



MUSIC THEATRE WICHITA

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The Jester Awards celebrate excellence in high school musical theatre, showcasing the next generation of musical theatre talent in Kansas. Twelve years ago the Lois Kay Walls Foundation helped to endow the Jester Awards in order to ensure that the program has success well into the future. If you would like to contribute to this endowment or learn more about the Jester Awards, please contact Joshua Larson at Music Theatre Wichita, 316.265.3253 or josh@mtwichita.org.

★★★★★ 2025 RECIPIENTS ★★★★★

OUTSTANDING LOBBY DISPLAY

Augusta High School
The Addams Family

El Dorado High School
Mamma Mia!

OUTSTANDING PROGRAM DESIGN

Payton Sanders, Fenja Woelken
High School Musical 2: On Stage!
Labette County High School

OUTSTANDING STAGE CREW

Sterling High School
Little Shop of Horrors

OUTSTANDING SCENIC DESIGN

Annabelle Wise
Mamma Mia!
El Dorado High School

**Copeland Musgrove,
La Marcus Allen, Gigi Phillips**
Mamma Mia!
Independence High School

OUTSTANDING LIGHTING DESIGN

Brady Crouch
Legally Blonde: The Musical
Emporia High School

OUTSTANDING SOUND DESIGN

McKenna Blessant
Disaster! The Musical
Wichita High School East

OUTSTANDING COSTUME DESIGN

Josie Myers
Chicago: Teen Edition
Andale High School

OUTSTANDING SMALL ENSEMBLE

The Sharpettes
High School Musical 2: On Stage!
Labette County High School

OUTSTANDING ENSEMBLE/CHORUS

Sterling High School
Little Shop of Horrors

OUTSTANDING CAMEO PERFORMER

Joel Bicknell (Father Frog)

A Year with Frog and Toad

Sacred Heart High School

OUTSTANDING PRE-HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMER

Lyla Grace Turner (Jane Banks)

Mary Poppins

Trinity Academy

OUTSTANDING DESIGN GUEST

Adrian Rifat (Scenic Design)

Hadestown: Teen Edition

Hays High School

OUTSTANDING ARTISTIC GUEST

Maggie Spicer-Brown (Choreography)

Hadestown: Teen Edition

Salina Central High School

OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION NUMBER

All That Jazz

Chicago: Teen Edition

Andale High School

One Day More

Les Misérables School Edition

Pittsburg High School

OUTSTANDING ORCHESTRA DIRECTION

Lindsay Modin

Hadestown: Teen Edition

Salina Central High School

OUTSTANDING VOCAL MUSIC DIRECTION

Britney English

Little Shop of Horrors

Smoky Valley High School

OUTSTANDING CHOREOGRAPHY/STAGING

Addie Gaul

All Shook Up

Bishop Carroll High School

OUTSTANDING DIRECTION

Megan Upton-Tyner

Little Shop of Horrors

Andover High School

Claire Clifford

The Music Man

Halstead High School

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING PERFORMER

Castiel Samples (Paulette)

Legally Blonde: The Musical

Emporia High School

Cooper Pieplow,

Cody Schweizer (Audrey II)

Little Shop of Horrors

Sterling High School

Fae Bacud (Ben/Lisa)

Disaster! The Musical

Wichita High School East

OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT

Natalie Neufeld (Technical Direction)

Cinderella

Newton High School

THE SPIRIT OF THE JESTERS

Topeka High School

Frozen JR.

OUTSTANDING LEADING PERFORMER

Norlan Aguilar (Jean Valjean)

Les Misérables School Edition

Pittsburg High School

Paige Levendofsky (Belle)

Disney's Beauty and the Beast

Rock Creek High School

OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION

Andover High School

Little Shop of Horrors

Hays High School

Hadestown: Teen Edition



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Our Jester judges reviewed the scores given to **152 high school musical performances** (with over **3000 students** involved), entered for consideration by **49 schools** throughout Kansas during the 2024-25 season. A lot of wonderful work was seen and celebrated, resulting in these awards!