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James M. Nederlander or “Jimmy,” Chairman of The Nederlander Organization, is the visionary theatrical impresario who built one of the largest private live entertainment companies in the world known for producing and presenting world-class entertainment since 1912.

Jimmy started working in the theatre at age 7 sweeping floors for his father, David Tobias (D.T.) Nederlander, in Detroit, Michigan. During a career that spans 70 years, Jimmy has amassed a network of premier legitimate theatres including nine on Broadway: the Brooks Atkinson, Gershwin, Lunt-Fontanne, Marquis, Minskoff, Nederlander, Neil Simon, Richard Rodgers, and the world famous Palace; in Chicago: Auditorium and Bank of America Theaters, Broadway Playhouse, Cadillac Palace, and Oriental Theaters; in Los Angeles: Pantages and the Greek; and in London: the Adelphi, Aldwych, and Dominion.

He has produced over one hundred acclaimed Broadway musicals and plays including Annie, Applause, La Cage aux Folles, Les Liaisons Dangereuses, Me and My Girl, Nine, Noises Off, Peter Pan, Sweet Charity, The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickelby, The Will Rogers Follies, Woman of the Year, and many more.

“Generous,” “loyal” and “trusted” are just a few of the accolades his friends use to describe him. Jimmy is beloved by the industry and is the recipient of many distinguished honors including an Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts from the University of Connecticut (2014), the Exploring the Arts Foundation Award (2014), the United Nations Foundation Champion Award (2012), The Broadway League’s Schoenfeld Vision for Arts Education Award (2011), the New York Pop’s Man of the Year (2008), and the special Tony Award for Lifetime Achievement (2004). To mark the Nederlanders’ centennial in 2012, The New York Landmarks Conservancy proclaimed Jimmy to be a “Living Landmark.”

The National High School Musical Theatre Awards is called the Jimmy Award in celebration of his career-long dedication to supporting young talent. This year, Jimmy celebrated his 93rd birthday.

Dear Papa,

We love you and are so proud of you!

Love,
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The National High School Musical Theatre Awards

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The Tommy Awards  
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Pippin  
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Frederick,  
Young Frankenstein  
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Edward Bloom,  
Big Fish  
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Wednesday Addams, *The Addams Family*
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John, *Miss Saigon*
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Connecticut High School Musical Theater Awards Waterbury, CT St. Paul Catholic High School

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Connecticut High School Musical Theater Awards Waterbury, CT Trumbull High School

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The 5th Avenue Awards Seattle, WA Camas High School

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Reno Sweeney, *Anything Goes*
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M.A.C.Y. Awards Mission Viejo, CA St. Margaret's Episcopal School

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The Blumey Awards
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The Wedding Singer
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Caroline,
Caroline, or Change
The Gershwin Awards
New York, NY
The Beacon School

BEN LOVE
Edward Bloom,
Big Fish
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Martha,
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Fiona,
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Edward Bloom,
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High School

AUDREY mckeE
Mary Poppins,
Mary Poppins
Tommy Tune Awards
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Fiona,
Shrek
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Radames,
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Laurence,
Dirty Rotten Scoundrels
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Klein Oak High School

ERICA PENINGER
Millie Dillmount,
Thoroughly Modern Millie
Orpheum High School
Memphis, TN
Divine Child High School

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Orange,
SHOUT!
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Dirty Rotten Scoundrels
Tommy Tune Awards
Denver, CO
Durango High School

EVATT SALINGER
Jean Valjean,
Les Misérables
The Bobby G Awards
Denver, CO

KAMARI A. SAXON
Flick,
Les Misérables
Broadway Star of the Future, Tampa, FL
Douglas Anderson School of the Arts

ANTHONY SKILLMAN
Tarzan,
M.A.C.Y. Awards
Mission Viejo, CA
Orange Lutheran High School

HANNAH SULAK
Mary Poppins,
Mary Poppins
The 5th Avenue Awards
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Ferndale High School

SABRINA MARI URIEGAS
Belle,
Beauty and the Beast
Las Casas Performing Arts Scholarship Competition - Joci Awards
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Saint Dominic Savio Catholic High School

JOSHUA VELEZ
Seymour,
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Utah High School Musical Theater Awards
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**Recipient:** CRISTINA GUTIERREZ-BREWSTER, Community Program Manager  
**Organization name:** Academy Prep of Tampa, Tampa, FL  
**Nominator:** Straz Center for the Performing Arts

Mrs. Gutierrez-Brewster is being recognized for her visionary leadership and her ability to unify all those she comes in contact with. The Straz Center worked closely with Mrs. Gutierrez-Brewster on their *Motown the Musical* Project. She was able to assist with attaining student “buy-in” and parent support to make the program a success. During this project, the students deconstructed some of the classic chord structure and rhythms, which included a “treasure hunt” for Motown influences in modern popular music. Mrs. Gutierrez-Brewster helped to make sure the students were prepared and had all the resources they needed. She made sure the students focused on the curriculum, but encouraged them to have fun and learn about themselves in the process. As a result of her dedication to the students and desire for them to learn, spin-off relationships in arts partnerships have also occurred.

**Recipient:** ROSA ROCHA, Board President  
**Organization name:** Friends of Down Syndrome, Houston, TX  
**Nominator:** Theatre Under The Stars

Rosa Rocha is Board President of the Friends of Down Syndrome, a non-profit organization serving the educational and vocational needs of adults with Down syndrome. She recognizes the benefits of arts engagement for individuals with disabilities. Theatre Under The Stars (TUTS) collaborated with Rosa to bring the arts to her program. TUTS provided a choreographer to teach weekly dance classes to high school and college-aged students centered on *Rodgers & Hammerstein’s Cinderella* in preparation for their attendance at a performance of the show at the Hobby Center and performance at their first annual fundraiser, Cinderella Ball. Their performance at the event was so successful that they were then invited to perform at a local conference on disability.

**Recipient:** BRADLEY WINGATE, Academic Specialist for Visual and Performing Arts  
**Organization name:** Greenville County School District, Greenville, SC  
**Nominator:** Peace Center for the Performing Arts

Bradley Wingate is passionate about keeping the arts a valued, core academic subject for all students in Greenville County Schools and has championed a district-wide focus for providing high-quality arts experiences for all students. He is a strong partner in collaboration, working very diligently to motivate educator participation in various programs at the Peace Center and throughout the community. With Bradley’s partnership, 85 arts educators in Greenville County participated in a 2014-2015 professional development initiative to engage directly with the touring Broadway productions of *Once*, *Pippin* and *Wicked*, and gain new perspective for their art area by experiencing real-world applications in the professional touring theatre industry.
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Opening Number.................................................................Full Cast

Welcome ..............................................................................Michael Cerveris

WEEK IN REVIEW Event Highlights ..................................Stephen Mark

Medley Introduction .........................................................Michael Cerveris

In Order of Appearance

Medley
McKenzie Kurtz
Abby Watts
Chiarra Rosemae Giampietro
Molly Feldman
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Kylie Lynn Heyman
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Austin Dalgleish
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Medley
Larry McKay
Evatt Salinger
Ben Love
Marcel Daly
Drayton Maclean Mayers
Kamari A. Saxon

Intermission

ACT II

Participating Programs Video.........................................Michael Cerveris

Announcement of Finalists....................................................Finalists

James M. Nederlander Tribute..............................................Michael Cerveris

Solo Performances..............................................................Finalists

Broadway League Educator Apple Award® ..........................Charlotte St. Martin

Awards Presentation............................................................Van Kaplan & James L. Nederlander

Closing Remarks...............................................................Michael Cerveris

Finale................................................................................Full Cast
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