

Idaho High School Theater Awards

2022 Participant Information



Velma V Morrison Center for Performing Arts
Education and Community Engagement Programs

2022 IDAHO HIGH SCHOOL THEATER AWARDS SHOWCASE INFORMATION

***** Information, dates, and deadlines are subject to change with advanced notification*****

The Morrison Center is proud to present the first-ever **Idaho High School Theater Awards Showcase at the Morrison Center Main Hall on Friday, June 10, 2022, at 7:30 pm**. This red-carpet, Tony Awards® inspired event is a tribute to the hard work, dedication, and accomplishments of our state's high school theater programs. Participants will have the opportunity to win awards and perform as part of the evening's program, directed and choreographed by Broadway performer Robert Hartwell. Students, faculty, and staff from participating schools are encouraged to attend and celebrate theater in their schools!

Here is an overview of what you'll find in this document:

- Contact information, publicity, and school photos Information
- Awards, application/nomination deadline, what to do if you win
- Performance opportunities, housing requirements, availability, and rehearsals
- Tickets
- Attire
- Security, parking, day of show information
- Important dates and deadlines



The Morrison Center Main Hall

COMMUNICATIONS

Please send all required materials/information to mceducation@boisestate.edu.

For questions, please contact:

Luke Lords

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lukelords@boisestate.edu

Publicity

Our goal is to shine a light on the artistic achievements of all participating IHSTA schools, teachers, and students! The Morrison Center Marketing team will be sending out multiple press releases and media alerts highlighting participating schools, performers, and award winners leading up to the showcase. Please let us know if anyone from your district or school community would like to be included in these communications (e.g., district communications office, school newspaper, local publications).

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The showcase kicks off with a photo slideshow featuring photos of participating schools' theater programs and shows from this school year. Please email photos to mceducation@boisestate.edu by **Friday, May 20, 2022**, to be included.

AWARDS

Award categories for the 2021/2022 Season are as follows:

Outstanding Musical Theatre Production

Up to 4 high schools will be honored. Winners will be determined through the adjudication process.

Outstanding Ensemble Performance

Up to 4 high schools will be honored. Winners will be determined through the adjudication process.

Outstanding Actor in a Lead Male Role

Up to 4 high school students will be recognized. Winners will be determined through the adjudication process and invited to perform as part of the showcase (see Performance Opportunities for details).

Outstanding Actor in a Lead Female Role

Up to 4 high school students will be recognized. Winners will be determined through the adjudication process and invited to perform as part of the showcase (see Performance Opportunities for details).

Outstanding Actor in a Supporting Male Role

Up to 4 high school students will be recognized. Winners will be determined through the adjudication process and invited to perform as part of the showcase (see Performance Opportunities for details).

Outstanding Actor in a Supporting Female Role

Up to 4 high school students will be recognized. Winners will be determined through the adjudication process and invited to perform as part of the showcase (see Performance Opportunities for details).

Outstanding Educator Award

Honors a teacher who embodies the highest standards in performing arts education. Anyone can nominate a teacher by visiting www.morrisoncenter.com/community/education by **Friday, April 29, 2022**.

National High School Musical Theater Awards (Jimmy Awards) Nominee Audition Deadlines

The deadline to submit audition materials for the National High School Musical Theater Awards (Jimmy Awards) is **Friday, April 29, 2022**. Audition information will be released to teachers by **Friday, April 1, 2022**. More information about the Jimmy Awards is available at JimmyAwards.com.

AWARDS RECIPIENTS

- Participating high schools will be notified by **Monday, May 2**, if they will be receiving an award the night of the showcase.
- If you win an award, please contact Luke Lords at lukelords@boisestate.edu to confirm your full name (with instructions for pronunciation, school name to be included in the showcase script by **Friday, May 20, 2022**.

School Performance Participation

In our inaugural year, ALL participating high schools are invited to perform a 3–5-minute number from their adjudicated musical the night of the showcase.

Music

Teachers should send music for their school's production number (including song title and piano/vocal score with any notes and cuts) by **Friday, May 20, 2022**. Please note that numbers should be **3-5 minutes max**. Please select a musical ensemble number (minimal or on dialogue is preferred). Schools can use pre-recorded music to accompany their production number or provide their own pianist.

Staging and Set

Rehearsal blocks will be available at the Morrison Center to provide any "levels" that may be needed to re-create your staging, but please note that we will not be able to accommodate any set pieces brought into the Morrison Center.

Attire

- The showcase is a red-carpet event, and celebratory attire is encouraged!
- Students performing as a part of the showcase will not wear costumes; however, for your school's production performance, minor props and costume pieces may be allowed (please let us know in advance if you plan on bringing these items).
- All students performing in the showcase will receive an IHSTA t-shirt, worn with black pants or leggings and black shoes for the dress rehearsal and performance.
- T-shirt requests and sizes (small-3X) need to be sent to mceducation@boisestate.edu by **Friday, May 6, 2022**. Remember – this is a red-carpet event, and everyone (students, general audience, teachers, parents, etc.) is encouraged to dress up! If student performers would like to chance into awards ceremony attire before/after performing, dressing rooms will be available.

Morrison Center Spacing Rehearsal Times

School production numbers (students, teachers, accompanists, etc.) must be available for a tech/spacing rehearsal at the Morrison Center on **Wednesday, June 8**, or the morning of **Friday, June 10**. Possible time slots will be included in the full rehearsal schedule when it becomes available.

SELECT STUDENT SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE – JUNE 7-10, 2022

The Morrison Center gives students from all participating high schools the chance to perform on the Morrison Center stage in three ensemble numbers rehearsed exclusively for the showcase. Students will work with a Broadway director/choreographer and professional music directors, musicians, and stage managers.

Throughout the evening, audiences will experience several outstanding performances that include:

Lead/Supporting

Ensemble

The 16 students (eight actors and eight actresses) receiving awards for Outstanding Performance in a Lead Role will be invited to perform in an ensemble number as a part of the showcase. More information will be available to those students receiving awards regarding performance requirements, student expectations, waivers, forms, deadlines, and other essential details.

Showcase Ensemble

Each participating high school is invited to select two students to join the Showcase Ensemble and perform in the opening and closing number directed/choreographed by Broadway's Robert Hartwell. **Teachers are responsible for selecting students to participate in the Showcase Ensemble by emailing their selections to Luke Lords (lukelords@boisestate.edu) by Friday, May 13, 2022.** Please select students that reflect the diversity of your school community! More information regarding performance requirements, student expectations, waivers, forms, deadlines, and other important details will be sent out when it becomes available.

Housing Requirement – Students in Residence

Students performing as a part of the Showcase Ensemble, Lead Ensemble, and Jimmy Award Finalists are considered to be "students in residence" and are required to stay in Boise State University dormitory housing throughout the rehearsal period from **Tuesday, June 7 – Friday, June 10, 2022** (accommodation, meals, as well as adult supervision by trained Morrison Center chaperones will be provided at no cost to students). **There are no exceptions to this requirement.** Students performing as a part of their school's award-winning production number only are NOT provided with housing. More information on housing, meals, transportation, parking, etc., will be provided within each group's informational guide and accompanying waivers/forms.

AVAILABILITY AND REHEARSALS

- Showcase rehearsals are scheduled to run **Tuesday, June 7 – Friday, June 10, 2022**, at the Morrison Center for Performing Arts (2201 West Cesar Chavez Lane, Boise, ID 83725), with a dress rehearsal scheduled for the afternoon on **Friday, June 10** ahead of that evening's 7:30 pm performance.
- Observers are not allowed at rehearsals. A detailed rehearsal schedule will also be provided to each performance group's information guide.
- **Full rehearsal schedules will be available in each performer group's detailed guides.** Please note that observers are not allowed at rehearsals.
- Students performing in the Showcase Ensemble and Lead Ensemble must be available for the entire rehearsal week.
- School production numbers must be available for a tech/spacing rehearsal at the Morrison Center on **Wednesday, June 8**, or the morning of **Friday, June 10**. Possible time slots will be included in the full rehearsal schedule when it becomes available.

Any waivers or forms included in each group's information guide will be due **the week of May 23, 2022**.

TICKETS

The showcase is open to the public, and students, faculty, and staff from participating schools, along with family and friends, are strongly encouraged to attend this exciting event! **Tickets go on sale in May 2022, starting at just \$10.** Tickets will be general admission with no assigned seating.

Complimentary Tickets

- **All participating students** will receive ten complimentary showcase tickets. Student performers DO NOT need tickets and will be provided with special seating.
- **Educators** will receive six complimentary showcase tickets.

SECURITY

The Morrison Center is a secure building with an on-site security guard, first responder (in case of a medical emergency), full-time staff, and trained chaperones to ensure that all students participating in the program are safe/accounted for during their time at the performance venue and dorms. All Morrison Center staff and chaperones have experience working with students and have passed extensive background checks and training. More information on security, check-in/check-out procedures, and other policies pertaining to student performers will become available prior to the showcase week.

PARKING

Event parking is included with your ticket. For further details on where to park, please visit the Morrison Center Directions & Parking website at: <https://www.morrisoncenter.com/visit/directions-parking>.

DAY OF THE SHOW

The Morrison Center Lobby and red carpet will open at 6 pm, the house will open at 7:00 pm, and the show will begin at 7:30 pm.

Audience members are encouraged to arrive at the show early to get their picture taken on the red carpet!

TEACHER RECEPTION

Teachers from participating IHSTA schools are invited to the Danny Peterson Theater located off the Morrison Center Lobby for free drinks and snacks before the show (starting at 6:00 pm). Please RSVP by contacting Luke Lords (lukelords@boisestate.edu) by **Monday, May 30, 2022**, to attend.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

DATE	INFORMATION AND ITEMS DUE	WHO THIS APPLIES TO
Fri. 4/29	National Jimmy Awards audition materials due	Students submitting for National Jimmy Awards Nominees
Fri. 4/29	Deadline to submit Outstanding Educator Award	Individuals that will submit educators
May - TBA	Showcase tickets go on sale	Everyone – please share!!!
Mon. 5/2	Winners announced	All award categories except for National Jimmy Awards Nominees (TBA live onstage)
Fri. 5/6	T-shirt requests and sizes (small-3X) due	All teachers
Fri. 5/13	Schools 2 student selections to participate in the Showcase Ensemble due	All teachers
Fri. 5/20	Submit awards acceptance information – Full name (with pronunciation) and title (if applicable)	All winners who plan to accept awards onstage
Fri. 5/20	School performance music due – song title and score/recording with any notes and cuts (3-5 minutes max)	All participating high schools
Fri. 5/20	School theater program and/or school show photos due (photos will be featured in photo slideshow pre-show)	All teachers
Week of 5/23	Student forms/waivers due	Students in residence (Showcase Ensemble, Lead Ensemble)
5/30	Deadline to RSVP for pre-show teacher reception	All teachers
Tues. 6/7 – Fri. 6/10	Showcase rehearsals at the Morrison Center	Students in residence + every schools production spacing rehearsals
Fri. 6/10	Performance at Morrison Center at 7:30 pm with red carpet opening at 6:00 pm in the lobby	Everyone! Spread the word and show you support for our state's young theater artists!
Mon. 6/20 – Tues. 6/28	Jimmy Awards intensive week in NYC	National Jimmy Awards Nominees