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Two Jerrys students advance to 16th annual Jimmy Awards in New York City



Lucy Natale and Nolan Travis

Madison, Wis. (June 11, 2025) — Two students from Overture Center's Jerry Awards program have been selected to represent the program at the 16th annual Jimmy Awards®, which will take place on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. at Broadway's Minskoff Theatre.

Congratulations to **Lucy Natale from Parker Arts Academy** and **Nolan Travis from Wausau West High School** who will represent Overture Center's Jerry Awards program at the Jimmy Awards. The two performed this weekend as part of the Jerry Awards showcase at Overture Center on Sunday, June 8.

- **Lucy Natale** | Senior at Parker Arts Academy
 - Received 2025 Jerry Award for "Outstanding Lead Performance" as Hermes (Hadestown: Teen Edition)
 - Member of the Southern Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble
- **Nolan Travis** | Senior at Wausau West High School
 - Received 2025 Jerry Award for "Outstanding Lead Performance" as Quasimodo (The Hunchback of Notre Dame)
 - Member of the Central Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble

The Jimmy Awards is the national talent showcase celebrating high school musical theater students from across the country and features dynamic ensemble and solo performances. Each participating Regional Awards Program will award top honors to two local student performers and will sponsor their travel to New York to participate in The Jimmy Awards on June 23. At the Jimmy Awards ceremony, a panel of judges will bestow awards and scholarships, including the awards for Best Performance by an Actor and Best Performance by an Actress. The Jimmy Awards plays a leading role in charting the future of the live performance industry, with [80 alumni having performed on Broadway and in National Tours](#) and numerous others enjoying robust careers in film, television, and music.

The Jimmy Awards®/The National High School Musical Theatre Awards® (NHSMTA®) is a coast-to-coast celebration of outstanding student achievement, recognizing individual talent in vocal, dance and acting performance. The program impacts approximately 150,000 students who participate in regional high school musical theatre competitions sponsored by presenters of Touring Broadway productions throughout the United States. The 2025 Jimmy Awards anticipates welcoming **110 nominees from 55 cities across the country** as they make their debuts on a Broadway stage. Named for Broadway impresario James M. Nederlander, the Jimmy Awards has been the catalyst for more than \$6,000,000 in educational scholarships.

Founded in 2009 by **Nederlander Alliances LLC**, **Pittsburgh CLO** and **Broadway Education Alliance** (BEA), the mission of the NHSMTA is to advance a national conversation about the importance of arts education, honor teachers and their schools' commitment to performing arts education, and contribute to the development of future arts workers and audiences for live performing arts in communities across America.

Presented by **The Broadway League Foundation Inc.**, the NHSMTA invites two nominees from each local regional ceremony to New York City for a 10-day theater intensive that includes coaching sessions, training and rehearsals led by some of Broadway's most accomplished professionals. Their experience will culminate in an extraordinary talent showcase performed live in front of an audience on a Broadway stage. For more information, please visit JimmyAwards.com.

The Broadway League conducts the program through **The Broadway League Foundation Inc.**, its philanthropic division. The Foundation's mission is to support the arts education, community engagement and audience access programs of the Broadway League, which envisions a world that

universally recognizes Broadway theatre as a dynamic, vibrant, inclusive and accessible entertainment experience. The Foundation is a corporation organized under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York, the purposes of which are exclusively charitable as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Donations to support the program can be made at www.JimmyAwards.com.

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The Broadway League, founded in 1930, is the national trade association for the Broadway industry representing more than 800 members from nearly 200 national and international markets including theatre owners and operators, producers, presenters and general managers as well as suppliers of good and services to the commercial theatre industry. Key league programs and resources such as Kids' Night on Broadway, The Jimmy Awards/National High School Musical Theatre Awards, Broadway Bridges, Black to Broadway, Viva! Broadway, Broadway Membership Fellows, Broadway Speakers Bureau and the Internet Broadway Database (ibdb.com) represent the League's ongoing commitment to creating an inclusive culture within the industry that is geared toward accessibility and advancements of audience development, industry practices and workforce opportunities. The Broadway League co-administers the dotBroadway top-level domain, providing online visitors assurance that the web address they are accessing is from a verified League member. Since 1967, The Broadway League has been co-presenting the Antoinette Perry "Tony" Awards. Learn more at broadwayleague.com.

The Jerrys, one of Wisconsin's High School Musical Awards Programs, encourages, recognizes and honors excellence in high school musical theater. Overture Center introduced the program in the 2009/10 school year as the Tommy Awards, and it was renamed in 2017/18 season to The Jerrys after philanthropist and arts supporter W. Jerome Frautschi. Educators and industry professionals attend productions at more than 115 high schools in 30 counties around the state, providing valuable feedback. The program elevates the importance of musical theater within high schools. School and student achievements are honored and featured in an awards show held at Overture Center in June. As a participating awards program in The Jimmys, two students are selected to represent The Jerrys at the competition in New York City. The Jerrys program is open to any high school in Wisconsin. The application for the 2025/26 season will open in August.

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