

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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