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The Miami Valley High School Theatre Awards (MVHSTAs) is a local adjudication and awards program that celebrates, supports, and advocates for high school theatre education throughout the Miami Valley. Since 2017, the MVHSTAs have been formally recognizing the extraordinary achievements of the region's high school theatre productions, providing educational workshops and advancement in dance, voice, acting, and stagecraft, as well as providing professional development and networking opportunities for students, directors, and school programs.

The success of this program has gained national attention, and Dayton Live's MVHSTAs became a Regional Awards Program for the "Jimmy Awards®" (National High School Musical Theatre Awards®) during the 2021-2022 Season.

MVHSTA IMPACT

71

**Productions
Adjudicated**

2,262

**Students
Participated**

450

**Students Performed in
Schuster Center Showcase**

600

**Awards
Presented**

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

2018-2019 22

2019-2020 24

2020-2021 COVID No schools participating

2021-2022 21

2022-2023 26

2023-2024 30

2024-2025 39

BUTLER COUNTY

Madison High School
Monroe High School

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

Mechanicsburg High School

CLARK COUNTY

Emmanuel Christian Academy
Global Impact STEM Academy
Kenton Ridge High School
Northeastern High School
Springfield High School
Tecumseh High School

CLINTON COUNTY

Wilmington High School

GREENE COUNTY

Cedarville High School
Fairborn High School
Xenia High School
Yellow Springs High School

MIAMI COUNTY

Bethel High School
Miami East High School
Tipppecanoe High School
Troy High School
Troy Christian High School

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Archbishop Alter High School
Archbishop Carroll High School
Brookville High School
Butler High School
Centerville High School
Chaminade Julianne High School
Dayton Christian High School
Dominion Academy
Kettering Fairmont High School
Miami Valley School
Miamisburg High School
Northmont High School
Oakwood High School

Stivers School for the Arts
Wayne High School
West Carrollton High School

WARREN COUNTY

Carlisle High School
Franklin High School
Little Miami High School
Springboro High School

NATIONAL STATURE

Each year, through a competitive process, Dayton Live selects two students to compete in the National High School Musical Theatre Awards® in New York City. Students work with Broadway professionals throughout the 12-day process and make their Broadway debut on the Minskoff Theatre stage—home to Disney's *The Lion King*.



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“Going to the Jimmys was one of the greatest experiences in my life. We got to work super closely with professionals and make connections that are going to last the rest of my life. I also learned a lot about myself and how much I love theatre. It really is a memory that will stay with me forever.” —Griffin

“The Jimmys were an absolutely incredible experience. Not only was it my first time in this type of setting, but also my first time in New York. I was overwhelmed with excitement and a hunger for education. I was able to fulfill a dream of mine that I've had since I was a little girl, and I am beyond grateful for the opportunity!” —Lynn