

# Wauwatosa School District: Theatre students and staff earn prestigious Jerry Awards

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**Wauwatosa, WI** – The Wauwatosa School District proudly announces that its high school students have received prestigious Jerry Awards for their spring 2023 performances of *Seussical* and *Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella* (Wauwatosa West) and *Rock of Ages* (Wauwatosa East).

The Wauwatosa West Theatre Program received several awards for its production of *Seussical* including:

- Spirit Award: Steven Awve
- Outstanding Lighting Design: Aaron Zimmerman
- Outstanding Costume Design: Andrea Loss

Awards received for the production of *Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella* include:

- Outstanding Musical – This award recognizes all aspects of the production as outstanding and is the 8th time West Theatre has won this award.
- Direction: Adam Steffan
- Music Direction: Alex Hunt
- Choreography: Nancy Visintainer-Armstrong
- Scenic Design: Dale Shively
- Lighting Design: Aaron Zimmermann
- Costume Design: Andrea Loss
- Wig Design: Katie Krause
- Make-up Design: Anna Thaney
- Sound Design: Scott Varga

- Outstanding Supporting Performance: Zachary Nowacek
- Spirit Award: Evan Sulik

The Wauwatosa East Theatre Program received several awards for its production *Rock of Ages: Teen Edition*, including:

- Outstanding Orchestra
- Outstanding Scenic Design
- Outstanding Lead Performance: Ray Thesian
- Outstanding Lead Performance: Nolan Zeller Mayer

The program, named after Madison-area philanthropist and arts supporter Jerome Frautschi, honors excellence in high school musical theater within the state of Wisconsin. The program reviews productions at more than 85 high schools in 30 counties around the state. Of the number of student thespians who are evaluated, only a select few receive an award each year. These awards elevate the importance of musical theater within high schools.

The 2022-23 Jerry Awards program will recognize winners at The 2023 Jerry Awards Show, held on June 11, 2023 at Overture Hall.

### **About Wauwatosa School District**

Wauwatosa School District is a high achieving, forward-thinking, richly diverse public school district serving approximately 7,200 students and families. The District consists of 16 schools: 11 elementary schools, two middle schools, two high schools and the Wauwatosa Virtual Academy. Among these are two choice schools: Wauwatosa Montessori and Wauwatosa STEM. A full STEM program is offered at Underwood Elementary and at both middle schools. Additionally, the District provides education for several county programs including Children's Hospital, Vel R. Phillips Juvenile Justice Center and River Hills School. The educational community's long history of excellence has been recognized both regionally and nationally.

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