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SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025 6PM



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The Jerry Herman Awards

he Nederlander Organization, American Corporation of the Arts and the Hollywood Pantages Theatre are proud to present the 13th Annual JERRY HERMAN AWARDS, held at The Montalban Theatre on Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 6pm.

THE JERRY HERMAN AWARDS is a local celebration dedicated to recognizing, encouraging, and rewarding achievements and excellence in high school musical theatre. It is the local award ceremony for THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE AWARDS, also known as THE JIMMYS, which takes place at the Minskoff Theatre on Broadway in New York City. Every year, two students are selected to represent Los Angeles at The Jimmys, where they participate in a week-long workshop and compete for the coveted Jimmy Award, named after the late James M. Nederlander.

Instituted by The Nederlander Organization, THE JERRY HERMAN AWARDS is an initiative with the goal to stimulate new partnerships between theatres and schools in Southern California. The awards will focus on the meaningful work being done by today's dedicated teachers and will celebrate kids with wide ranging talents both on and off stage.

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MEET YOUR HOSTS

Sean Valentine

Valentine has been a staple in Los Angeles radio for over 25 years. Valentine hosts the incredibly popular show "Valentine In The Morning." Valentine is married



27 years to his beautiful wife Leilani, and they have one amazing teenage son Colin.

Valentine is a regular reader to patients at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, and helps build houses in Tijuana, Mexico. Valentine in the Morning is IN the community, raising funds for charities: The American Red Cross, The M.S. Society, The Girls Scouts of America, Alzheimer's Association and Homes for Our Troops. Ever a supporter of our military, Valentine has also hosted 10 overseas USO shows. Follow Valentine on Instagram @Go4Valentine.

Ask Valentine to recite his favorite Shakespeare monologue and you'll be in for a ride.



Jillian Escoto

Co-Host of "Valentine in the Morning", Jill grew up in the San Fernando Valley and loves keeping you company as you start your day with 104.3 MYfm.

Jill has been featured on the KTLA 5 Morning News, "The Morning Wrap" on KCAL and she is an ambassador for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Her positive & upbeat perspectives are a refreshing treat for Valentine in the Morning's loyal listeners across the country. Jill is the oldest of 3 girls and is a loving aunt to her 2 nieces and nephew.

Jill is a HUGE fan of Broadway and musical theatre. Her very first Broadway show was here at the Hollywood Pantages - when she saw *Disney's The Lion King* with her family. Jill is incredibly honored to be a part of tonight's celebration. You can follow her on Instagram: @jillianelaine

Valentine In The Morning airs live Monday-Friday from 5-10 am on 104.3 MYfm, the show is syndicated nationwide and can also be accessed on demand on the iHeart Radio app.

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PROGRAM OF EVENTS _

OPENING NUMBER – Broadway's Roarin' On

Brent Crayon, Musical Director

WELCOME TO THE 13TH ANNUAL JERRY HERMAN AWARDS

Sean Valentine and Jillian Escoto, Hosts

PRESENTING OUR BEST ACTRESS & BEST ACTOR FINALISTS

MEET YOUR JUDGES

Nicole Parker, Eric Petersen, Janelle Dote Portman, Connie Jackson, and Jeff Loeb

BEST SCENIC & LIGHTING DESIGN

BEST COSTUME DESIGN

"WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS" from the Addams Family Palisades High School

BEST ENSEMBLE OR CHORUS

BEST ORCHESTRA

BEST MUSICAL DIRECTION

"WAIT FOR ME (REPRISE)" from Hadestown Chaminade College Preparatory High School

BEST MUSICAL STAGING & CHOREOGRAPHY

*** INTERMISSION***

"RUN FREEDOM RUN" from Urinetown Calabasas High School

BEST TECHNICAL CREW

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

"NO SMALL PARTS" AWARD

"ANYTHING GOES" from Anything Goes Charter Oak High School

BEST PRODUCTION

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE AWARDS PRESENTATION

BEST ACTRESS & BEST ACTOR

THANK YOU AND GOOD NIGHT

Program of Events Subject to Change

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PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

AGOURA HIGH SCHOOL – Agoura Hills, CA 42nd Street

AMBASSADOR CHRISTIAN SCHOOL – Hermosa Beach, CA Cinderella

AMPA @ HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL – Los Angeles, CA You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

> ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL – Los Angeles, CA 9 to 5

THE ARCHER SCHOOL FOR GIRLS – Los Angeles, CA Mamma Mia!

BEVERLY HILLS HIGH SCHOOL – Beverly Hills, CA Mary Poppins

THE BRENTWOOD SCHOOL – Los Angeles, CA Matilda

THE BUCKLEY SCHOOL – Sherman Oaks, CA Something Rotten!

CALABASAS HIGH SCHOOL – Calabasas, CA Urinetown

CANYON HIGH SCHOOL – Canyon Country, CA Rocky the Musical

CHADWICK SCHOOL – Palos Verdes, CA
The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

CHAMINADE COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL – West Hills, CA
Hadestown: Teen Edition

CHARTER OAK HIGH SCHOOL – Covina CA Anything Goes

COVINA HIGH SCHOOL – Covina, CA In The Heights

CRESCENTA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – La Crescenta-Montrose, CA Chicago: Teen Edition

> CULVER CITY HIGH SCHOOL – Culver City, CA Grease

> > DA VINCI SCHOOLS – El Segundo, CA Grease

DIAMOND BAR HIGH SCHOOL – Diamond Bar, CA Once Upon A One More Time

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PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS (Continued)

EL CAMINO REAL CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL – Woodland Hills, CA
Between the Lines

EL SEGUNDO HIGH SCHOOL – El Segundo, CA Newsies

GLENDORA HIGH SCHOOL – Glendora, CA
The Addams Family

GRACE SCHOOL – Simi Valley, CA Hadestown: Teen Edition

HARTS ACADEMY – Harbor City, CA In the Heights

HARVARD-WESTLAKE SCHOOL - Studio City, CA Hadestown: Teen Edition

IMMACULATE HEART HIGH SCHOOL – Los Angeles, CA Little Shop of Horrors

JOHN BURROUGHS HIGH SCHOOL – Burbank, CA Big Fish

LONG BEACH POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL – Long Beach, CA
Disney's The Little Mermaid

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS – Los Angeles, CA Footloose

LOUISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – Woodland Hills, CA 1776

MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL – Los Angeles, CA Alice By Heart

MILKEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL – Los Angeles, CA Shrek The Musical

NEWBURY PARK HIGH SCHOOL – Thousand Oaks, CA Newsies

NEW ROADS SCHOOL – Santa Monica, CA
Rent

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY – Los Angeles, CA

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL – Sherman Oaks, CA Into the Woods OAK PARK HIGH SCHOOL – Oak Park, CA Mean Girls High School Version

OAKWOOD SCHOOL - North Hollywood, CA Mean Girls High School Version

PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL – Pacific Palisades, CA
The Addams Family

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL – Palos Verdes, CA Once Upon A One More Time

> PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL – Burbank, CA Legally Blonde the Musical

RAMON C. CORTINES SCHOOL OF VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS – Los Angeles, CA
A Chorus Line

REDONDO UNION HIGH SCHOOL – Redondo Beach, CA Matilda

> ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL – Simi Valley, CA Something Rotten!

SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL – Lakewood, CA Disney's Beauty and the Beast

ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL – La Cañada Flintridge, CA Les Misérables: School Edition

THOUSAND OAKS HIGH SCHOOL – Thousand Oaks, CA Zombie Prom

UNIVERSITY HIGH CHARTER – Los Angeles, CA Chicago: Teen Edition

VILLAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL – Sun Valley, CA Anything Goes

WEST COVINA HIGH SCHOOL – West Covina, CA Hadestown: Teen Edition

WILDWOOD SCHOOL – Los Angeles, CA Mamma Mia!

WINDWARD SCHOOL – Los Angeles, CA Into the Woods





INTRODUCING OUR JUDGES



Nicole Parker is an accomplished actress with a dynamic career spanning Television, Film, and the Broadway stage. As an actor; her Broadway credits include: "Wicked" (Elphaba), "Martin Short: Fame Becomes Me" (Original Broadway Cast), and most recently the Off-Broadway sensation "Titanique" (Céline Dion). She also starred in the critically acclaimed production of "Reefer Madness: The Musical" (Mae) right here in Hollywood. Television audiences know Nicole from her celebrated run on the iconic sketch comedy series MADtv, where her im-

pressions and original characters made her a standout. She has also appeared on shows such as "Hot in Cleveland", and "Key & Peele." Her film credits include "Funny People" (directed by Judd Apatow), and "Meet the Spartans", where her comedic timing was on full display. She has also lent her voice to numerous animated projects and audiobooks. A skilled comedian and vocalist, Nicole has performed with the acclaimed improv group The Groundlings, and regularly appears in comedy shows and live musical parodies across the country. She also co-hosts a podcast with Paul F. Tompkins called "The Neighborhood Listen." She is a frequent collaborator with Broadway and comedy talents alike. Graduate of Indiana University. @nfparkergirl on Instagram



Eric Petersen has worked extensively in Television and the Broadway stage.

As an Actor, his Broadway credits include: "School of Rock" (Dewey Finn), "Shrek: The Musical" (Shrek on the 1st National Tour and Shrek Standby on Broadway), "Escape To Margaritaville" (Brick, OBC), and "Peter & The Starcatcher" (Ted). His television credits include: Kevin on "Kevin Can F*** Himself" on AMC, Ant'ney on the hit children's show "Madagascar: A Little Wild" on Hulu (EMMY Nominated for

his role), and "Kirstie" (TVLand) where he played the Series Regular role of Arlo Barth alongside Kirstie Alley, Rhea Perlman, and Michael Richards. Eric was also recently seen in "High Desert" for AppleTV+, and "The Curse" on Showtime. Eric has made guest star appearances on "Big Bang Theory", "Modern Family", "NCIS", "CSI", "GCB", "The Brittany Murphy Story". Eric has many Disney channel credits including the shows "Jessie", "Sydney To The Max", "Kirby Buckets" and "Pair of Kings". Eric appeared in the Oscar-nominated Coen Brothers' film "The Ballad of Buster Scruggs" for Netflix. As a Director, his work includes the shows "Play That Goes Wrong", "Fiddler on the Roof", and "Escape To Margaritaville". Graduate of Bradley University.

@ericpete on Instagram



Connie Jackson is thrilled to return as a judge for the Jerry Herman Awards, because she gets as much inspiration from the kids as she could possibly give to them. Her credits range from "DREAM-GIRLS" on Broadway to touring and recording with music icon Phil Collins, to primetime television as Elaine on "NCIS". Her film credits include "DRIVE-AWAY DOLLS" directed by Ethan Coen. An avid animal activist, Connie volunteers by photographing shelter animals and encourages you to ADOPT, DON'T SHOP.



Janelle Dote Portman is an LA based actor, singer, dancer, choreographer and coach. She is a California native and a UCLA graduate with a BA in Theatre Arts. Storytelling, in all forms, is her vessel to connect human to human + heart to art.

Broadway: Allegiance (Executor, Mrs. Maruyama, Asst. Dance Captain-Longacre), Selected regional credits include: American Idiot (Associate Choreographer - CTG, Deaf West), Allegiance (Executor, Mrs. Maruyama, Assistant Choreographer-EWP), Paint Your Wagon

(Kwai-Fa-Geffen), Takarazuka! (Onstage Yuko-EWP), Flower Drum Song (Linda Low-Woodminster), Avenue Q (Christmas Eve-DOMA), Mulan (Matchmaker-Tuacahn), Peter Pan (Tiger Lily-Cabrillo), The King & I (Eliza-Cabrillo), Seussical! (Bird Girl- CLOSBC), Damn Yankees (Reprise!) and six worldwide productions of Miss Saigon. Selected film/ TV: Memoirs of a Geisha, The Young & the Restless, Everybody Hates Chris, The Search for the Next Pussycat Doll. Selected choreography/dance: Berlin, 3OH!3, Blink 182, MTV Asia, Nike Asia.



Jeff Loeb is President of Broadway in Hollywood, overseeing the Hollywood Pantages Theatre and the Nederlander West Coast Regional Season Ticket Office that manages the season ticket operations for 7 Nederlander Broadway touring markets. Jeff has been the chief strategist for Broadway in Hollywood's dedication to patron loyalty which catapulted their growth to 45,000 season ticket holders as well as record grosses for extended engagements of Wicked, The Book of Mormon, and Hamilton. Over the last 22 years,

he has been privileged to work with over 200 Broadway touring productions. A volunteer both in the entertainment industry and in the Hollywood community at large, Jeff is currently an Executive Board member of the Broadway League, where he is a Tony® Voter, Board Treasurer for the Hollywood Walk of Fame Trust, and Board member of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. Jeff is President Emeritus of the National Alliance for Musical Theatre, Vice President Emeritus for the Hollywood Police Activities League, and past Gala Chair for the Los Angeles Fire Department Historical Society and Museum.





INTRODUCING OUR TEAM ___



Brent Crayon is a music director and pianist based in Los Angeles. Favorite productions include the world premieres of John Bucchino's "It's Only Life'r, Cinco Paul and Ken Daurio's "Bubble Boy, the Musical", and Stephen Schwartz's "Snapshots". Brent can be seen and heard in McCoy Rigby's production of "A Night With Janis Joplin" streaming on Broadway HD. Brent is thrilled to be a part of this year's Jerry Herman Awards!



Dana Solimando (Choreographer) spent 12 years as a professional dancer in NYC before moving to California. She made her Broadway debut in Cats playing the role of "Rumpleteazer", and went on to perform in other Broadway shows such as Swing! playing the "Country Girl" & Peter Pan as "Tiger Lily". She has also performed in numerous other Nat'l tours & regional theatre productions including Jesus Christ Superstar, A Chorus Line, Grease, Sugar babies, Gypsy, Oklahoma! & Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Spectacular (NYC). She can also be seen as Tiger Lily on

the A&E film version of Peter Pan starring Cathy Rigby.

She became a professional choreographer and director after moving to California and has been enjoying that ever since. Her most recent projects include the new musical Rebel Genius by Matthew Puckett, World Premier of IRENA -The Irena Sendler story for Teatr Muzyczny, Urinetown USC 2023, Director/ Choreographer for Pippin- USC 2023, and Jersey Boys for McCoyRigby Ent/3DT 2024.

Awards: LA Stage Alliance Ovation awards for Swing! (2004 & 2006 Best Choreography/ 2002 Best Ensemble). Award nominations: Cabaret((2018 LADCC Award Nomination), Billy Elliot (2015 LADCC Award Nomination), Ragtime (2015 Ovation Nomination), Damn Yankees (2014 Ovation Nom), Parade (2013 Ovation Nom), Miss Saigon at the Macau International Arts Festival, McCoyRigby Ent. (2012 Ovation nom), The national tour revival of Jesus Christ Superstar starring the late great Carl Anderson (2004 NAACP Theatre Award nomination), Poznan (2023 Koryfeusz award and 2022 Kiepura award nomination), and General Hospital's annual Nurses Ball 2017-2020. Other favorite choreography credits include: Disney's The Hunchback of Notre Dame, American Idiot, Rent, Spring Awakening, Hair, La Cage aux Folles, The Addam's Family, Hairspray, All Shook Up, The Wizard of Oz, Little Miss Scrooge (world premiere with renowned director John Caird), Little Shop of Horrors and Buddy! Dana is also co-writer/director/choreographer for MAESTRO and Rt. 66 on Crystal Cruises and director/choreographer for the world premiere/national tour of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer The Musical currently on its 6th season. Her greatest accomplishment of all is being wife to Buck Mason and mom to kids Hailey and Jude Mason!



Natalie Iscovich (she/her) is a Los Angeles based professional choreographer, dancer, theatrical performer, and teacher. She most recently choreographed Bonnie and Clyde currently playing at the Rubicon Theatre. Other recent choreography credits include Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time with CCAE. As well as choreographed the world premiere of the new musical WITNESSES with CCAE Theatricals in 2022, and was awarded for her work with the production.

She has been working closely with LA Opera, and has served as resident choreographer and assistant director on eight operas for their LAO Connects program since 2021. As a performer she has been a part of various live productions, as well as film and television. Credits include: National Tours-(assistant choreographer) RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER Opera- MACBETH (LA Opera) AIDA (pacific symphony) Television- GENERAL HOSPITAL (assistant choreographer) THE THUNDERMANS (Nick) Film- THE SOUND THE SOUL MAKES Regional -CABAŘEŤ (MCRE) MAMMA MIA (associate choreographer) WEST SIDE STORY (MCRE) DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS (MTW) THE FULL MONTY, BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, THE ADDAMS FAMILY, TARZAN, SIDE SHOW, SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL (3DT) IN THE HEIGHTS, KISS ME KATE and BYE BYE BIRDIE (CMT).

She received her BFA in Dance Performance and Choreography from Chapman University. She is passionate about education and creating environments for dancers and people to become the best version of themselves. She is a certified Yoga and Pilates Instructor and has learned the importance of injury management and supporting artists with their physical and mental well being. You can catch her class weekly at Millennium Dance Complex.



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JERRY HERMAN AWARD NOMINEES

BEST SCENIC DESIGN

Charter Oak HS - Anything Goes

Immaculate Heart HS – Little Shop of Horrors

Brentwood School - Matilda

El Camino Real Charter HS - Between the Lines

Thousand Oaks HS - Zombie Prom

The Archer School for Girls - Mamma Mia!

BEST LIGHTING DESIGN

Palos Verdes HS – Once Upon a Mattress

Arcadia HS – 9 to 5

HArts Academy – In the Heights

Wildwood School - Mamma Mia!

New Roads - Rent

St. Francis HS – Les Misérables

BEST COSTUME DESIGN

Charter Oak HS - Anything Goes

Redondo Union - Matilda

Newbury Park HS - Newsies

Diamond Bar HS - Once Upon a One More Time

Marlborough School - Alice By Heart

Arcadia HS - 9 to 5

Canyon HS - Rocky

BEST ORCHESTRA

Long Beach Polytechnic HS - The Little Mermaid

Oak Park HS - Mean Girls

Beverly Hills HS - Mary Poppins

Millikan HS - Grease

Agoura HS - 42nd Street

Oakwood HS - Mean Girls

BEST ENSEMBLE OR CHORUS

Milken Community School - Shrek the Musical

Diamond Bar HS - Once Upon a One More Time

Agoura HS - 42nd Street

Da Vinci Schools - Grease

West Covina HS - Hadestown

Royal HS - Something Rotten!

BEST MUSICAL STAGING & CHOREOGRAPHY

Village Christian School - Anything Goes

Agoura HS – 42nd Street

Marlborough School - Alice By Heart

Grace School - Hadestown

Los Angeles County High School for the Arts - Footloose

Palisades Charter HS - The Addams Family

BEST MUSICAL DIRECTION

Harvard-Westlake School - Hadestown

Windward School - Into the Woods

Notre Dame Academy - Annie

El Segundo HS - Newsies

Glendora HS - The Addams Family

Notre Dame HS - Into the Woods

BEST TECHNICAL CREW

The Buckley School - Something Rotten!

Redondo Union HS - Matilda

Culver City HS - Grease

Ambassador Christian School - Cinderella

Chadwick School – The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

St. Francis HS – Les Misérables

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

Evan Baker as Will Bloom

John Burroughs HS - Big Fish

Joel Lavapie as Moonface Martin

Charter Oak HS - Anything Goes

Reid Chariton as Lord Farquaad

Milken Community School - Shrek the Musical

Christian Valles as Paul San Marco

Ramon C. Cortines School of VPA - A Chorus Line

Ryan Bohmholdt as Jack

Notre Dame HS - Into the Woods

Axel Truitt as Amos Hart

Crescenta Valley HS - Chicago: HS Edition

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JERRY HERMAN AWARD NOMINEES (cont.)

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Ella Wesson as Velma Kelly University High Charter – Chicago: HS Edition

Maya Bamford as Bea

The Buckley School – Something Rotten!

Elyse Ramirez as Benjamin Franklin

Louisville HS – 1776

Brooklyn Witwit as Persephone

Chaminade College Preparatory HS – Hadestown

Bianca Guiga as Rooster Hannigan

Notre Dame Academy – Annie

Jaylene Tarin as Daniela

Covina HS - In the Heights

"NO SMALL PARTS" AWARD

Calista Lopez as Les Filles La Ville

Saint Joseph HS - Disney's Beauty and the Beast

Nora Shayne as Kevin G.

Oakwood School – Mean Girls

Alexander Ramirez as Snoopy

AMPA @ Hamilton HS - You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

Asher Prady as Shylock

The Buckley School – Something Rotten!

Pearson Loesser as Kyle

Providence HS – Legally Blonde

Pedro Valdez as Lurch Addams

Glendora HS - The Addams Family

BEST PRODUCTION

John Burroughs HS - Big Fish

Calabasas HS - Urinetown

Agoura HS - 42nd Street

Arcadia HS - 9 to 5

Palisades Charter HS – The Addams Family

Notre Dame HS - Into the Woods













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