

**San Jose Stage Announces 2011 Stage Top Honor Awards to
Local High School Students**

**Two Top Honor Award Winners Go to New York for the
2011 National High School Musical Theatre Awards**

San Jose, CA — June 7, 2011 – San Jose Stage Company and Broadway San Jose are pleased to announce the winners of the National High School Musical Theatre Awards. Two Bay Area students, Trevor Bates and Maya Maniar, were also chosen for Outstanding Performance by an Actor and Actress in a musical to participate in the *National High School Musical Theatre Awards: 2011 JIMMY Awards*, where they will perform on a Broadway stage.

Local high school students learned on Monday, June 6th at the California Theatre in downtown San Jose, at a gala ceremony worthy of red carpet pomp and circumstance, that they were winners in various categories in the Top Honor Awards. From Best Actress and Actor, Costume or Hair and Make Up Design, to Lighting and Scenery, and Orchestra and Chorus, the winners and their fan clubs celebrated.

“This year’s competition was fierce! In some of the categories it came down to one vote, so all of the schools should feel very proud of their accomplishments and productions this year,” said Spencer Williams, Director of Education for the San Jose Stage Company. “It’s so wonderful to see all of the participating schools come together at the end of the year and celebrate each other’s productions! Each year the talent surpasses all of my expectations.”

And the winners are:

GRAPHIC DESIGN:

- Judi Fuller & Jami Smith – Valley Christian High School – *Fiddler on the Roof*

HAIR/MAKE-UP DESIGN:

- Laura Raitt – Heritage High School – *The Scarlet Pimpernel*

COSTUME DESIGN:

- Tacy Heath & Tammy Vance – Heritage High School – *The Scarlet Pimpernel*

LIGHTING DESIGN:

- Ryan Willer – Irvington High School – *Starmites*

SCENIC DESIGN:

- Troy River – American High School – *Little Women*

DIRECTION:

- Doug Santana – Archbishop Mitty High School – *The Drowsy Chaperone*

CHOREOGRAPHY:

- Robyn Tribuzi – San Mateo High School – *The Wedding Singer*

MUSICAL DIRECTION:

- Attilio Tribuzi – San Mateo High School – *The Wedding Singer*

ORCHESTRA:

- Christopher Wu – Archbishop Mitty High School – *The Drowsy Chaperone*

CHORUS:

- The Harker School – *Pippin*

BEST FEATURED PERFORMER:

- Lindsay Meyer (Anytime Annie) – The King’s Academy – *42nd Street*

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS:

- Jordan Joly (Marmee March) – American High School – *Little Women*

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR:

- Max Ashcroft (Armand St. Just) – Heritage High School – *The Scarlet Pimpernel*

BEST LEADING ACTOR:

- Trevor Bates (Man in the Chair) – Archbishop Mitty High School – *The Drowsy Chaperone*

BEST LEADING ACTRESS:

- Maya Maniar (Hope) – Castilleja School – *Urinetown*

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN TECHNICAL THEATRE:

- Michael Ackley – Heritage High School – *The Scarlet Pimpernel*
- Trevor Longbottom – Pinewood School – *Bye Bye Birdie*
- Sana Yamaguchi – San Mateo High School – *The Wedding Singer*

BEST OVERALL PRODUCTION:

- San Mateo High School – *The Wedding Singer*

2011 TOP HONOR AWARDS BY PRODUCTION:

- (04) San Mateo High School – *The Wedding Singer*
- (04) Heritage High School – *The Scarlet Pimpernel*
- (03) Archbishop Mitty High School – *The Drowsy Chaperone*
- (02) American High School – *Little Women*
- (01) Castilleja School – *Urinetown*
- (01) The Harker School – *Pippin*
- (01) Irvington High School – *Starmites*
- (01) The King’s Academy – *42nd Street*
- (01) Pinewood School – *Bye Bye Birdie*
- (01) Valley Christian High School – *Fiddler on the Roof*

More information on the 2011 Stage Top Honor Awards:

The Top Honor Awards recognize excellence in High School Musical Theater in the Bay Area. San Jose Stage Company’s Director of Education, Spencer Williams, spearheads the program. Broadway San Jose is among nineteen other professional theater programs participating in NHS Musical Theatre Awards. The winners will be awarded scholarships to NYU’s Tisch School for the Arts upon acceptance. The 3rd Annual NHS Musical Theatre Awards will take place at the Marquis Theatre in New York this June.

The NHS Musical Theatre Awards is a national celebration of outstanding student achievement in high school musical theater. Nicknamed “The Jimmy Awards” after James Nederlander, Sr., this program recognizes individual artistry in vocal, dance, and acting performance, and also honors teachers and their schools’ commitment to excellence in performing arts education.

About San Jose Stage Company:

Founded in 1983, San Jose Stage Company is recognized as The Bay Area's Premiere Off-Broadway Theatre, and known for its devotion to new and cutting-edge work and for its commitment to showcasing high-quality local talent. In 1986, San Jose Stage Company set precedence as the first arts organization to negotiate and receive support from the Redevelopment Agency and the City of San Jose when over \$500,000 was appropriated in support of the development of a new 200-seat theatre featuring a 3/4-thrust stage, which opened in 1990. Now in its 28th Season, SJSC continues to center its operations in this facility and has successfully produced over 135 productions and premiered 44 new works, including 11 world premieres and is acclaimed for maintaining high artistic standards, investing in local talent and supporting the region’s community of working artists while taking artistic risks. In addition to its core programming, San Jose Stage Company offers five core education and outreach programs and has housed over 200 independent performance groups. San Jose Stage Company is a vital force in the community and has earned a reputation for artistic excellence by providing high-quality, edgy theatrical experiences that engage, educate and provoke audiences. San Jose Stage Company serves an audience base of 25,000 and is recognized as a leader in the arts for a theatre of its size. For more information www.thestage.org