



HOW PRODUCTIONS GET ADJUDICATED FOR THE HELEN HAYES AWARDS

THE JOHN ANIELLO AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING EMERGING THEATRE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. To participate in the Helen Hayes Awards, an Emerging Theatre – i.e., a company that has not previously participated in the Awards process – must apply via the official Application for New Theatre Organizations (Emerging Theatres).
2. Applications will be reviewed and approved by the Emerging Theatre Committee of The Helen Hayes Awards Board of Governors.
3. For each of the two years following its initial successful Application, an Emerging Theatre that (i) presents at least nine (9) performances of at least one eligible production and (ii) meets all other eligibility requirements (listed below), shall be eligible for consideration for the discretionary John Aniello Award for Outstanding Emerging Theatre Company.

Eligible Theatres' Responsibilities:

- Theatres must be located in the District of Columbia, the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Montgomery, and Prince Georges, the city of Alexandria, the Route 29 Corridor up to and including the community of Columbia, and the Route 50 Corridor to and including the city of Annapolis.
- All artists must be compensated.
- Theatre must have the legal rights to produce the play.
- theatreWashington must be notified about the production at least three weeks prior to opening.
- Must produce a minimum of one eligible production per year for two consecutive years.
- Productions must have nine (9) public performances in one location.
- Members of the Board of Governors attend each production for Consideration of the company's body of work for as potential recipient of The John Aniello Award for Outstanding Emerging Theatre.

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After completing the two year emerging theatre eligibility requirements, your productions will be eligible for individual Helen Hayes Awards when meeting the following criteria:

- Theatres must be located in the District of Columbia, the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Montgomery, and Prince Georges, the city of Alexandria, the Route 29 Corridor up to and including the community of Columbia, and the Route 50 Corridor to and including the city of Annapolis.
- All artists must be compensated.
- Productions must have 16 public performances in one location.
- Theatre must have the legal rights to produce the play.
- theatreWashington must be notified about the production three weeks prior to opening.
- Eight judges and one alternate are assigned to see each production.
- Eligible theatres must produce a minimum of one eligible production per year.
If your organization is beginning steps towards eligibility for the Helen Hayes Awards, you may choose to forgo review of your productions for consideration for The John Aniello Award for Outstanding Emerging Theatre Company during that two-year period.

If your organization has previously met all emerging theatre requirements and wishes to now be considered for the Helen Hayes Awards adjudication process, please contact the Director of Theatre Services immediately to begin an expedited vetting process.