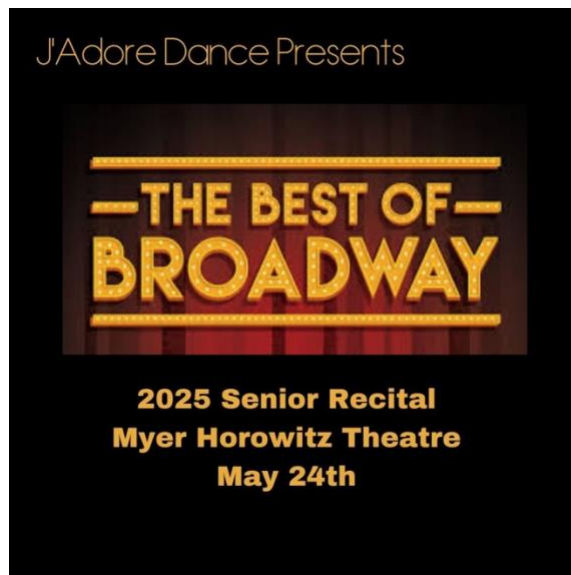




Welcome to the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Tony Awards! Over the past 78 years there have been hundreds of amazing musicals that have entertained thousands of audiences across the globe. Tonight, we take a moment to celebrate just a few of those. So come along with us as we explore,  
*The Best of Broadway!*

1. On Broadway – Adult Broadway Jazz, [Ms. Camille](#)
2. Wicked
  - a. Musical Theatre 3, [Ms. Chantel](#)
  - b. JBallet 5, [Ms. Daelyn](#)

The musical Wicked has been performed in more than 130 cities in 16 countries around the world. Opening in 2004 and still going strong 20 years later, the original Broadway production won a total of three Tony Awards for Best Actress in a Musical, Best Costume Design, and Best Scenic Design.

3. Oklahoma – JBallet 4, [Ms. Liesa](#)

Oklahoma! was originally a musical that opened on Broadway in 1943 and ran for almost five years. It was the first musical to blend comedy, drama, dance, and song. The 2019 revival of Oklahoma! won the Tony Award for Best Revival of a Musical at the 73rd Annual Tony Awards. This was also a particularly historic event because Ali Stroker won the Tony Award for Best Featured Actress in a Musical and became the first person in a wheelchair to win a Tony Award.
4. Mean Girls – Youth Contemporary, [Ms. Jeannie](#)

Tina Fey's stage adaptation of her 2004 film Mean Girls premiered on Broadway in 2018 at the August Wilson Theatre. It tied with SpongeBob SquarePants for the most nominations that year. However, Mean Girls went home empty-handed. The show ran for 833 performances before closing in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
5. Cinderella – JBallet 6, [Ms. Mikayla](#)

Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella received nine Tony Award nominations. Now while there is no actual fairy godmother producing the costumes for this show they were fortunate to have William Ivey Long as designer and he won a Tony for Best Costume Design for his work on this musical.

6. **Back to the Future – JHop 4, [Mr. Ethan](#)**

The Broadway production of Back to the Future: The Musical is an adaptation of the classic film created by the same people who made the movie and was nominated for two Tony Awards in 2023: Best Featured Actor in a Musical for Bart And Best Scenic Design of a Musical. While it did not take home any Tony Awards it did win several other awards, including the 2022 Olivier Award for Best New Musical, 4 WhatsOnStage Awards, and the Broadway World Award for Best New Musical.

7. **Newsies – JBallet 5, [Ms. Jewel](#)**

Inspired by the real-life Newsboy Strike of 1899, Newsies tells the story of newsboy Jack Kelly, who dreams of a better life far from the hardship of the streets. In 2012, Newsies earned eight Tony Award nominations and won Best Original Score and Best Choreography. Newsies closed on Aug 24, 2014 after 1004 shows on Broadway and ended its North American tour on October 2, 2016. After another 784 performances.

8. **Hairspray – Adult Tap Advanced, [Ms. Jewel](#)**

Hairspray was a musical adaptation of John Waters' 1988 film of the same name. It opened on Broadway in 2002 and ran for over six years, closing in 2009. Hairspray won eight Tony Awards in 2003, including Best Musical, Best Book of a Musical, Best Score of a Musical, and Best Direction.

9. **Aladdin – JHop 6, [Ms. Mikayla](#), [Mr. Chris](#)**

Aladdin was nominated for five Tony Awards in 2014 and James Monroe Iglehart won Best Featured Actor in a Musical for his performance as the Genie.

10. **Phantom – JBallet 7, [Ms. Jeannie](#)**

Phantom of the opera opened on January 26, 1988. It won 7 Tony Awards In the year it opened and is still going strong as The Best Musical with the longest Broadway run to date.

11. **Billy Elliot – Youth Pre-Pointe, [Ms. Jeannie](#)**

The 2009 Broadway production of Billy Elliot: The Musical won 10 Tony Awards in 2008, including Best Musical and Best Director: David Alvarez, Trent Kowalik, and Kiril Kulish are the only performers to have jointly won a Tony Award for their alternating performances of a single role: the title character of Billy Elliot, The Musical.

12. **Mary Poppins**

a. JTap 4/5, [Ms. Jenna](#)

b. JTap 6/7, [Ms. Amanda](#)

c. Youth Tap, [Ms. Jewel](#)

Mary Poppins was nominated for seven Tony Awards in 2007, including Best Musical and Best Choreography and won for Best scenic design in a musical.

13. **CATS – JBallet 6, [Ms. Amanda](#)**

Andrew Lloyd Webber's Musical Cats opened on Broadway in 1982, was nominated for ten and won 7 Tony Awards that same year. It ran for 18 years closing on September 10th, 2000.

14. **Annie – Musical Theatre 2, [Ms. Chantel](#)**

Annie has been nominated for Tony Awards multiple times, including 10 nominations at the 31st Tony Awards. The original Broadway production of Annie won seven Tony Awards in 1977, including Best Musical, Best Original Score, Best Book, Best Costumes, Best Choreography, Best Scenic Design and Best Actress. Andrea McArdle, who originated the title role in the original Broadway production, was the youngest performer ever nominated for a Tony Award for Best Lead Actress in a Musical.

15. **&Juliet – Youth HipHop, [Ms. Mikayla](#), [Mr. Chris](#)**

& Juliet is one of the newest musicals to play on Broadway opening in 2023 and although it did not win a Tony Award it was nominated for nine that year. & Juliet is a coming-of-age jukebox musical featuring the music of Swedish pop songwriter Max Martin, with a book by David West Read. The story focuses on a "what if" scenario, where Juliet decided not to kill herself at the end of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet.

16. **Hadestown – Adult Beginner & Intermediate Ballet, [Ms. Jeannie](#)**

Hadestown is a musical about two love stories that intertwine: Orpheus and Eurydice, and King Hades and his wife, Persephone. It blends modern American folk music with New Orleans-inspired jazz. Hades Town was nominated for 14 Tony Awards, the most of any show, and won eight Tony Awards at the 73rd Annual Tony Awards in 2019.

17. **MJ the Musical – Adult HipHop Intermediate/Advanced, [Ms. Mikayla](#), [Mr. Chris](#)**

MJ the Musical is a Broadway musical that opened in February 2022 at the Neil Simon Theatre. The musical is about the making of Michael Jackson's 1992 Dangerous World Tour. It was created by: Christopher Wheeldon Tony Award-winning director and choreographer Lynn Nottage: Two-time Pulitzer Prize winner MJ the Musical was nominated for 10 Tony Awards in 2022 and won four including one for Best Choreography.

18. **Mamma Mia – Adult Tap Intermediate, [Ms. Jewel](#)**

Mamma Mia! was nominated for five Tony Awards. The musical is based on ABBA's music and tells the story of a daughter who discovers her father's identity. Mamma Mia! opened on Broadway in 2001 and played there until 2013. The musical was adapted into a film in 2008, which became the highest-grossing film in the United Kingdom that year.

19. **Greatest Showman**

- a. JHop 5, [Ms. Maria](#)
- b. JBallet 4 (4:00pm show only), [Ms. Kate](#)
- c. Adult Contemporary Advanced, [Ms. Camille](#)

Perhaps one of the most inspirational musicals to be made into a movie, The greatest Showman celebrates the performers in Barnum's circus, who are considered outcasts and "oddities" by society. The movie inspires us to be proud of our differences and stand up against judgment. While not a live musical, The Greatest Showman received three Tony Award nominations: Best Motion Picture as a Musical, Best Actor and Best Original Song for "This Is Me".

20. **Grannies & Grampies – Musical Theatre 4, [Ms. Daelyn](#)**

And now the Grannies & Grampies decide that it's their time to shine on the Tony stage!

21. **Finale**

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Chantel Sampson

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Jenna Brenan

**Recital and Costume Coordinator**

Liesa McKay

**Front Desk Manager**

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Avery Baldwin

Cecilia

Chris Hammer

Diane Lu

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Mana Middleton

Maria Karuvilath

Mikayla Pucci

Rachel Stang

Ava Sutherland

Camille Ensminger

Chantel Sampson

Daelyn Myggland

Ethan Sampson

Hailey Burgess

Jeannie Vandekerkhove

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