

HELLER AWARDS FOR YOUNG ARTISTS NOMINEES 2026



Best Costume Design

Newsies | Cedar Ridge High School
Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 | East View High School
Into the Woods | Hutto High School
Once Upon the Mattress | John B. Connally High School
Ride the Cyclone High School Edition | Liberal Arts and Science Academy
The Addams Family School Edition | Marble Falls High School
Nice Work If You Can Get It | Vista Ridge High School
Alice by Heart | Weiss High School
Singin' in the Rain | Westwood High School

Best Lighting Design

Anastasia | Bastrop High School
Evil Dead the Musical | Del Valle High School
Into the Woods | Dripping Springs High School
Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 | East View High School
Into the Woods | Hutto High School
The Prince of Egypt | Lehman High School
The Addams Family School Edition | Marble Falls High School
Pippin | Round Rock High School
Frozen | Westlake High School

Best Scenic Design

Seussical | Belton High School
Newsies | Cedar Ridge High School
Godspell | Chaparral High School
Into the Woods | Dripping Springs High School
Into the Woods | Hutto High School
Little Shop of Horrors | Lockhart High School
Hadestown Teen Edition | Stony Point High School
Nice Work If You Can Get It | Vista Ridge High School
Alice by Heart | Weiss High School

Best Technical Execution

Anastasia | Bastrop High School
Newsies | Cedar Ridge High School
Into the Woods | Dripping Springs High School
Into the Woods | Hutto High School
Pippin | Round Rock High School
Newsies | Rouse High School
Hadestown Teen Edition | Stony Point High School
Nice Work If You Can Get It | Vista Ridge High School
Frozen | Westlake High School

Best Music Direction

Seussical | Belton High School

Into the Woods | Dripping Springs High School

Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 | East View High School

Into the Woods | Hutto High School

The Music Man | San Marcos High School

Nice Work If You Can Get It | Vista Ridge High School

Alice by Heart | Weiss High School

Frozen | Westlake High School

Alice by Heart | Zach Performing Arts Academy

Best Orchestra

Gypsy | Austin High School

Seussical | Belton High School

Pippin | Cedar Park High School

Evil Dead the Musical | Del Valle High School

Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 | East View High School

Singin' In the Rain | Leander High School

Nice Work If You Can Get It | Vista Ridge High School

Singin' In the Rain | Westwood High School

Best Choreography

Newsies | Cedar Ridge High School

Natasha Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812 | East View High School

Seussical | Elgin High School

Into the Woods | Hutto High School

Between the Lines | McCallum HS Fine Arts Academy

Pippin | Round Rock High School

Hadestown Teen Edition | Stony Point High School

Alice by Heart | Weiss High School

Singin' in the Rain | Westwood High School

Best Ensemble

Pippin | Cedar Park High School

Newsies | Cedar Ridge High School

Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 | East View High School

Into the Woods | Hutto High School

Pippin | Round Rock High School

Newsies | Rouse High School

Hadestown Teen Edition | Stony Point High School

Alice by Heart | Weiss High School

Alice by Heart | Zach Performing Arts Academy

Best Direction

Anastasia | Bastrop High School

Newsies | Cedar Ridge High School

Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812 | East View High School

Into the Woods | Hutto High School
Pippin | Round Rock High School
Newsies | Rouse High School
Hadestown Teen Edition | Stony Point High School
Nice Work If You Can Get It | Vista Ridge High School
Alice by Heart | Weiss High School

Student Achievement | Design

Lillian Crider | *Sister Act* | Akins High School
Jeffrey Pickell | *The Lightning Thief* | Anderson High School
Elijah Goodson | *Gypsy* | Austin High School
Clarissa Sanderson | *Anastasia* | Bastrop High School
Amelia Rowe | *Pippin* | Cedar Park High School
Joselyn Dominguez | *Evil Dead the Musical* | Del Valle High School
Leela Bertram | *Into the Woods* | Dripping Springs High School
Iris Blanton | *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812* | East View High School
Naomi Cloud | *Seussical* | Elgin High School
Drew Richmond | *Hadestown* Teen Edition Gateway College Preparatory School
Jonah Brody | *Curtains* | Hendrickson High School
Aria Johnson | *Into the Woods* | Hutto High School
Annabelle McMIndes | *Sister Act* | Jack C. Hays High School
Kingston Countryman | *Once Upon A Mattress* | John B. Connally High School
Kierra Mcashan | *Singin' in the Rain* | Leander High School
Joshua Power | *The Prince of Egypt* | Lehman High School
Lila Clements | *Ride the Cyclone* High School Edition | Liberal Arts and Science Academy
Alejandra Rojas | *Hadestown* Teen Edition | Manor High School
Cole Wade | *Between the Lines* | McCallum High School Fine Arts Academy
Jacqueline Orozco | *Mamma Mia!* | Moe and Gene Johnon High School
Penelope Foster | *Hadestown* Teen Edition | NYOS Charter School
Victoria Goodrich | *Newsies* | Rouse High School
Bee Smith | *The Music Man* | San Marcos High School
Jack Christen | *Freaky Friday* | Tom Glenn High School
Addison Lanciault | *High School Musical* | Vandergrift High School
Rebecca Chang | *Nice Work If You Can Get It* | Vista Ridge High School
Taylor Alborn | *Alice by Heart* | Weiss High School
Cate Deinlein | *Frozen* | Westlake High School
Brady Johnson | *Singin' in the Rain* | Westwood High School

Student Achievement | Stage Management

Dakota Martin | *Sister Act* | Akins High School
Isabella Shihadeh-Shald | *The Lightning Thief* | Anderson High School
Scout Beard | *Gypsy* | Austin High School
Aurora Faz | *Anastasia* | Bastrop High School
Brianna Harris | *Pippin* | Cedar Park High School
Brooklyn Angell | *Newsies* | Cedar Ridge High School
Lameika Boulding | *Godspell* | Chaparral High School
Ellie Teague | *Into the Woods* | Dripping Springs High School

Chloe Leblanc | *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812* | East View High School
Hailey Hill | *Seussical* | Elgin High School
Mackenzie Swan | *Hadestown* Teen Edition | Gateway College Preparatory School
Anastasia Benavides | *Curtains* | Hendrickson High School
Carolina Davila Villarreal | *Into the Woods* | Hutto High School
Zoe Herrera-Rodriguez | *Sister Act* | Jack C. Hays High School
Alex Gomez Parra | *Once Upon A Mattress* | John B. Connally High School
Mary Shammass | *Singin' in the Rain* | Leander High School
Zane Carroll | *The Prince of Egypt* | Lehman High School
Sadie Russell | *Ride the Cyclone* High School Edition | Liberal Arts and Science Academy
Kaitlyn Solis | *Hadestown* Teen Edition | Manor High School
Ian O'Keefe | *Between the Lines* | McCallum High School Fine Arts Academy
Brody Franke | *Mamma Mia!* | Moe and Gene Johnon High School
Naomi Taylor | *Hadestown* Teen Edition | NYOS Charter School
Kat Pruett-Ponvert | *Young Frankenstein* | Pflugerville High School
Avery Rogers | *Pippin* | Round Rock High School
Darbi Shawhan | *Newsies* | Rouse High School
Libby Phelps | *The Music Man* | San Marcos High School
Emisael Medina Centeno | *Freaky Friday* | Tom Glenn High School
Storm Guillory | *High School Musical* | Vandergrift High School
Sydney Greata | *Nice Work If You Can Get It* | Vista Ridge High School
Lillian Hernandez | *Alice by Heart* | Weiss High School
Michael Giesler | *Frozen* | Westlake High School
Lucy Brown | *Singin' in the Rain* | Westwood High School
Ronan Henson | *Alice by Heart* | Zach Performing Arts Academy

Student Achievement | Marketing

Felix Polanco | *Sister Act* | Akins High School
Salome Casey | *The Lightning Thief* | Anderson High School
Gather Slaughter | *Gypsy* | Austin High School
Virginia Lancaster | *Anastasia* | Bastrop High School
Arthur Ce | *Pippin* | Cedar Park High School
Elicie Utterback | *Newsies* | Cedar Ridge High School
Estee Guidry | *Into the Woods* | Dripping Springs High School
Olivia Stewart | *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812* | East View High School
Rory Ruiz | *Seussical* | Elgin High School
Alexander Moerbe | *Hadestown* Teen Edition | Gateway College Preparatory School
Addison Curtis | *Curtains* | Hendrickson High School
Angela Rentas | *Into the Woods* | Hutto High School
Genesis Garcia | *Sister Act* | Jack C. Hays High School
Angel Soto Urbina | *Once Upon A Mattress* | John B. Connally High School
Dipper Wilson | *The Prince of Egypt* | Lehman High School
Ezekiel Gregory | *Ride the Cyclone* High School Edition | Liberal Arts and Science Academy
Jeanny Urdaneta Zabala | *Hadestown* Teen Edition | Manor High School
Isadora Lang | *Between the Lines* | McCallum High School Fine Arts Academy
Ava Dornak | *Mamma Mia!* | Moe and Gene Johnon High School
Piper Silvey | *Hadestown* Teen Edition | NYOS Charter School

Grace Herrera | *Young Frankenstein* | Pflugerville High School
Emma Bannister | *Newsies* | Rouse High School
Aven Lee | *The Music Man* | San Marcos High School
Everleigh Leal | *Freaky Friday* | Tom Glenn High School
Livie Killion | *Nice Work If You Can Get It* | Vista Ridge High School
Eli Villanueva | *Alice by Heart* | Weiss High School
Annie Curtis | *Singin' in the Rain* | Westwood High School

Best Featured Performer | Individual Category

Gather Slaughter | *Gypsy* | Austin High School
Ben Akers | *Pippin* | Cedar Park High School
Payton Smith | *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812* | East View High School
Wendell Norton | *Sister Act* | Jack C. Hays High School
Brooklyn Fuller | *Little Shop of Horrors* | Lockhart High School
Hallie Cooper | *Between The Lines* | McCallum HS Fine Arts Academy
Maxton Newman | *The Addams Family* | McNeil High School
Josh Burdick | *Nice Work If You Can Get It* | Vista Ridge High School
Reilly Favacho | *Alice by Heart* | Zach Performing Arts Academy

Best Featured Performer | Ensemble Category

Summer Gottschalk | *The Lightning Thief* | Anderson High School
Makayla Pryce | *Seussical* | Belton High School
Marlee Luther | *Godspell* | Chaparral High School
Alexandra Madera | *Godspell* | Chaparral High School
TJ Martin | *Hadestown* Teen Edition | Gateway College Preparatory School
Ezra Bravo | *The Addams Family* School Edition | Marble Falls High School
Zariyah Wallace | *Mamma Mia!* | Moe and Gene Johnson High School
Sena Green | *Hadestown* Teen Edition | Stony Point High School
Mimi Long | *Singin' in the Rain* | Westwood High School

Best Supporting Performer | Male Category

Ace Howell | *Gypsy* | Austin High School
Zachary Neumann | *Newsies* | Cedar Ridge High School
Jackson Ingalls | *Newsies* | Cedar Ridge High School
Blaine Lovett | *Into the Wood* | Dipping Springs High School
Luca Zamora | *Hadestown* Teen Edition | Gateway College Preparatory School
Kevin Mitschke | *Newsies* | Rouse High School
Jacob Zuniga | *Newsies* | Rouse High School
Jack Stratton | *Nice Work If You Can Get It* | Vista Ridge High School
Avery Johnson | *Alice by Heart* | Weiss High School

Best Supporting Performer | Female Category

Lola Romero | *Gypsy* | Austin High School
Ava Morgan | *Godspell* | Chaparral High School
Aliyana Castillo | *Into the Woods* | Hutto High School
Scarlett Caffey | *The Addams Family* | McNeil High School
Julia Chapman | *Pippin* | Round Rock High School
Nyla George | *Nice Work If You Can Get It* | Vista Ridge High School

Stella Mutoni | *Alice by Heart* | Weiss High School
Raegan Gonzales | *Alice by Heart* | Weiss High School
Alexandra Watson | *Alice by Heart* | Zach Performing Arts Academy

Best Lead Performer | Male Category

Malachi Santana | *Seussical* | Belton High School
Grayson Levee | *Pippin* | Cedar Park High School
Jack Curtis | *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812* | East View High School
Gavin Johst | *Curtains* | Hendrickson High School
Leon Martinez Barragan | *Hadestown* Teen Edition | Manor High School
Cameron Newell | *The Addams Family* School Edition | Marble Falls High School
Ryan Crosby | *Pippin* | Round Rock High School
Isaiah Barafwala | *Newsies* | Rouse High School
River Tinch | *Alice by Heart* | Weiss High School

Best Lead Performer | Female Category

Mary Unberhagen | *Gypsy* | Austin High School
Presley McEntee | *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812* | East View High School
Aivree Zamora | *Hadestown* Teen Edition | Gateway College Preparatory School
Stephanie Carter | *Into the Woods* | Hutto High School
Shani Medina | *Hadestown* Teen Edition | Manor High School
Anna Nelson | *Pippin* | Round Rock High School
Kinsley Keen | *Newsies* | Rouse High School
Clair Elam | *Freaky Friday* | Tom Glenn High School
London Mays | *Alice by Heart* | Weiss High School

Best Production

Gypsy | Austin High School
Newsies | Cedar Ridge High School
Into the Woods | Hutto High School
Pippin | Round Rock High School
Newsies | Rouse High School
Nice Work If You Can Get It | Vista Ridge High School
Alice by Heart | Weiss High School
Alice by Heart | Zach Performing Arts Academy