

# 2023 AWARDS SHOWCASE KEY NOTES AND CHANGES

## GENERAL

- Productions straddling the weekend of March 30 – April 2 will be considered an ‘April production.’ As such, deadlines for applications and forms, such as Behind-The-Scenes or Community Engagement, will follow the ‘April production’ timeline.

## DATES

- This year’s Awards Showcase will be **Thursday, June 1** at 7 PM.
- Most program activity (rehearsals, tech rehearsals, etc.) will take place over the week of May 25 – June 1, 2023
- Additional activity for some specialized tracks will take place earlier in the month:
  - Triple Threat Award Program participants will attend a placement and coaching day on either May 19, May 20, or May 21, 2023, based on student availability.

## OPENING AND FINALE MEDLEYS

### Participation Parameters

- All schools may continue to send student representatives to participate in the opening and finale medleys. All schools are guaranteed spots for two students this year; there will be no additional slots through a lottery.

### Rehearsal Schedule

- All rehearsals for the opening and finale medleys will take place between May 26 and June 1. See event guide for breakdown by medley.
- Participating students’ first rehearsal will be a full day rehearsal, instead of a half-day rehearsal.
- All rehearsals will take place in the Des Moines area. There will not be a remote rehearsal location in Cedar Rapids this year.

## OUTSTANDING MUSICAL PRODUCTION EXCERPTS

- Excerpts will be 2-3 minutes in length and feature **ONE** musical number from the awarded production. Previously, excerpts were allowed to be medleys, pulling from a variety of numbers in the production.

## TRIPLE THREAT AWARD PROGRAM

### Eligibility and “Prize” updates:

- All students who received Outstanding Achievement in a Principal Role are invited to participate.
- Any participating student may audition to receive one of four full scholarships to DMPA’s Broadway Intensive camp in July.
- Students who played “qualifying roles” [as defined by the Jimmy Awards](#) (the National High School Musical Theatre Awards) may elect to audition to represent Iowa at the national program in New York City
  - Note: the Jimmy Awards has several additional requirements, including a requirement of COVID-19 vaccination. This is required by Julliard, the host university of the event.

### Activity and Schedule:

Triple Threat Award Program activity will be spread out over a series of multiple weeks:

## **Iowa High School Musical Theater Awards Showcase 2023**

### **Key Notes and Changes**

- Students will be expected to attend a placement and coaching day on either Friday, May 19, Saturday, May 20, or Sunday, May 21. Friday, May 19 will be held in an eastern Iowa location; Saturday, May 20 & Sunday, May 21 will be held in Des Moines.
- Triple Threat participants will have rehearsal the evening of May 28 and all-day May 29. There will be a housing option for those who need to stay the night of May 28. Please note, the full day rehearsal is Memorial Day.
- The two students selected to attend the Jimmy Awards will depart for New York City on June 18.

### **BEHIND-THE-SCENES AWARDS TRACK**

- Students receiving an 'Outstanding Achievement in a Behind-The-Scenes Role' award are eligible to participate in the Behind-The-Scenes Awards Track.
- Students will join for a special Behind-The-Scenes Awards Day on Wednesday, May 25 that will consist of special sessions with peers, industry guests, a semi-formal dinner, and an Awards Ceremony. Student videos will be premiered at the ceremony.
- Behind-The-Scenes students will also have a featured onstage moment at the full Awards Showcase on Thursday, June 1.
- In place of the Technical and Creative Achievement gallery in past year's showcase events, students are asked to self-produce a short video about their work.
- Participation in Behind-The-Scenes Day and being recognized for Outstanding Achievement in a Behind-The-Scenes Role at the Awards Showcase will be two separate registrations.
- Production of a 45-55 second video feature is a requirement to participate in Behind-The-Scenes Day.

### **ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER TRACK**

- Students who served as stage managers or assistant stage managers are again invited to apply to be an Assistant Stage Manager for the Awards Showcase.
- Applications are due by May 1, 2023. Zoom interviews will take place May 4 and 5.
- Assistant Stage Managers, if not already being honored for a Behind-The-Scenes Award, are invited to participate in Behind-The-Scenes Day.

### **TICKETS**

- Tickets will go on sale on May 12, 2023 at 10 AM. Tickets will start at \$15.

### **IOWA PBS**

- We will again be partnering with Iowa PBS to livestream the event and to later produce a broadcast special.
- ALL participating students will need to submit a Release/Waiver online that is filled out by a parent/guardian.