

# UNI THEATRE ARTS AWARDS SEASON

Overview + Critics Choice Reveal

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# 2025-2026 MACY AWARDS

What is the Spirit of the MACY?





# WHAT IS THE MACY?

MACY's is an national musical theatre adjudication program in which students perform high school theatre for accolades and recognition.

The top male and female performer from OC earn an opportunity to attend a week long workshop in NYC through the National High School Musical Theatre Awards, culminating with a performance at the Jimmys.

Two students will compete for scholarships between \$100 and \$5,000 to college. Those are due May 1st and only seniors qualify. Uni can nominate two students. If you are willing, please tell Miss B.

Orange County has a local awards ceremony where roles from the ensemble through the director are nominated. The ceremony highlights ten performances from local schools and alumni emcee and trophy distributors.

# THE SPIRIT OF THE MACY AWARDS

5/23

Cerritos Performing Arts  
Center



Adults buy tickets on their own- can't sit with Uni Opening and Closing  
number TBD Performing!

# UNI'S JIMMY FINALISTS



- 2012 DYLAN KIRKBY DAMES AT SEA
- 2013 DYLAN KIRKBY OKLAHOMA
- 2017 SARIKA MANDE WEST SIDE STORY
- 2018 DAVIDE COSTA HOW TO SUCCEED
- 2019 SCOTT BURKE SPONGEBOB THE MUSICAL
- 2020 OWEN STAPP SPONGEBOB THE MUSICAL
- 2023 BRIAN BAJAK URINETOWN
- 2025 FRANKIE OCHOA GUYS AND DOLLS
- 2025 TAYLOR NIEDWICK GUYS AND DOLLS

# PERFORMANCE OF THE DAY

<https://youtu.be/Gel3ZzkNrMU>

May 23rd

OKLAHOMA

SHREK

ADDAMS FAMILY

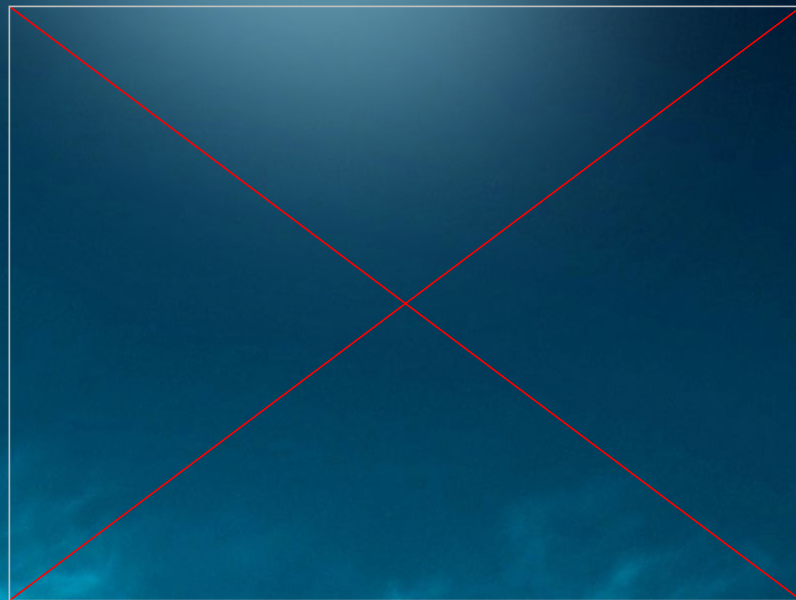
WEST SIDE STORY

HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS

SPONGEBOB THE MUSICAL

URINETOWN THE MUSICAL

GUYS AND DOLLS



# OPENING & CLOSING NUMBER



# 2025-26 FOOTLIGHTERS



Footlighters Scholarships 2025





# WHAT ARE THE FOOTLIGHTERS

Since the Musical Theatre West Footlighters scholarships were established in 2005, they have awarded over \$200,000 to 210 deserving local high school students from throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

In addition to the Footlighters scholarships, several named scholarships have been established to honor Musical Theatre West donors by their families and friends, allowing us to double the number of scholarships we can give each year.

Many of their awarded students go on to attend premier musical theatre programs across the country.

# THE FOOTLIGHTERS



# UNI'S FOOTLIGHTER WINNERS



2016	SHADEN AHADI	ADDAMS FAMILY
2024	CONRAD MAI	EVITA
2024	FRANKIE OCHOA	EVITA
2025	RINA NELSON	GUYS AND DOLLS
2025	AYDEAN ESKANDARI	GUYS AND DOLLS

# UNI'S NOMINEES

2016	SHADEN AHADI	ADDAMS FAMILY
2024	CONRAD MAI	EVITA
2024	FRANKIE OCHOA	EVITA
2025	RINA NELSON	GUYS AND DOLLS
2025	AYDEAN ESKANDARI	GUYS AND DOLLS

# 2025-26 CAPPIES



*Uni Cappie Team*  
**2025-2026**

**LEAD CRITICS**  
GRAYCE BURKE  
REININA ZHANG

**SENIOR**  
LEAH CHEN

**JUNIORS**  
ISABELLA DYM  
ARYA SODHI

**SOPHOMORES**  
BARAN ANSARI  
KSENIA MININA  
MAYUMI NISHIDA

**FRESHMAN**  
ELOISE ENES



# WHAT ARE THE CAPPIES?

Cappies is an international writing organization in which students view and critique high school theatre! It's also an awards program where the Cappies honor the highest achieving work from the year.

- Top 5 in a category (nominees) (this is a HUGE deal!)
- Winner announced at the Gala.

# THE PROCESS



APRIL 28

VOTING DAY (done!)

MAY 6 @ OH

CAPPIES TOP 5 & TICKET ORDER

MAY 7 @ 5pm

CAPPIES RECEPTION

MAY 13 @ OH

AWARDS SEASON CHECK IN

TBD

PICK UP REHEARSAL

MAY 17 @ 5pm

CAPPIES GALA

MAY 18 @ 6pm

CAPPIES GALA

# CAPPIES RECEPTION

Thursday

May 7th

5pm @ Portola High School



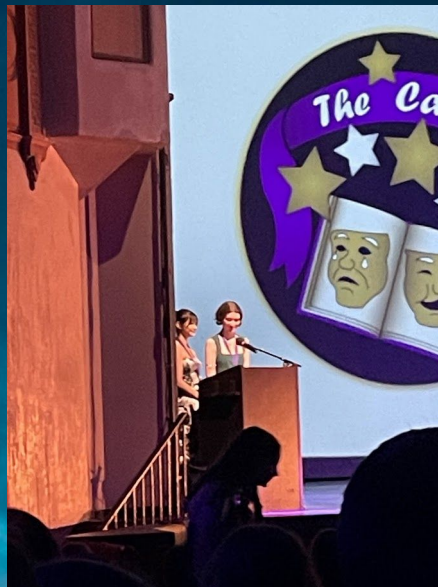
# WHAT HAPPENS AT THE RECEPTION?

- Business casual attire, right after school.
- Snacks and drinks in front of the theatre.
- Top 5 take photos on stage and receive medals.
- Miss B will purchase medals for seniors in groups.
- UNI Nominees are required to attend.
- All welcome.
- Miss B presents.
- Sit together and be respectful.
- Celebrate High School Theatre!
- Root on our friends :)
- UNI Theatre Arts group photos after ceremony.



# CAPPIES GALA!

Sunday  
May 17th @ 5pm  
Plummer Auditorium in Fullerton



# WHAT HAPPENS AT THE GALA?



Gala is a formal/prom attire event.

Nominees wear their medals and await results.

Winners are announced and quotes are shown.

Top 5 Play & Musical nominees perform.

Adults by tickets via SeatYourself- don't sit with UNI

\$X each ticket due to UNI comps

# UNI'S CRITIC CHOICES



# ROMEO and JULIET



November 20-22, 2025  
University High School  
7pm in the Big Theatre



# DREAMLAND

MUSIC AND BOOK BY CHRIS MILLER  
LYRICS AND BOOK BY NATHAN TYSEN

MARCH 5-7 & 12-14  
7PM IN BIG THEATER  
UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL



# UNI THEATRE ARTS



CAPPIE CRITIC CHOICES  
2025-2026



# TICKET ORDER FORM

ORDER Due April 30th at MIDNIGHT  
<https://forms.gle/uARcfMN37rWfzfR48>

\$20 Cappie Gala

\$20 Spirit of the MACY

\$15 Individual Medal

PAYMENT due May 6th at 5pm

*Award Season Order Form*



SPRIT OF THE  
**MACY**  
AWARDS  
**MAY 23, 2026**  
CERRITOS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



UNI  
THEATER  
ARTS



**MAY 17, 2026**  
PLUMMER AUDITORIUM IN FULLERTON

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## AWARD SEASON ORDER FORM

BELOW YOU WILL FIND THE AWARD SEASON ORDER FORM FOR THE SPIRIT OF THE MACY AWARDS AND THE ORANGE COUNTY CAPPIES GALA. THIS HAS BEEN SENT TO EVERY MEMBER OF THE COMPANY FOR 35MM: A MUSICAL EXHIBITION, ROMEO & JULIET, DREAMLAND AND TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CAPPIE CRITIC TEAM.

THE MUSIC AND ART COMMENDATION FOR YOUTH PROGRAM WILL NOT BE AWARDING ANY TECHNICIANS AT THE SPIRIT OF THE MACY AWARDS, BUT WE WOULD ENCOURAGE OUR TECHNICIANS IMPROVE THEIR ARTISTIC LITERACY BY WATCHING THE 15 SCHOOL PERFORMANCES THAT DAY. STUDENTS FROM 35MM AND/OR DREAMLAND MAY BE ASKED TO PERFORM FROM OUR PRODUCTION, IN WHICH CASE IT IS VERY HELPFUL TO HAVE COSTUME, HAIR & MAKEUP AND RUNNING CREW PRESENT.

THE ORANGE COUNTY CAPPIE CRITICS WILL ANNOUNCE THEIR TOP 5 NOMINEES EARLY NEXT WEEK, AND ALL FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE FREE COMMENDEE & NOMINEE RECEPTION AT PORTOLA HIGH SCHOOL ON MAY 7TH. SIMILAR TO THE TONY AWARDS, THE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED DURING THE OC CAPPIE GALA ON MAY 17TH AT THE PLUMMER AUDITORIUM IN FULLERTON. STUDENTS FROM ROMEO & JULIET AND/OR DREAMLAND MAY BE ASKED TO PERFORM, AND MEMBERS OF OUR CAPPIE CRITIC TEAM MAY BE ASKED TO PRESENT.

PARENT TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT ONLINE AFTER SCHOOLS HAVE SECURED STUDENT TICKETS. INFORMATION WILL BE EMAILED. **PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM NO LATER THAN THURSDAY APRIL 30TH AT MIDNIGHT.** OUR ORDERS ARE DUE MAY 1ST TO THE RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS.

# RESOURCES

UniTheatreArts.org



## Parent Information



### PARENT REMIND

FREE 3RD PARTY APPLICATION  
KEEPS PERSONAL PHONE NUMBERS PRIVATE  
ALLOWS FOR QUICK TEXTS OF INFORMATION

Tell people to text @unithat to the number 81010  
They'll receive a welcome text from Remind  
It expires two weeks after @unithat they can't be using Remind to @unithat 100 0000



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## AWARDS SEASON

APRIL 30	THURS	OFFICE HOURS	CAPPIES OVERVIEW w/ PIT → <i>Instrumental Band &amp; Orchestra Festival</i>	COMPANY	LITTLE
MAY 6	WEDS	OFFICE HOURS	CAPPIES TOP 5 & TIX ORDER → <i>Missing: Aizza</i>	COMPANY	LITTLE
MAY 7	THURS	5PM-7PM	CAPPIE NOMINEE RECEPTION → <i>Missing: Aizza</i>	NOMINEES	PHS
MAY 13	WEDS	OFFICE HOURS	UNI GALA CHECK IN	COMPANY	LITTLE
MAY 17	TUES	5PM-10PM	ORANGE COUNTY CAPPIES GALA	COMPANY	PLUMMER
MAY 22	FRI	1PM-7PM	MACY DAY PICK UP REHEARSAL → <i>Minimum Day</i>	CAST & CREW	LITTLE
MAY 23	SAT	11AM-7PM	SPIRIT OF THE MACY AWARDS	COMPANY	CERRITOS
MAY 24	SUN	8AM-8PM	DRAMA CLUB BEACH BANQUET	COMPANY	CDM

AWARD SEASON ORDER FORM



# NEXT STEPS...

**THURSDAY 4/30 @ MIDNIGHT**

MACY & CAPPIE TICKET ORDER FORM DUE

**FRIDAY 5/1 @ LUNCH**

THESPIANS MEETING: 2026 LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCED

**THIS WEEKEND**

TOP 5 NOMINEE REVEAL

**TUESDAY MAY 5 @ 0H**

AWARDS CHECK IN

**WEDNESDAY MAY 6 @ 4PM**

DONATION DUE AT SAC

**THURSDAY MAY 7 @ 5PM**

CAPPIES RECEPTION AT PORTOLA HIGH SCHOOL