

2025 Musical Theater Competition Report

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The 2025 NVMTA Musical Theater Competition was held at the St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Annandale, VA on Sunday, October 19, 2025. Students prepared two song cuts (approximately 32 bars) and performed, unrehearsed, with a live accompanist.

Registration closed on 10/02/2025.

There were **36 students** from **8 independent studios** registered; 33 students participated on the day of the event. There was one younger student (age 15) in Division III, because he won Division II last year, and was not eligible to compete in the same Division again.

| Division | # of Students Registered | # of Students Who Participated |
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| Comments Only | 2 | 2 |
| Division I (Ages ~12-13) | 9 | 9 |
| Division II (Age ~14-15) | 10 | 7 |
| Division III (Ages ~16-18) | 15 | 15 |

Participating Teachers: Kathryn Brunner, Rita Gigliotti, Christiane Huff, Alina Kirshon-Goldman, Nicole Lamm, 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 six Honorable Mentions; two in each Division.

The two judges were Mike Hadary and Mary Lechter. They were each paid \$255. Judges rated the students using a scale between 60 – 100 points. The pianist was Dr. David Chavez, who was paid \$225.

RESULTS

Division I

1st Place: Anahi Salinas Rodriguez (*student of Rita Gigliotti*)

2nd Place: Kiara Brunner (*student of Kathryn Brunner*)

3rd Place: Aria Song (*student of Peggy McNulty*)

Honorable Mentions:

Hannah Stolle (*student of Rita Gigliotti*)

Sabrina Ziaya (*student of Rita Gigliotti*)

Division II

1st Place: Hannah Garkavi (*student of Rita Gigliotti*)

2nd Place: Shane Gibson (*student of Rita Gigliotti*)

3rd Place: Aline Todd (*student of Christiane Huff*)

Honorable Mentions:

Griffin Harris (*student of Peggy McNulty*)

Daniel Plummer (*student of Rita Gigliotti*)

Division III

1st Place: Dorothy Ritter (*student of Rita Gigliotti*)

2nd Place: Romain Dairay (*student of Rita Gigliotti*)

3rd Place: Madelyn Regan (*student of Nancy MacArthur-Smith*)

Honorable Mentions:

Rahel Kassa (*student of Bharati Soman*)

Michael Collins (*student of Rita Gigliotti*)

Submitted by Bharati Soman on 10/21/2025.