

# 2024 Musical Theater Competition Report

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The 2024 NVMTA Musical Theater Competition was held at the St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Annandale, VA on Saturday, October 19, 2024. Students prepared two song cuts (approximately 32 bars) and performed, unrehearsed, with a live accompanist.

Registration closed on 10/03/2024.

There were **10 teachers** and **42 students** registered; 36 students participated on the day of the event.

Division	# of Students Registered	# of Students Who Participated
Comments Only	1	0
Division I (Ages 11-14)	7	6
Division II (Age 15)	21	18
Division III (Ages 16-18)	13	12

**Participating Teachers:** Regina Adams, Tim Chang, Melissa Chavez, Rita Gigliotti, Lani Jacobson, Nicole Lamm, James McCully, Peggy McNulty, Nancy Smith, 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 five Honorable Mentions in Division 2, and one in Division 3.

The two judges were Ethan Watermeier and Robert "Bobby" Smith. 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 I

**1st Place:** Hannah Garkavi (*student of Rita Gigliotti*)  
**2nd Place:** Sasha Zheman (*student of Nicole Lamm*)  
**3rd Place:** Dominic Rudd (*student of Peggy McNulty*)

### Division II

**1st Place:** James Abidin (*student of Nancy MacArthur-Smith*)  
**2nd Place:** Jocelyn Looney (*student of Regina Adams*)  
**3rd Place:** Heidi Hager (*student of Tim Chang*)  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
Shane Gibson (*student of Rita Gigliotti*)  
Oliver Harman (*student of Regina Adams*)  
Sidney Walkup (*student of Regina Adams*)  
Olivia Ho (*student of Rita Gigliotti*)  
Jenna Franke (*student of Nancy MacArthur-Smith*)

### Division III

**1st Place:** Jackson Byrd (*student of Nicole Lamm*)  
**2nd Place:** Sofi Hemmens (*student of Bharati Soman*)  
**3rd Place:** Grace Gibbens (*student of Rita Gigliotti*)  
**Honorable Mention:** Liam Birch (*student of Regina Adams*)

Submitted by Bharati Soman on 10/25/2024.