

Explanation of Award Categories

Outstanding Musical/Drama/Comedy Productions

For this award, judge the overall production quality, not the quality of the script, but rather the manner in which the production was presented (acting, costumes, makeup, props, sets, direction, lights, staging, etc.). Budget, facilities, theater size or professional staff, if any, should not be a consideration.

Outstanding Featured Actor/Actress

“Featured” is defined as a small role, not considered a leading or supporting role, but an outstanding, memorable, brief appearance on stage.

Outstanding New Script

This award pertains to a *premier* production of a play or musical. The script may be an adaptation of an existing work or completely original. Consider the *quality* of the script rather than that of the production or performances within it.

Outstanding Choreographer

In addition to traditional musical theatre choreography this may also apply to movement used in non-musicals as well as fight choreography.

Outstanding Performance by a Youth Actor/Actress

This award is reserved for actors less than 18 years of age *or* who were in high school at the time of the production. You may nominate for performances in both musical and comedy/drama productions. If the number of nominations warrants it this award may be divided into both a musical and a comedy/drama category on the final ballot.

Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble

This award is designed to recognize an outstanding scene in a play or musical OR outstanding work by a group of actors or technicians. The emphasis of the award is on the effective and imaginative *integration* of several roles with respect to the nominated scene or group of actors/technicians. This award cannot be awarded to an entire production or to the entire cast of a production unless the entire cast is involved in a nominated scene from a single production. In the case of multiple nominees from a single production, only the nominee from that production with the highest number of total votes will advance to the final ballot.

To make the nomination process easy for you, we have compiled
a **list of this year's productions** including cast and crew.

Find it on the TAG website, www.theatreartsguild.com

(TAG has made every effort to provide a comprehensive list of production information.)