

# 2017 – 2018 INDEPENDENCE AWARD NOMINEES

(nominees listed in alphabetical order)

## Best Lead Actress

- Kayla Brown            *Peter and the Starcatcher @ Abington Friends School*
  - Camryn Buss            *Shrek the Musical @ Academy of the New Church*
  - Victoria Heppard      *Mary Poppins @ Ridley High School*
  - Dylan Lewis            *Guys and Dolls @ Central High School*
  - Bailey Rifkin            *James and the Giant Peach @ Upper Dublin*
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## Best Lead Actor

- Michael Carpenter    *Peter and the Starcatcher @ Abington Friends School*
  - Peter Macolino        *Guys and Dolls @ Central High School*
  - Benjamin Mergott     *Mary Poppins @ Ridley High School*
  - Sean Terrey            *My Fair Lady @ Springside Chestnut Hill Academy*
  - Jacob Viscusi         *Grease @ Episcopal Academy*
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## Best Supporting Actress

- Caroline Borio        *Theory of Relativity @ Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School*
  - Zami Buggs-King     *Little Mermaid @ The Philadelphia High School for Creative & Performing Arts*
  - Mackenzie Cannon   *Mary Poppins @ Ridley High School*
  - Mackenzie Lee        *Grease @ Episcopal Academy*
  - Mazie Wolf            *Little Mermaid @ The Philadelphia High School for Creative & Performing Arts*
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## Best Supporting Actor

- Jack Franklin         *Grease @ Episcopal Academy*
  - Charles Mangan      *Legally Blonde @ Jenkintown*
  - Colin Mash            *Theory of Relativity @ Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School*
  - Dominic Minicozzi    *Grease @ Episcopal Academy*
  - Jack Sutherland      *Peter and the Starcatcher @ Abington Friends School*
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## Best Featured Actress

- Mikayla Cook            *Mary Poppins @ Ridley High School*
  - Gabriela Finocchiaro *Cinderella (Original) @ Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush*
  - Brooke Kelly            *Grease @ Episcopal Academy*
  - Katie Smith            *Theory of Relativity @ Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School*
  - Sara Yuter              *Theory of Relativity @ Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School*
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## Best Featured Actor

- Hank Aldridge        *Grease @ Episcopal Academy*
  - Neil Devlin            *Les Miserables @ Mount Saint Joseph Academy*
  - James Gay            *Shrek the Musical @ Academy of the New Church*
  - Saul Threadgill      *Little Mermaid @ The Philadelphia High School for Creative & Performing Arts*
  - Brian Wang            *Peter and the Starcatcher @ Abington Friends School*
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## Best Female Vocalist

- Caroline Borio        *Theory of Relativity @ Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School*
  - Zami Buggs-King      *Little Mermaid @ The Philadelphia High School for Creative & Performing Arts*
  - Carlee Ingelido      *Mary Poppins @ Ridley High School*
  - Mackenzie Lee        *Grease @ Episcopal Academy*
  - Audrey Trullinger    *Les Miserables @ Mount Saint Joseph Academy*
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## Best Male Vocalist

- Jack Gimpel            *Les Miserables @ Mount Saint Joseph Academy*
  - Colin Mash            *Theory of Relativity @ Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School*
  - Benjamin Mergott    *Mary Poppins @ Ridley High School*
  - Bradley Robinson    *Shrek the Musical @ Academy of the New Church*
  - Cameren Sullivan    *Little Mermaid @ The Philadelphia High School for Creative & Performing Arts*
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## Best Solo Dance

- Benjamin Mergott    *Mary Poppins @ Ridley High School*
  - Camryn Buss         *Shrek the Musical @ Academy of the New Church*
  - PJ Williams          *Mary Poppins @ Ridley High School*
  - Soleil Dancy-Toliaferro *Guys and Dolls @ Central High School*
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## Best Dance Ensemble

- Me & Ricky Dancers *Theory of Relativity @ Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School*
  - Rats & Fiona *Shrek the Musical @ Academy of the New Church*
  - Step in Time Tappers *Mary Poppins @ Ridley High School*
  - T-Birds *Grease @ Episcopal Academy*
  - The Tap Dancing Sea Gulls *Little Mermaid @ The Philadelphia High School for Creative & Performing Arts*
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## Best Small Ensemble

- 3 Blind Mice *Shrek the Musical @ Academy of the New Church*
  - Pink Ladies *Grease @ Episcopal Academy*
  - Stache's Pirate Crew *Peter and the Starcatcher @ Abington Friends School*
  - T-Birds *Grease @ Episcopal Academy*
  - The Toys "Playing the Game" *Mary Poppins @ Ridley High School*
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## Best Orchestra

- Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush Orchestra *Cinderella (Original) @ Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush*
  - Central High School Orchestra *Guys and Dolls @ Central High School*
  - Peach Pit *James and the Giant Peach @ Upper Dublin*
  - Ridley High School Orchestra *Mary Poppins @ Ridley High School*
  - The Philadelphia High School for Creative & Performing Arts Orchestra *Little Mermaid @ The Philadelphia High School for Creative & Performing Arts*
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## Best Ensemble

- Grease Ensemble *Grease @ Episcopal Academy*
  - Guys and Dolls Ensemble *Guys and Dolls @ Central High School*
  - Les Miserables Ensemble *Les Miserables @ Mount Saint Joseph Academy*
  - Peter and the Starcatcher Ensemble *Peter and the Starcatcher @ Abington Friends School*
  - Theory of Relativity Ensemble *Theory of Relativity @ Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School*
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## Best Song

- Greased Lightning *Grease @ Episcopal Academy*
  - Me & Ricky *Theory of Relativity @ Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School*
  - Nothing Without You *Theory of Relativity @ Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School*
  - One Day More *Les Miserables @ Mount Saint Joseph Academy*
  - Step in Time *Mary Poppins @ Ridley High School*
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## Best Shift Crew/Stage Management

- Academy of the New Church Stage Crew *Shrek the Musical @ Academy of the New Church*
  - Episcopal Academy Shift Crew/Stage Management *Grease @ Episcopal Academy*
  - PWHS Shift Crew/Stage Management *Theory of Relativity @ Plymouth-Whitemarsh HS*
  - Ridley High School Shift Crew/Stage Management *Mary Poppins @ Ridley High School*
  - Seri Fleming & Kat Odoms *Peter and the Starcatcher @ Abington Friends School*
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## Best Light

- Academy of the New Church Light *Shrek the Musical @ Academy of the New Church*
  - Central High School Light *Guys and Dolls @ Central High School*
  - PWHS Light Crew *Theory of Relativity @ Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School*
  - Paloma Zozaya *Grease @ Episcopal Academy*
  - Upper Dublin Light Team *James and the Giant Peach @ Upper Dublin*
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## Best Sound

- Academy of the New Church Sound *Shrek the Musical @ Academy of the New Church*
  - Central High School Sound *Guys and Dolls @ Central High School*
  - PWHS Sound Crew *Theory of Relativity @ Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School*
  - Sydney Smith *Peter and the Starcatcher @ Abington Friends School*
  - Upper Dublin Sound Team *James and the Giant Peach @ Upper Dublin*
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## Best Scenic Design

- Academy of the New Church StageCraft Class *Shrek the Musical @ Academy of the New Church*
  - Baldwin Scenic Design Team *Hairspray @ The Baldwin School*
  - Central High School Scenic Design *Guys and Dolls @ Central High School*
  - PWHS Scenic Design *Theory of Relativity @ Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School*
  - Upper Dublin Set and Props *James and the Giant Peach @ Upper Dublin*
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## Best Costumes

- The Baldwin School Costumes *Hairspray @ The Baldwin School*
  - The Philadelphia High School for Creative & Performing Arts Costumes *Little Mermaid @ The Philadelphia High School for Creative & Performing Arts*
  - Upper Dublin Costume Peaches *James and the Giant Peach @ Upper Dublin*
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## Best Makeup

- Academy of the New Church Makeup *Shrek the Musical @ Academy of the New Church*
  - PWHS Makeup Team *Theory of Relativity @ Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School*
  - Ridley High School Makeup *Mary Poppins @ Ridley High School*
  - The Philadelphia High School for Creative & Performing Arts Makeup *Little Mermaid @ The Philadelphia High School for Creative & Performing Arts*
  - Upper Dublin Makeup Peaches *James and the Giant Peach @ Upper Dublin*
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## Best Marketing & Publicity

- Georgia Forjohn *My Fair Lady @ Springside Chestnut Hill Academy*
  - PWHS Marketing & Publicity *Theory of Relativity @ Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School*
  - Ridley High School Marketing & Publicity *Mary Poppins @ Ridley High School*
  - Seri Fleming, Chloe Bartlett, Shane Steinberg & Kat Odoms *Peter and the Starcatcher @ Abington Friends School*
  - Upper Dublin Marketing & Publicity Peaches *James and the Giant Peach @ Upper Dublin*
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## Best Creative Effects

- PWHS Rotation Crew *Theory of Relativity @ Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School*
  - Rachael Fields & Dara Rogers *Shrek the Musical @ Academy of the New Church*
  - Aviva Gordon & Meital Kamionkowski *Peter and the Starcatcher @ Abington Friends School*
  - Emily Martin *Shrek the Musical @ Academy of the New Church*
  - Ethan McKellar *Mary Poppins @ Ridley High School*
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## Best Creative Leadership

- Neelam Pandya *Hairspray @ The Baldwin School*
  - Julianna Sciarra *Cinderella (Original) @ Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush*
  - Carys Li, Miyanni Stewart, Lionel McCulloch & Alyssa Chapman *Hairspray @ The Baldwin School*
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## Best Musical

- Grease @ Episcopal Academy
  - Guys and Dolls @ Central High School
  - Peter and the Starcatcher @ Abington Friends School
  - Shrek the Musical @ Academy of the New Church
  - Theory of Relativity @ Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School
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