

2023 Musical Theater Competition Report

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The 2023 NVMTA Musical Theater Competition was held at the St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Annandale, VA on Saturday, October 14, 2023. Students prepared two song cuts (approximately 32 bars) and performed, unrehearsed, with a live accompanist.

Registration closed on 9/28/2023.

There were **9 teachers** and **49 students** registered; 47 students participated on the day of the event.

Division	# of Students Registered	# of Students Who Participated
Comments Only	2	2
Division I (Ages 11-14)	13	13
Division II (Age 15)	16	15
Division III (Ages 16-18)	18	17

Participating Teachers: Regina Adams, Melissa Chavez, Lani Jacobson, Alina Kirshon Goldman, Nicole Lamm, Peggy McNulty, Nancy Smith, Tina Smothers, and Bharati Soman.

Cash prizes in the amounts of \$200, \$100, and \$50 were awarded to the first, second, and third place winners in each division. Judges also awarded four Honorable Mentions in Division 1, five in Division 2, and one in Division 3.

The two judges were Jenna Place and Dr. Kathleen Allen. They were each paid \$300. Judges rated the students using a scale between 60 – 100 points. The pianist was Dr. David Chavez, who was paid \$270.

RESULTS

Division 1

1st Place: Ainsley Zauel (*student of Nancy MacArthur Smith*)

2nd Place: James Abidin (*student of Nancy MacArthur Smith*)

3rd Place: Jocelyn Looney (*student of Regina Adams*)

Honorable Mentions:

Asha Nath (*student of Bharati Soman*)

Julia Leonard (*student of Alina Kirshon-Goldman*)

Maddy Mirabella (*student of Tina Smothers*)

Bella Porter (*student of Tina Smothers*)

Division 2

1st Place: Madely Regan (*student of Nancy MacArthur Smith*)

2nd Place: Ella Simpson (*student of Tina Smothers*)

3rd Place: Alexa Gilligan (*student of Tina Smothers*)

Honorable Mentions:

Cooper Burns (*student of Lani Jacobson*)

Lillian Terio (*student of Regina Adams*)

Cozette Humen (*student of Bharati Soman*)

Liam Birch (*student of Regina Adams*)

Jack Abidin (*student of Nancy MacArthur Smith*)

Division 3

1st Place: Kaylee Ducharme (*student of Tina Smothers*)

2nd Place: Phoenix Carter (*student of Melissa Chavez*)

3rd Place: Mae Shaw (*student of Regina Adams*)

Honorable Mention: Michaela Pearce (*student of Peggy McNulty*)

Submitted by Bharati Soman on 11/3/23.