



2020 Helen Hayes Awards Nominations

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Outstanding Choreography in a Musical - Hayes

Grady McLeod Bowman	<i>Singin' in the Rain</i>	Olney Theatre Center
Byron Easley	<i>Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical</i>	Olney Theatre Center
Denis Jones	<i>A Chorus Line</i>	Signature Theatre
Parker Esse	<i>Newsies</i>	Arena Stage
Katie Spelman	<i>Cabaret</i>	Olney Theatre Center

Outstanding Choreography in a Musical - Helen

Tina Marie DeSimone & Mark Minnick	<i>A Christmas Story</i>	Toby's Dinner Theatre
Ilona Kessell	<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Constellation Theatre Company
Ashleigh King	<i>Legally Blonde</i>	The Keegan Theatre
Robert Mintz	<i>Singin' in the Rain</i>	NextStop Theatre Company
Luis Salgado	<i>Fame, The Musical</i>	GALA Hispanic Theatre

Outstanding Choreography in a Play - Hayes

Tori Tolentino and Dallas Tolentino	<i>Escape from Peligro Island</i>	Imagination Stage
Alice Gosti, U. Jonathan Toppo	<i>1 Henry IV</i>	Folger Theatre
Orange Grove Dance	<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i>	Round House Theatre
Stephanie Paul, Robb Hunter	<i>Richard the Third</i>	Shakespeare Theatre Company
Tony Thomas	<i>P.Y.G. Or The Mis-Edumaction of Dorian Belle</i>	Studio Theatre
Paige Hernandez, Cliff Williams III	<i>The Royale</i>	Olney Theatre Center & 1st Stage

Outstanding Choreography in a Play - Helen

Robert Bowen Smith, Jonathan Ezra Rubin, Tiffanie Horner	<i>Crystal Creek Motel</i>	Flying V
Happenstance Theater	<i>Pantheon</i>	Happenstance Theater
Casey Kaleba	<i>Topdog/Underdog</i>	Avant Bard Theatre
Tiffany Quinn	<i>Blood at the Root</i>	Theater Alliance
Jessica Redish	<i>Airness</i>	The Keegan Theatre & 1st Stage
Irina Tsikurishvili	<i>Cyrano de Bergerac</i>	Synetic Theater

Outstanding Musical Direction - Hayes

Laura Bergquist	<i>Newsies</i>	Arena Stage
Jon Kalbfleisch	<i>A Chorus Line</i>	Signature Theatre
Mark G. Meadows	<i>Ain't Misbehavin'</i>	Signature Theatre
William Yanesh	<i>Into the Woods</i>	Ford's Theatre
Christopher Youstra	<i>Cabaret</i>	Olney Theatre Center

Outstanding Musical Direction - Helen

Marika Countouris	<i>We're Gonna Die</i>	Flying V
Walter "Bobby" McCoy	<i>Legally Blonde</i>	The Keegan Theatre
Walter "Bobby" McCoy	<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Constellation Theatre Company
Ross Scott Rawlings	<i>A Christmas Story</i>	Toby's Dinner Theatre
Refiye Tappan	<i>On Air</i>	Creative Cauldron

Outstanding Costume Design - Hayes

Tracy Christensen	<i>Love's Labor's Lost</i>	Folger Theatre
Mariah Anzaldo Hale	<i>Nell Gwynn</i>	Folger Theatre
Wade Laboissonniere	<i>Into the Woods</i>	Ford's Theatre
Pei Lee	<i>Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical</i>	Olney Theatre Center
Merrily Murray-Walsh	<i>Jubilee</i>	Arena Stage

Outstanding Costume Design - Helen

Kristen Ahern	<i>Daddy Long Legs</i>	Monumental Theatre Company
Jeannette Christensen	<i>Elephant & Piggie's "We Are In A Play!"</i>	Adventure Theatre MTC
Alison Samantha Johnson	<i>Cyrano de Bergerac</i>	Synetic Theater
Frank Labovitz	<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Constellation Theatre Company
Amy MacDonald	<i>Blood at the Root</i>	Theater Alliance

Outstanding Lighting Design - Hayes

Colin K. Bills	<i>Cabaret</i>	Olney Theatre Center
William D'Eugenio	<i>The Brothers Size</i>	1st Stage
Adam Honore	<i>A Chorus Line</i>	Signature Theatre
Sherrice Mojgani	<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i>	Round House Theatre
Rui Rita	<i>Into the Woods</i>	Ford's Theatre

Outstanding Lighting Design - Helen

Johnathan Alexander	<i>Topdog/Underdog</i>	Avant Bard Theatre
Brian S. Allard	<i>Cyrano de Bergerac</i>	Synetic Theater
Lynn Joslin	<i>On Air</i>	Creative Cauldron
Conor Mulligan	<i>columbinus</i>	1st Stage
Alberto Segarra (Lighting Designer), Kelly Colburn (Projections/Media Designer)	<i>Blood at the Root</i>	Theater Alliance

Outstanding Set Design - Hayes

Debra Booth	<i>Richard the Third</i>	Shakespeare Theatre Company
Wilson Chin	<i>Cabaret</i>	Olney Theatre Center
Paul Tate DePoo III	<i>Grand Hotel</i>	Signature Theatre
Milagros Ponce de Leon	<i>Into the Woods</i>	Ford's Theatre
Milagros Ponce de Leon (Set Designer), Clint Allen (Projections/Media Designer)	<i>Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical</i>	Olney Theatre Center
Giorgos Tsappas	<i>The Brothers Size</i>	1st Stage

Outstanding Set Design - Helen

Nephelie Andonyadis	<i>Topdog/Underdog</i>	Avant Bard Theatre
Jessica Cancino	<i>Daddy Long Legs</i>	Monumental Theatre Company
A.J. Guban	<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Constellation Theatre Company
David A. Hopkins	<i>A Christmas Story</i>	Toby's Dinner Theatre
Joseph Musumeci Jr.	<i>Crystal Creek Motel</i>	Flying V
Jonathan Dahm Roberston	<i>Blood at the Root</i>	Theater Alliance

Outstanding Sound Design - Hayes

Ryan Hickey	<i>A Chorus Line</i>	Signature Theatre
Kenny Neal	<i>The Royale</i>	Olney Theatre Center & 1st Stage
Kenny Neal	<i>Oil</i>	Olney Theatre Center
Sarah O'Halloran	<i>The Brothers Size</i>	1st Stage
Andre Pleuss	<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i>	Round House Theatre
Matt Rowe	<i>Cabaret</i>	Olney Theatre Center

Outstanding Sound Design - Helen

e'Marcus Harper-Short	<i>Topdog/Underdog</i>	Avant Bard Theatre
Kenny Neal	<i>columbinus</i>	1st Stage
Kenny Neal	<i>Airness</i>	The Keegan Theatre & 1st Stage
Tony Starnes	<i>Blood at the Root</i>	Theater Alliance
Tom Teasley, Chao Tian	<i>The White Snake</i>	Constellation Theatre Company

Outstanding Direction in a Musical - Hayes

Peter Flynn	<i>Into the Woods</i>	Ford's Theatre
Matthew Gardiner	<i>A Chorus Line</i>	Signature Theatre
Alan Paul	<i>Cabaret</i>	Olney Theatre Center
Molly Smith	<i>Newsies</i>	Arena Stage
Jerry Whiddon	<i>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical</i>	The Kennedy Center

Outstanding Direction in a Musical - Helen

Matt Conner	<i>Disney's Beauty and the Beast</i>	Creative Cauldron
Ricky Drummond	<i>Legally Blonde</i>	The Keegan Theatre
Shawn Kettering	<i>A Christmas Story</i>	Toby's Dinner Theatre
Nick Martin	<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Constellation Theatre Company
Michael Windsor	<i>Daddy Long Legs</i>	Monumental Theatre Company

Outstanding Direction in a Play - Hayes

Vivienne Benesch	<i>Love's Labor's Lost</i>	Folger Theatre
Jose Carrasquillo	<i>The Brothers Size</i>	1st Stage
Robert Richmond	<i>Nell Gwynn</i>	Folger Theatre
Ryan Rilette, Jared Mezzocchi	<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i>	Round House Theatre
Nicole A. Watson	<i>School Girls; Or, the African Mean Girls Play</i>	Round House Theatre

Outstanding Direction in a Play - Helen

Raymond O. Caldwell	<i>Blood at the Root</i>	Theater Alliance
Danielle A. Drakes	<i>Klytmenestra: An Epic Slam Poem</i>	Theater Alliance
Rick Hammerly	<i>Agnes of God</i>	Factory 449
Alex Levy, Juan Francisco Villa	<i>columbinus</i>	1st Stage
DeMone Seraphin	<i>Topdog/Underdog</i>	Avant Bard Theatre
Vato Tsikurishvili	<i>Cyrano de Bergerac</i>	Synetic Theater

Outstanding Ensemble in a Musical - Hayes

<i>A Chorus Line</i>	Signature Theatre
<i>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical</i>	The Kennedy Center
<i>Into the Woods</i>	Ford's Theatre
<i>Newsies</i>	Arena Stage
<i>Once</i>	Olney Theatre Center

Outstanding Ensemble in a Musical - Helen

<i>A Christmas Story</i>	Toby's Dinner Theatre
<i>Disenchanted!</i>	Creative Cauldron
<i>Fame, The Musical</i>	GALA Hispanic Theatre
<i>The Hunchback of Notre Dame</i>	Toby's Dinner Theatre
<i>Legally Blonde</i>	The Keegan Theatre
<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Constellation Theatre Company
<i>On Air</i>	Creative Cauldron

Outstanding Ensemble in a Play - Hayes

<i>Nell Gwynn</i>	Folger Theatre
<i>Oil</i>	Olney Theatre Center
<i>The Oresteia</i>	Shakespeare Theatre Company
<i>School Girls; Or, the African Mean Girls Play</i>	Round House Theatre
<i>Vanity Fair</i>	Shakespeare Theatre Company

Outstanding Ensemble in a Play - Helen

<i>Blood at the Root</i>	Theater Alliance
<i>columbinus</i>	1st Stage
<i>Cyrano de Bergerac</i>	Synetic Theater
<i>Day of Absence</i>	Theater Alliance
<i>Pantheon</i>	Happenstance Theater

Outstanding Performer - Visiting Production

Jayne Atkinson	<i>Ann</i>	Arena Stage
Anthony Chisholm	<i>Jitney</i>	Arena Stage
Sasson Gabay	<i>The Band's Visit</i>	The Kennedy Center
Steven Anthony Jones	<i>Jitney</i>	Arena Stage
Russell Jordan	<i>Vivian's Music 1969</i>	The Essential Theatre
Pat Kinevane	<i>Silent</i>	Solas Nua
Pomme Koch	<i>The Band's Visit</i>	The Kennedy Center

Outstanding Supporting Performer in a Musical -Hayes

Samantha M Gershman	<i>A Chorus Line</i>	Signature Theatre
Jade Jones	<i>Into the Woods</i>	Ford's Theatre
Donna Migliaccio	<i>Cabaret</i>	Olney Theatre Center
Tracy Lynn Olivera	<i>Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical</i>	Olney Theatre Center
Tracy Lynn Olivera	<i>Assassins</i>	Signature Theatre
Christopher Bloch	<i>Assassins</i>	Signature Theatre
Jeff Gorti	<i>A Chorus Line</i>	Signature Theatre
Vincent Kempiski	<i>Assassins</i>	Signature Theatre
Bobby Smith	<i>Grand Hotel</i>	Signature Theatre
Jacob Scott Tischler	<i>Singin' in the Rain</i>	Olney Theatre Center

Outstanding Supporting Performer in a Musical - Helen

Teresa Danskey	<i>Fame, The Musical</i>	GALA Hispanic Theatre
Susan Oliveras	<i>Fame, The Musical</i>	GALA Hispanic Theatre
Molly Rumberger	<i>Be More Chill</i>	Monumental Theatre Company
Molly Rumberger	<i>Disenchanted!</i>	Creative Cauldron
Alana Thomas	<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Constellation Theatre Company
Chani Wereley	<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Constellation Theatre Company
Marty Austin Lamar	<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Constellation Theatre Company
Christian Montgomery	<i>Be More Chill</i>	Monumental Theatre Company
Josh Simon	<i>Disney's Beauty and the Beast</i>	Creative Cauldron
Fashad Tyler	<i>Black Nativity</i>	Anacostia Playhouse
Greg Watkins	<i>Legally Blonde</i>	The Keegan Theatre

Outstanding Supporting Performer in a Play - Hayes

Temidayo Amay	<i>School Girls; Or, the African Mean Girls Play</i>	Round House Theatre
Shannon Dorsey	<i>Fairview</i>	Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company
Jade Jones	<i>School Girls; Or, the African Mean Girls Play</i>	Round House Theatre
Sarah Marshall	<i>Admissions</i>	Studio Theatre
Nancy Robinette	<i>The Heiress</i>	Arena Stage
Kathryn Tkel	<i>A Doll's House, Part 2</i>	Round House Theatre
Christopher Dinolfo	<i>Nell Gwynn</i>	Folger Theatre
Juri Henley-Cohn	<i>Oslo</i>	Round House Theatre
Vincent Randazzo	<i>Vanity Fair</i>	Shakespeare Theatre Company
Justin Weaks	<i>BLKS</i>	Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company
Elan Zafir	<i>Twelve Angry Men</i>	Ford's Theatre

Outstanding Supporting Performer in a Play – Helen

Jessica Lefkow	<i>Lovers' Vows</i>	We Happy Few Productions
Chloe Mikala	<i>The Burn</i>	The Hub Theatre
Rebecca Speas	<i>As You Like It</i>	Brave Spirits Theatre
Zoe Walpole	<i>Agnes of God</i>	Factory 449
Gabby Wolfe	<i>The Burn</i>	The Hub Theatre
Aaron Bliden	<i>Beep Beep</i>	Arts on the Horizon
Brett Cassidy	<i>columbinus</i>	1st Stage
Elliott Kashner	<i>The Burn</i>	The Hub Theatre
Jack Novak	<i>Lovers' Vows</i>	We Happy Few Productions
Gary Perkins III	<i>Airness</i>	The Keegan Theatre & 1st Stage
Chris Stezin	<i>Airness</i>	The Keegan Theatre & 1st Stage
Matt Stover	<i>Cyrano de Bergerac</i>	Synetic Theater

Outstanding Lead Performer in a Musical - Hayes

Felicia Curry	<i>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical</i>	The Kennedy Center
Nova Y Payton	<i>Ain't Misbehavin'</i>	Signature Theatre
Malinda Kathleen Reese	<i>Once</i>	Olney Theatre Center
Awa Sal Secka	<i>Into the Woods</i>	Ford's Theatre
Erin Weaver	<i>Newsies</i>	Arena Stage
Rhett Guter	<i>Singin' in the Rain</i>	Olney Theatre Center
Gregory Maheu	<i>Once</i>	Olney Theatre Center
Daniel J Maldonado	<i>Newsies</i>	Arena Stage
Kevin McAllister	<i>Ain't Misbehavin'</i>	Signature Theatre
Mason Alexander Park	<i>Cabaret</i>	Olney Theatre Center

Outstanding Lead Performer in a Musical - Helen

Tanya DeLeon	<i>Fame, The Musical</i>	GALA Hispanic Theatre
Gabriella DeLuca	<i>Legally Blonde</i>	The Keegan Theatre
Nora Palka	<i>On Air</i>	Creative Cauldron
Eleanor Todd	<i>Disney's Beauty and the Beast</i>	Creative Cauldron
Karen Vincent	<i>Elephant & Piggie's "We Are In A Play!"</i>	Adventure Theatre MTC
Caroline Wolfson	<i>Daddy Long Legs</i>	Monumental Theatre Company
Kurt Boehm	<i>Daddy Long Legs</i>	Monumental Theatre Company
Juan Luis Espinal	<i>Fame, The Musical</i>	GALA Hispanic Theatre
Christian Montgomery	<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Constellation Theatre Company
John Poncy	<i>A Christmas Story</i>	Toby's Dinner Theatre
Jonah Schwartz	<i>Huckleberry Finn's Big River</i>	Adventure Theatre MTC

Outstanding Lead Performer in a Play - Hayes

Kelley Curran	<i>The Oresteia</i>	Shakespeare Theatre Company
Shannon Dorsey	<i>BLKS</i>	Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company
Catherine Eaton	<i>Oil</i>	Olney Theatre Center
Kashayna Johnson	<i>School Girls; Or, the African Mean Girls Play</i>	Round House Theatre
Laura C. Harris	<i>The Heiress</i>	Arena Stage
Alison Luff	<i>Nell Gwynn</i>	Folger Theatre
Sarah Marshall	<i>Doubt, A Parable</i>	Studio Theatre
Harrison Bryan	<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i>	Round House Theatre
Christian Conn	<i>Doubt, A Parable</i>	Studio Theatre
John Treacy Egan	<i>Ken Ludwig's A Comedy of Tenors</i>	Olney Theatre Center
Zachary Fine	<i>Love's Labor's Lost</i>	Folger Theatre
Gary-Kayi Fletcher	<i>The Brothers Size</i>	1st Stage

Outstanding Lead Performer in a Play - Helen

Felicia Curry	<i>Agnes of God</i>	Factory 449
Dane Figueroa Edidi	<i>Klytmenestra: An Epic Slam Poem</i>	Theater Alliance
Billie Krishawn	<i>Blood at the Root</i>	Theater Alliance
Lolita Marie	<i>God of Carnage</i>	The Keegan Theatre
Maryam Najafzada	<i>Cyrano de Bergerac</i>	Synetic Theater
Louis E. Davis	<i>Topdog/Underdog</i>	Avant Bard Theatre
Jeremy Keith Hunter	<i>Topdog/Underdog</i>	Avant Bard Theatre
Patrick Joy	<i>columbinus</i>	1st Stage
Emmanuel Kyei-Baffour	<i>Blood at the Root</i>	Theater Alliance
Vato Tsikurishvili	<i>Cyrano de Bergerac</i>	Synetic Theater

Outstanding Original Play or Musical Adaptation

Dane Figueroa Edidi	<i>Klytmenestra: An Epic Slam Poem</i>	Theater Alliance
Patrick Flynn	<i>The Velveteen Rabbit</i>	Adventure Theatre MTC
Ellen McLaughlin	<i>The Oresteia</i>	Shakespeare Theatre Company
Matt Minnicino	<i>A Misanthrope</i>	Avant Bard Theatre
Tom Warburton, Mo Willems, Deborah Wicks La Puma	<i>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical</i>	The Kennedy Center

Charles MacArthur Award for Outstanding Original New Play or Musical

Tearrance Chisholm	<i>P.Y.G. Or The Mis-Education Of Dorian Belle</i>	Studio Theatre
Irma Correa	<i>El viejo, el joven y el mar (The Old Man, the Youth, and the Sea)</i>	GALA Hispanic Theatre
Ken Ludwig	<i>Dear Jack, Dear Louise</i>	Arena Stage
Psalmayene 24	<i>Les Deux Noirs: Notes on Notes of a Native Son</i>	Mosaic Theater Company of DC
Paul Reisman	<i>The Great Commedia Hotel Murder Mystery</i>	Faction of Fools Theatre Company

Outstanding Production - Theatre for Young Audiences

<i>Beep Beep</i>	Arts on the Horizon
<i>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical</i>	The Kennedy Center
<i>From Gumbo to Mumbo</i>	The Keegan Theatre
<i>Squeakers and Mr. Gumdrop</i>	Arts on the Horizon
<i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show</i>	Imagination Stage

Outstanding Visiting Production

<i>The Band's Visit</i>	The Kennedy Center
<i>Hello, Dolly!</i>	The Kennedy Center
<i>Jitney</i>	Arena Stage
<i>Silent</i>	Solas Nua
<i>Twisted Melodies</i>	Mosaic Theater Company of DC
<i>Vivian's Music 1969</i>	The Essential Theatre

Outstanding Production in a Musical - Hayes

<i>Cabaret</i>	Olney Theatre Center
<i>A Chorus Line</i>	Signature Theatre
<i>Into the Woods</i>	Ford's Theatre
<i>Newsies</i>	Arena Stage
<i>Once</i>	Olney Theatre Center

Outstanding Production in a Musical - Helen

<i>A Christmas Story</i>	Toby's Dinner Theatre
<i>Daddy Long Legs</i>	Monumental Theatre Company
<i>Fame, The Musical</i>	GALA Hispanic Theatre
<i>Legally Blonde</i>	The Keegan Theatre
<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Constellation Theatre Company

Outstanding Production in a Play - Hayes

<i>The Brothers Size</i>	1st Stage
<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i>	Round House Theatre
<i>Doubt, A Parable</i>	Studio Theatre
<i>Nell Gwynn</i>	Folger Theatre
<i>Oil</i>	Olney Theatre Center
<i>School Girls; Or, the African Mean Girls Play</i>	Round House Theatre

Outstanding Production in a Play - Helen

<i>Agnes of God</i>	Factory 449
<i>Blood at the Root</i>	Theater Alliance
<i>Cyrano de Bergerac</i>	Synetic Theater
<i>Klytmnestra: An Epic Slam Poem</i>	Theater Alliance
<i>Topdog/Underdog</i>	Avant Bard Theatre

The John Aniello Award for Outstanding Emerging Theatre Company

(note: these are eligible companies, not nominees)

4615 Theatre Company

Angel Rose Artist Collective

Best Medicine Rep

Theatre Prometheus