordia High School – Mrs. Dolly Gallagher Levi from *Hello, Dolly!*
Imari Harris, Lincoln Northwest High School – Alice Beineke from *The Addams Family*
Isabella Rivera, Grand Island Northwest High School – Kala from *Tarzan*
Jacee Bates, Chadron High School – Donna Sheridan from *Mamma Mia!*
Jaci Foster, Fremont High School – Rusty from *Footloose*
James Rasser, Papillion-La Vista Senior High School – Edward Bloom from *Big Fish*
Josiah Hydeen, Gretna High School – Crutchie from Disney's *Newsies*
Kate Anderson, Omaha Burke High School – Hope Cladwell from *Urinetown*
Mariana Hernandez-Moreno, Omaha South High School – Ella from Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella*
Marisol Marquez, Wahoo High School – Esmeralda from *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*
Mekhi Payne, Omaha South High School – Topher from Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella*
Stella Clark Kaczmarek, Omaha Burke High School – Officer Lockstock from *Urinetown*
Steven Dao, Lincoln Southwest High School – Beast from Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*
Tyler Kalinowski, Bellevue West High School – Emmett Forrest from *Legally Blonde The Musical*
Zhenja Wallin, Bellevue West High School – Paulette from *Legally Blonde The Musical*

Outstanding Performance in a Supporting Role

Anna Simpson, Daniel J. Gross Catholic High School – Lorraine from *All Shook Up*
Ava Albracht, Papillion-La Vista South High School – Carol Strong from *Catch Me If You Can*
Ava Held, Elkhorn South High School – Madame from Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella*
Ava Woods, Fremont High School – Wendy Jo from *Footloose*
Avari Geppert, Millard South High School – Wicked Witch of the West/Miss Gulch from *The Wizard of Oz*
Bailey Domann, Blair High School – Jenny Hill from *Big Fish*
Benjamin Michael, Waverly High School – Rooster from *Annie*
Brekkin Yates, Bellevue West High School – Aaron Schultz from *Legally Blonde The Musical*
Colton Knott, Gretna High School – Les from Disney's *Newsies*
Diego Martinez Gutierrez, Omaha South High School – Jean-Michel from Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella*
Hannah Hobza, Lincoln Southwest High School – Babette from Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*
Henry Cline, North Platte High School – Michael Banks from Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins*
Jack Wyllie, Bishop Neumann Catholic High School – The Mock Turtle from *Alice in Wonderland*
Jake Braun, Hastings High School – Uzo from *Godspell*
Jaylynn Taylor, Grand Island Northwest High School – Leopard from *Tarzan*
Jordan Thomas, Gretna High School – Race from Disney's *Newsies*
Levi Baker, Lincoln Southeast High School – Bruce from Roald Dahl's *Matilda the Musical*
Marc Kersten, Millard West High School – Dewey/Nikos Argitakos/Law Registrar from *Legally Blonde The Musical*
Marisa Pfeifer, North Platte High School – Jane Banks from Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins*
Phoenix Nehls, Millard South High School – Glinda/Aunt Em from *The Wizard of Oz*

Backstage Excellence Award

Millard South High School
Columbus Middle School

Outstanding Educator Award

Kristen Friesen, Waverly High School
Lori Brown, Millard North Middle School

Lifetime Achievement in Education Award

Bob Henrichs, Lincoln Southwest High School

Senior of the Year

Pretzel Urwin, Omaha Central High School

Outstanding Achievement in Design

Aiden Carman, Westside High School – Scenic Design
Devin Hoshaw, Millard West High School – Sound Design
Ella Seitner, Millard West High School – Costume Design
Katie Picard, Brownell Talbot College Preparatory School – Lighting Design

Outstanding Achievement in Stage Management

Jagger Methe, Kearney High School
Leah Hurley, Bishop Neumann Catholic High School

National Jimmy Awards Finalists

Addisyn Stueve, Bellevue West High School
Anna Metzger, Lincoln North Star High School
Carly Purdy, North Platte High School
Cooper Strickland, Omaha Burke High School
Derek Penner, Blair High School
Henry Stelling, Kearney High School
James Rasser, Papillion-La Vista Senior High School
Jocelyn Tisdale, Lincoln High School
Jordan Head, Hastings St. Cecilia High School
Olivia Nelson, Lincoln Southeast High School
Reese Schultz, Grand Island Northwest High School
Sahara Pandit, Papillion-La Vista Senior High School
Steven Dao, Lincoln Southwest High School
Tyler Kalinowski, Bellevue West High School

Jimmy Awards National Nominees

Jocelyn Tisdale, Lincoln High School
Steven Dao, Lincoln Southwest High School