



## **2026 Orpheum High School Musical Theatre Awards Nominations**

### **Outstanding Small Ensemble**

**The Sardines** - Arlington High School - *The SpongeBob Musical*

**Blue Skies Dancers** - Cabot High School - *White Christmas*

**The Ancestors** - Houston High School - *The Addams Family*

**The Insects** - St. George's Independent School - *James and the Giant Peach*

**The Jitterbugs** - Trumann High School - *The Wizard of Oz*

**The Peanuts Gang** – Kennett High School – *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*

**The Fates** – Hutchison - *Hadestown: Teen Edition*

### **Outstanding Large Ensemble**

Arlington High School - *The SpongeBob Musical*

Hutchison – *Hadestown: Teen Edition*

Hernando High School - *Les Miserables School Edition*

New Albany High School - *Tuck Everlasting*

St. Benedict at Auburndale - *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

Olive Branch High School – *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

Evangelical Christian School - *Matilda*

### **Outstanding Chorus**

Hernando High School - *Les Miserables School Edition*

New Albany High School - *Tuck Everlasting*

St. Benedict at Auburndale - *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

Lakeland Preparatory School - *Anything Goes*

Collierville High School - *Water for Elephants (High School Edition)*

Houston High School - *The Addams Family*

Hutchison – *Hadestown: Teen Edition*

### **Outstanding Student Orchestra**

Collierville High School - *Water for Elephants (High School Edition)*

Bartlett High School – *The Prince of Egypt*

Houston High School - *The Addams Family*

Harding Academy of Memphis - *Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella*

### **Outstanding Dance Execution**

Cabot High School - *White Christmas*  
St. Benedict at Auburndale - *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*  
Corinth High School - *Water for Elephants (High School Edition)*  
Collierville High School - *Water for Elephants (High School Edition)*  
New Albany High School - *Tuck Everlasting*  
Evangelical Christian School - *Matilda*  
Lakeland Preparatory School - *Anything Goes*

### **Outstanding Choreography**

Lakeland Preparatory School - *Anything Goes*  
Cabot High School - *White Christmas*  
Desoto Christian Academy - *Newsies*  
Evangelical Christian School - *Matilda*  
New Albany High School - *Tuck Everlasting*  
St. Benedict at Auburndale - *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*  
Hernando High School - *Les Miserables School Edition*

### **Outstanding Playbill**

Houston High School - *The Addams Family*  
Desoto Christian Academy - *Newsies*  
Lakeland Preparatory School - *Anything Goes*  
New Albany High School - *Tuck Everlasting*  
Milan High School - *Matilda*  
St. Benedict at Auburndale - *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*  
Harding Academy of Memphis - *Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella*

### **Outstanding Poster**

New Albany High School - *Tuck Everlasting*  
Academies of West Memphis – *Shrek the Musical*  
St. George's Independent School - *James and the Giant Peach*  
St. Benedict at Auburndale - *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*  
White Station High School - *Something Rotten!*  
Lakeland Preparatory School - *Anything Goes*  
Corinth High School - *Water for Elephants (High School Edition)*

### **Outstanding Front of House**

Briarcrest Christian School - *Anastasia*  
Fayette Academy - *Oklahoma!*  
New Albany High School - *Tuck Everlasting*  
St. Benedict at Auburndale - *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*  
Milan High School - *Matilda*  
Lausanne Collegiate School - *Legally Blonde The Musical*  
Jackson Preparatory School – *Legally Blonde The Musical Jr.*

### **Outstanding Artistic Element**

**The Dragon** - Memphis University School – *Shrek the Musical*

**The Puppet Menagerie** - Corinth High School - *Water for Elephants (High School Edition)*

**The Projections** – Marion High School – *The Lightning Thief*

**The Red Sea** – Madison – Ridgeland Academy – *The Prince of Egypt*

**The Rain** - Northpoint Christian School - *Singin' in the Rain*

**The Wizard** - Trumann High School - *The Wizard of Oz*

**The Projections** – Decatur County Riverside High School – *Little Women*

### **Outstanding Hair and Makeup**

Memphis University School – *Shrek the Musical*

New Albany High School - *Tuck Everlasting*

Lakeland Preparatory School - *Anything Goes*

St. Benedict at Auburndale - *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

Cabot High School - *White Christmas*

Houston High School - *The Addams Family*

St. Mary's Episcopal School - *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*

### **Outstanding Costumes**

Trumann High School - *The Wizard of Oz*

Houston High School - *The Addams Family*

Hernando High School - *Les Miserables School Edition*

Evangelical Christian School - *Matilda*

Southaven High School – *The Little Mermaid*

New Albany High School - *Tuck Everlasting*

St. Benedict at Auburndale - *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

### **Outstanding Lighting**

Evangelical Christian School - *Matilda*

Lakeland Preparatory School - *Anything Goes*

St. Benedict at Auburndale - *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

New Albany High School - *Tuck Everlasting*

Hernando High School - *Les Miserables School Edition*

Hutchison – *Hadestown: Teen Edition*

St. Mary's Episcopal School - *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*

### **Outstanding Sound Design and Execution**

Hutchison – *Hadestown: Teen Edition*

St. Benedict at Auburndale - *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

Evangelical Christian School - *Matilda*

Kennett High School – *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*

Lakeland Preparatory School - *Anything Goes*

Hernando High School - *Les Miserables School Edition*

Chester County High School - *Oklahoma!*

### **Outstanding Set**

New Albany High School - *Tuck Everlasting*  
Evangelical Christian School - *Matilda*  
Cabot High School - *White Christmas*  
Hernando High School - *Les Miserables School Edition*  
Desoto Christian Academy - *Newsies*  
Christian Brothers High School – *Into the Woods*  
Lakeland Preparatory School - *Anything Goes*

### **Outstanding Technical Achievement**

Lakeland Preparatory School - *Anything Goes*  
Hutchison – *Hadestown: Teen Edition*  
Hernando High School - *Les Miserables School Edition*  
New Albany High School - *Tuck Everlasting*  
St. Benedict at Auburndale - *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*  
Evangelical Christian School - *Matilda*  
Cabot High School - *White Christmas*

### **Outstanding Student Creative Achievement**

**Abigail Presley** – Corinth High School – *Water for Elephants (School Edition)*  
**Mae McRae** – Houston High School – *The Addams Family*  
**Xavier Ware Jr.** – Arlington High School – *The SpongeBob Musical*  
**Selena Harris** – Munford High School – *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*  
**Taylor Gibson** – Corinth High School – *Water for Elephants (School Edition)*  
**Addy Blu Maness** – Lakeland Preparatory School – *Anything Goes*  
**Hutch Trevathan** – Briarcrest Christian School – *Anastasia*

### **Outstanding Student Technical Achievement**

**Jayden Wald** – Cabot High School – *White Christmas*  
**Zariah Clark** – Lakeland Preparatory School – *Anything Goes*  
**Emma Baker** – Harding Academy Searcy – *Freaky Friday*  
**Lilian Brock** – Bartlett High School – *The Prince of Egypt*  
**Ashlyn Loritts** – Evangelical Christian School – *Matilda*  
**Zoe Meredith** – Tipton – Rosemark Academy – *Shrek the Musical*  
**Kit Garner** – St. Agnes Academy - *Shrek the Musical*

### **Outstanding Student Stage Management Achievement**

**Caroline Byrd** – Cabot High School – *White Christmas*  
**Hannah Loden** – St. Mary's Episcopal School – *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*  
**Lydia Cashion** – Trinity Christian Academy – *Disney's High School Musical*  
**Becca Graubart** – Houston High School – *The Addams Family*  
**McKenzie Nichols** – Arlington High School – *The SpongeBob Musical*  
**Lydia Elliott** – Chester County High School – *Oklahoma!*  
**Maddie Williams** – Briarcrest Christian School – *Anastasia*

### The Bravo Award

**Libby DePriest as Matilda** - Evangelical Christian School - *Matilda*

**Ella Beth Wilson as Young Cosette** - Hernando High School - *Les Miserables School Edition*

**Liam Lackey as Young Will** - Wynne High School - *Big Fish: School Edition*

**Parker Burns as Crutchie** - DeSoto Christian Academy - *Newsies*

### The Inspiring Teacher Award

**Lynden Lewis Jones** - Evangelical Christian School

**Chris Luter** - Collierville High School

**Journey Bennett** - Corinth High School

**Lalania Vaughn** - Tipton - Rosemark Academy

**Mandy Kershaw** - Fayette Academy

**Mary Beth Muncie** - New Albany High School

**Stacey Peeney** - St. Benedict at Auburndale

### Outstanding Music Direction

**Calvin Ellis** - Arlington High School - *The SpongeBob Musical*

**Tate Hansen** - Lakeland Preparatory School - *Anything Goes*

**Phillip Nanney** - New Albany High School - *Tuck Everlasting*

**Waverly Watkins** - St. Benedict at Auburndale - *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

**Dale Beech and Caitlyn Smith** - Hernando High School - *Les Miserables School Edition*

**Patrick Jones** - Hutchison - *Hadestown: Teen Edition*

**Matt Morrison** - Collierville High School - *Water for Elephants (High School Edition)*

### Outstanding Featured Dancer

**Maddie Carpenter** - Corinth High School - *Water for Elephants (High School Edition)*

**Sophie Kate Hampton** - Corinth High School - *Water for Elephants (High School Edition)*

**Addison Northcott** - Collierville High School - *Water for Elephants (High School Edition)*

**Grace Togbo** - St. Agnes Academy - *Shrek the Musical*

**Grace Wade** - DeSoto Christian Academy - *Newsies*

**Patrick Bell** - Cabot High School - *White Christmas*

**Kennedy Davis** - Lewisburg High School - *Mamma Mia!*

### Outstanding Featured Actor

**Noah May as Thenardier** - Hernando High School - *Les Miserables School Edition*

**Jonathan Billings as Naphtali** - Munford High School - *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*

**Alexander Li as Sheldon J. Plankton** - Arlington High School - *The SpongeBob Musical*

**Lucca Scarpace as Mr. Jankowski** - Collierville High School - *Water for Elephants (High School Edition)*

**Josh Chism as Karl the Giant** - Jackson Christian School - *Big Fish: School Edition*

**Derwin Miller as Minstrel** - White Station High School - *Something Rotten!*

**Eli Lickey as Escapologist** - South Gibson County High School - *Matilda*

### Outstanding Featured Actress

**Kylee Oldham as Yocheved** - Bartlett High School – *The Prince of Egypt*

**Sadie James as Doctor** - Milan High School - *Matilda*

**Eden Stecchi as Medda Larkin** - DeSoto Christian Academy - *Newsies*

**Molly Flynn as Leaf Coneybear** - St. Benedict at Auburndale - *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

**Abby Bishop as Sally Brown** - First Assembly Christian School – *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*

**AJ Loritts as Doctor** - Evangelical Christian School - *Matilda*

**Martha Dinstuhl as Wallis** - Collierville High School - *Water for Elephants (High School Edition)*

### Outstanding Supporting Actor

**Cooper Douglas as Lucas Beineke** - Houston High School - *The Addams Family*

**Jayden Haynes as Nigel Bottom** - White Station High School - *Something Rotten!*

**Austin Villem as Vice Principal Douglas Panch** - St. Benedict at Auburndale - *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

**Jordan Farley as Camel** - Collierville High School - *Water for Elephants (High School Edition)*

**Brayden Daugherty as Hades** – Hutchison – *Hadestown: Teen Edition*

**Aaden Nichols as Lord Evelyn Oakleigh** - Lakeland Preparatory School - *Anything Goes*

**Alexander Garcia as Moonface Martin** - Lakeland Preparatory School - *Anything Goes*

### Outstanding Supporting Actress

**Regan Scott as Fantine** - Hernando High School - *Les Miserables School Edition*

**Carrington Criswell as Erma** - Lakeland Preparatory School - *Anything Goes*

**Naima Harper Bey as Hope Harcourt** - Lakeland Preparatory School - *Anything Goes*

**Josie Li as Pearl Krabs** - Arlington High School - *The SpongeBob Musical*

**Annsley Coleman as Mae Tuck** - New Albany High School - *Tuck Everlasting*

**Emma Lockwood as Logainne Schwartz and Grubenierre** - St. Benedict at Auburndale - *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

**Tatum Witt as Cosette** – Hernando High School - *Les Miserables School Edition*

### Outstanding Lead Actor

**Mark Sanders as Nick Bottom** - White Station High School - *Something Rotten!*

**Max Taylor as Marius** - Hernando High School - *Les Miserables School Edition*

**Sawyer Stephenson as SpongeBob SquarePants** - Arlington High School - *The SpongeBob Musical*

**Bradley Bolden as Snoopy** - St. Mary's Episcopal School - *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*

**Beckett Ivy as Jean Valjean** - Hernando High School - *Les Miserables School Edition*

**Gunner Ross as Jesse Tuck** - New Albany High School - *Tuck Everlasting*

**Hayden Hooper as Jacob** - Collierville High School - *Water for Elephants (High School Edition)*

### **Outstanding Lead Actress**

**Nita Hardin as Winnie Foster** - New Albany High School - *Tuck Everlasting*

**Indie Landers as James** - St. George's Independent School - *James and the Giant Peach*

**Maggie Dinstuhl as Marlena** - Collierville High School - *Water for Elephants (High School Edition)*

**Zoey Yale as Reno Sweeney** - Lakeland Preparatory School - *Anything Goes*

**Destiny Smith as Man in Chair** - Crosstown High - *The Drowsy Chaperone*

**Sydney Granger as Olive Ostrovsky** - St. Benedict at Auburndale - *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

**Sydney Nathan as Donna Sheridan** - Desoto Central High School - *Mamma Mia!*

### **Outstanding Direction by a Teacher**

**Lauren Suddoth** - Hernando High School - *Les Miserables School Edition*

**Mary Beth Muncie** - New Albany High School - *Tuck Everlasting*

**Stacey Peeney** - St. Benedict at Auburndale - *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

**Jeff White** - Lakeland Preparatory School - *Anything Goes*

**Melani Morgan Blansett** - Cabot High School - *White Christmas*

**Kirie Walz** - Bartlett High School - *The Prince of Egypt*

**Lynden Lewis Jones** - Evangelical Christian School - *Matilda*

### **Outstanding Overall Production**

Cabot High School - *White Christmas*

Hutchison - *Hadestown: Teen Edition*

Hernando High School - *Les Miserables School Edition*

New Albany High School - *Tuck Everlasting*

St. Benedict at Auburndale - *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

Lakeland Preparatory School - *Anything Goes*

Evangelical Christian School - *Matilda*