



**HULT
HIGH SCHOOL
MUSICAL THEATRE
AWARDS**

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Awards Ceremony Packet

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HULT HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE AWARDS

The Hult High School Musical Theatre Awards is proud to participate in the Broadway League's National High School Musical Theatre Awards™ (NHSMTA, also known as The Jimmy Awards). Two winners of Outstanding Performer in a Leading Role will represent Oregon at the Jimmy Awards in NYC.

The Hult High School Musical Theatre Awards ceremony will honor and celebrate participating schools and students from across the state of Oregon. The 1st Annual Hult High School Musical Theatre Awards Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, June 2nd at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts in the Silva Hall. This special event is a tribute to the enthusiasm, dedication, and accomplishments of the participating school musical theatre programs. All schools and students receiving awards will receive special recognition during the ceremony. Students, faculty, and staff from all participating high schools are encouraged to attend the ceremony.

Attendance at the awards ceremony is not mandatory for schools participating in the HHSMTA program and will not have an impact on nominations or awards. However, we highly encourage attendance as this is a time to celebrate and honor all of the incredible work everyone has accomplished.

MEET YOUR CO-DIRECTORS

Kara Churchill

Kara has been involved in musical theater for over 30 years, with experience ranging from directing to choreography. Her first love, however, will always be performing. She is especially drawn to comedic roles that bring laughter to audiences, with favorite performances including Aunt Eller in Oklahoma!, Louise in Holiday Inn, and Judy Denmark in Ruthless!.



Kara has shared her passion for theater through teaching at Thurston High School, Rose Children's Theatre, and Center Stage Performing Arts Camp at the Hult Center. She has also been a faculty member at The Shedd Institute for the Arts for the past five years, where she serves as a choreographer and acting coach.

The Silva Stage at the Hult Center holds a special place in Kara's heart, as it was the home of her first professional theater production, Hello, Dolly!

Keri Davis

Keri has been a Music Educator in Lane County since 2002 and a performer since she was 5. She is currently on the faculty at The Shedd Institute for the Arts where she is a Piano Teacher/Vocal Coach, Music Director for the "Magical Moombah" shows and the Harburg Musical Theater Camps. In addition, she is also the Director of Music at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Eugene and Director of the Shield and Song Choir Club and Marist High School. She is very grateful to be a teaching artist for the summer at the Hult Center.



CEREMONY LOGISTICS INFORMATION

IMPORTANT: ALL Participating Schools must complete this [HHSMTA CEREMONY LOGISTICS FORM](#) and send over any necessary materials by **Tuesday April 21st**.

Note: Transportation to and from the Hult Center will be the responsibility of each individual school. Schools using busses to transport individuals to the ceremony must let us know how many busses they will be using in this form.

TICKETING

The Inaugural Hult High School Musical Theatre Awards is open to the public. Students, faculty, and staff from all participating high schools, along with family and friends, are strongly encouraged to attend this exciting event.

Tickets go on sale April 21st. The ceremony is GA and ticket prices are choose what you pay, starting at \$5.

Our complimentary ticket policy for the 2026 HHSMTA is as follows:

- All participating schools will receive ten (10) complimentary tickets.
 - If your school is nominated for an Outstanding Production, you will be given an amount matching the number of students in your performance number plus three (3) chaperone tickets. (example: if you have 15 performers, you will receive a total of 15 tickets plus 3 chaperone tickets).

PERFORMER INFORMATION

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

This year we will offer select performance opportunities included below.

Throughout the course of the evening, audiences will experience the following performances:

- 1) Top 5 Outstanding Overall Musical Production
 - *Please Note:* If selected as a Top 5 Outstanding Overall Musical Production you will be informed by **May 15th**.
- 2) Jimmy Nominee Solos
 - Female Identifying Outstanding Performer in a Leading Role
 - Male Identifying Outstanding Performer in a Leading Role
 - Jimmy Nominees will be informed by **May 28th**.
 - *Please note:* the top 8 finalists will be notified by **May 15th** allowing more time to prepare should they be selected as the Jimmy Nominee.

MUSIC

By April 21st, participating schools will need to select and submit their song choice to potentially perform at the awards show if nominated for Outstanding Production. During the ceremony, we will be utilizing audio tracks instead of live music. Song selection and submission can be completed in the [ceremony logistics form](#). Please share audio tracks from your licensing house by emailing them to HultAwards@eugene-or.gov. As a reminder, we extended licensing for all participating schools for this ceremony. If you have any questions or issues with this process, please let us know.

THE HULT CENTER RESERVES THE RIGHT OF FINAL APPROVAL OF THE CHOSEN NUMBER GIVEN PROGRAM CONTENT, LENGTH, AND STAGE LOGISTICS.

REHEARSAL & CALL TIMES

10am call time for the top 5 Outstanding Production Nominees and the 2 Jimmy Nominees. Students will run through the show and have the opportunity to rehearse on stage. Schedule to be determined, but there will be built in time for breaks throughout the day.

WARDROBE

Rehearsals

Students will be in rehearsals for the majority of the day. Please wear clothing and shoes that you would be comfortable dancing and moving in.

Ceremony

The Hult High School Musical Theatre Awards is a celebratory event, and we encourage attire to express that! Have fun with it!

Performers

Performers during the ceremony should wear black pants/leggings, black shoes, and a colorful dress shirt or dress. We want participants to feel confident and look polished while still honoring individual styles. We've included some helpful tips below:

- Appropriate footwear – Make sure you can dance and move comfortably. If possible, bring a backup pair in case of breakage.
- Black socks (white socks with black shoes and slacks can be distracting unless it's a specific character choice).
- Undershorts if you are wearing a skirt or dress. If possible, bring extras if needed.
- Please make sure you wear solid colors with no prints, logos, or images on shirts or dresses.
- If there are questions about appropriate attire, you are welcome to send questions and/or pictures to HultAwards@eugene-or.gov.

WHAT TO BRING

Meals **will not** be provided. However, we will provide a list of nearby recommended restaurants.

Please bring snacks, water bottle, money for food, makeup, hair supplies, change of clothes, and any other items you might need for the day.

SAFETY

The Hult Center for the Performing Arts is a public building with an on-site security guard, full-time arts administration staff, and Art Ambassador volunteers to ensure that all students participating in the program are safe and accounted for during their time at the Hult Center. Hult staff and volunteers have experience working with all ages and have passed extensive background checks.

Credentials

Each Participating Student will receive Hult Center Credentials. These badges **MUST** be shown to security as students move throughout the building. This is to ensure that no unauthorized persons are present and to keep each participating student safe.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY

The Hult Center will have professional photography at the event. However, attendees and families are welcome to take photos without flash.

HHSMTA PROGRAM & CEREMONY EXPECTATIONS

The Hult Center strives to make the Hult High School Musical Theatre Awards welcoming, inclusive, accessible, and celebratory. We work to ensure participation regardless of age, ability, disability, gender identity, immigration status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status. Every participant plays a role in creating safe, fun, and respectful spaces where everyone can belong and thrive. Because of this, we ask all participants to follow program and ceremony expectations.

Respect

- Be respectful at all times – bullying, profanity, and discriminatory language is strictly prohibited. We will not condone discriminatory conduct toward any person. (including through posting on walls, e-mail, text message, social media, or other electronic communication).
- Participating Students are expected to treat all property and equipment with respect.
- Participating Students are expected to keep sound to reasonable levels and to comply with requests to reduce sound levels that are intrusive.
- Follow Co-Directors and Hult Center staff instructions promptly. Including respecting timelines, run of show and direction.

If you have any questions or concerns in connection with these policies, please contact Jen Cumberworth or Cara Bryton at HultAwards@eugene-or.gov immediately.

Failure to follow these expectations may result in limitations to future participation.

AWARDS

ESTIMATED RUN TIMES

The Hult Center lobby will open at 6:00 PM, the Silva Hall will open at 6:30 PM, and the show will begin at 7:00 PM. The estimated run times for the Ceremony are:

- Act I = 75 minutes
- Intermission = 15 minutes
- Act II = estimated 75 minutes
- Total Run Time: 2 hours 45 minutes

Audience members are encouraged to arrive early to get their picture taken in the lobby! Please note that estimated run times are subject to change and are included in this handbook for planning purposes only.

RUN OF SHOW DETAILS

To minimize show interruptions for the rest of the audience, those performing during the first act will stay backstage until intermission. At that time, an usher will guide you to your reserved seats in the hall. If you are performing in the second half of the show, our stage manager will lead you backstage during intermission.

CATEGORIES

- Outstanding Overall Musical Production
- Outstanding Performer in a Leading Role (2)
- Outstanding Performer in a Supporting Role (2)
- Outstanding Performer in a Non-Singing Role
- Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble Group
- Outstanding Performance by Orchestra
- Outstanding Stage Crew
- Outstanding Scenic Design
- Outstanding Costume Design
- Outstanding Lighting Design

Special awards may be given at the discretion of the Hult Center for outstanding achievement in areas that do not fall into any of the existing categories. Categories may be omitted if the Hult Center does not feel there is reason to recognize in a given category.

INFORMATION FOR NOMINEES

Nominees will be announced on May 18th, 2026. If your school is nominated for an award, we recommend having the musical director designate a representative to accept the award if your school wins. This will prevent confusion and difficulties during the ceremony.

If your school is nominated for multiple awards, it is up to the director to decide if they want to have one student representative for the whole school or one for each award category they are nominated for.

If your school is one of the nominees for Outstanding Production, you will be performing in the ceremony.

WINNING AN AWARD

If your school wins an award, we will invite the student representative to come up and accept the award. To get up on the stage you will take the stairs on either side of the stage. The representative will be allowed to give a speech of no more than 45 seconds. Once the speech is over, the student representative will take the same stairs down back to their seats. The two students who win the award for Outstanding Supporting Performer Award, will follow the same procedure as the student representative for school awards.



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To learn more about the Hult High School Musical Theatre Awards, email
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