



**THE GERSHWIN AWARDS  
PARTICIPATING SCHOOL  
APPLICATION  
SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013  
CAP21 Studios, New York City**

High schools in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens, Staten Island and Long Island are invited to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Gershwin Awards; an annual celebration of outstanding achievement in musical theatre performance by high school students.

Participants in the Gershwin Awards will take part in a day-long experience of rehearsals and coaching sessions with Broadway professionals. The day will culminate in a showcase performance by the students featuring both solo and ensemble work. A panel of judges will evaluate the performance and present the Gershwin Award to the Best Leading Actor and Best Leading Actress.

The winners will each receive a \$1000 cash prize and a scholarship to CAP 21 pre-college summer program. The winners will also go on to represent the Gershwin Awards and New York City at the National High School Musical Theater Awards.

**Please return this sheet together with a letter of recommendation from a principal, teacher or director of the high school production. Upon acceptance you will receive an information packet. At which time you will be asked to provide information regarding your school's nominees. To see a list of eligible roles, please visit <http://www.nhsmta.com/pages/qualifying-lead-roles>.**

**NAME OF SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SHOW:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRODUCTION DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **THEATRE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF DIRECTOR:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME OF TEACHER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL CONTACT PERSON:** \_\_\_\_\_

(To ensure that the event producers are able to maintain good communication with both the school and the nominee, please designate a representative for your school to whom all communication can be directed. Your point of contact must have regular access to email, telephone and/or fax.)

**DAY PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CELL PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_



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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

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### **Award Categories:**

- Best Performance by an Actor
- Best Performance by an Actress

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Nominees must be enrolled in grades 9-12 in a New York City or Long Island public or private high school and have performed in a high school affiliated musical theater production during the 2012-2013 academic year.
- To compete in the Gershwin Awards, a nominee must have played the lead role in a full-length high school musical theater production. A comprehensive list of qualifying roles can be found at <http://www.nhsmta.com/pages/qualifying-lead-roles>.

### **Rules:**

- This application must be completed in full and received no later than April 26, 2013 by Camp Broadway, 226 West 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 900, New York, NY 10036
- A teacher or director must nominate students who have performed the Leading Actor and Actress in a qualifying musical during the 2012 – 2013 academic year
- Only one lead male and one lead female submission will be accepted per participating high school.

Student nominees will be evaluated on Saturday, May 18, 2013 by a panel of qualified adjudicators and judges selected by The Gershwin Awards. The judges' decision is final.

### **Judging Guidelines:**

- The nominees will be evaluated through a day-long audition process that includes the live performance of a solo (one up-tempo or one ballad, if applicable) from the lead role he/she played in the musical for which they have been nominated. No substitutions will be considered eligible.

### **Participation in the National High School Musical Theater Awards/Jimmy Awards:**

- If selected as a Gershwin Award winner, the student must be available and willing to participate in the National High School Musical Theater Awards held in New York City beginning Tuesday, June 24 through Tuesday, July 2, 2013 (dates are subject to change).
- For more information about the National High School Musical Theater Awards please visit [www.nhsmta.com](http://www.nhsmta.com)