

Eisenhower's 'Sister Act', West's 'South Pacific' Notch Combined Eight Tommy Awards

New Berlin, Wis. – New Berlin Eisenhower and New Berlin West's spring musicals combined for eight 2017 Overture Center for the Arts Tommy Awards, a program that recognizes and encourages excellence in high school musical theater.

Eisenhower's *Sister Act* and West's *South Pacific* both earned awards in the Outstanding Orchestra category. Eisenhower's Erin Ashenhurst, who portrayed Mother Superior in *Sister Act*, earned an Outstanding Lead award.

Sister Act earned four additional awards. Grace Statfield and Madison Ranta both earned Outstanding Stage Manager awards, while Sara Zavadsky earned one for Outstanding Choreography. Eisenhower's Alecia Hough earned a Tommy Spirit Award, as did West's Evan McKenzie.

Overture's Tommy Awards program is an education initiative that recognizes, honors and encourages excellence in musical theater production among area high school students. Musicals of participating schools are reviewed by a panel of educators, theater experts and industry professions. Based on reviewers' comments and tabulations, productions and individuals receive awards in specific categories at a ceremony held each year at Overture Center in June. The ceremony also features performance and production numbers from award winners in several categories.

This year, the Tommy adjudicators reviewed 87 productions at 82 schools in 23 counties.

The 2017 Tommy Awards will take place Sunday, June 11, at the Overture Center in Madison.

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