



CAPPIES NIAGARA

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Dear Cappies Nominee,

Congratulations — you have been nominated for a 2014 Cappie award! Please keep this letter and refer to it in the days ahead should you have any questions.

What does it mean to be nominated?

If you have been nominated, it means Cappies critics voted you in the top three of all eligible students in your category. This year there were 9 shows in the Niagara program. (Only those students who saw your show could score your performance and none of your fellow nominees in your category were allowed to contribute to your score.) The Cappies award voting system has been designed to provide the greatest possible fairness, objectivity, integrity and confidentiality. It was crafted to meet the needs of an awards program in which results are determined by student critics, and to produce fair outcomes when different numbers of critics judge each show. On May 12 all eligible student critics voted in a proctored setting, subject to a clear set of criteria. Critics voted in four ways—evaluation scores, nomination points, award points, and “tie-breaks.” The results of the voting determined the names and of the nominees and final winners. All results were audited by two Cappies trustees and a non-Cappies auditor. These results are held in the strictest confidence until the Cappies Awards Ceremony. Remember that all results are determined by student critics and whether you walk away with the Cappie trophy or not, you were voted among the very best in the region. If you win, be sure to thank the Cappies critics!

What is the Cappies Awards Ceremony?

The Awards Ceremony is the night at which the Cappies nominees are recognized and the winners are presented with their trophies. There are more than 35 individual and group awards and scenes from nominated plays and musicals.

When is the Awards Ceremony?

This year’s ceremony takes place on **Wednesday, May 28th** at the Dr. J. M. Ennis Auditorium Welland Centennial Secondary School. It will open with the Procession of the Nominees — you’ll be walking across the stage to the cheers of family and friends. As a nominee, you’ll also receive a gold Cappies medal.

When should I arrive at Welland Centennial Secondary School?

All nominees must arrive at Welland Centennial earlier than everyone else. This is so that you have a chance to rehearse the Procession of Nominees and locate your seat, which will be close to the front or near an aisle. Please arrive early enough so that you can be parked and IN the auditorium by 5:45pm. Your school will have assigned seating for the rehearsal.

Who can come to the Awards Ceremony?

We encourage you to invite all your family members, classmates and friends: the more people who support the Cappies, the more likely it is that the program will continue in the future. The Awards Ceremony is a formal night, so feel free to dress up. It's not black tie, so you don't have to go out and buy something new.

Where do I get tickets?

All nominees should purchase a ticket from their school's Cappies advisor (teacher). The cost of the ticket is \$5.00. Tickets for friends and family will be sold at the door on May 28th.

What do I do if I win?

If you win, you will be called up to the stage to accept your Cappie. You can simply say "thank you" or you may choose to say a few words. If you do speak, please keep your comments to **no more than 10 seconds**. Please respect this request. Due to overtime restrictions, we have to keep the show moving or risk incurring substantial additional cost for the show. Just like the Oscars, we'll cue the music if necessary.

Please remember that the purpose of the Cappies program is to celebrate high school theatre and writing. When you're at the Awards Ceremony, cheer for everyone and support your fellow nominees, no matter which school they represent

See you at the Awards Ceremony!



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