

14th Annual



RISING STAR A W A R D S

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2009 Final Nominations and Honorable Mentions

Outstanding Overall Production of a Musical

Final Nominations

Cranford HS	ANYTHING GOES
Fair Lawn HS	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE
Gill St. Bernard's School	INTO THE WOODS
Nutley HS	THE PRODUCERS
Rahway HS	THE WILL ROGERS FOLLIES
Summit HS	THE MUSIC MAN
Union HS	42 ND STREET

Honorable Mentions

Bergen County Academies	INTO THE WOODS
Shore Regional HS	OVER HERE

Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role

Final Nominations

Absegami HS	DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST	Morgan Kirner as "Belle"
Bergen County Academies	INTO THE WOODS	Amanda Altomare as "The Bakers Wife"
Fair Lawn HS	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE ...	Julia Knitel as "Millie Dillmount"
Rahway HS	THE WILL ROGERS FOLLIES	Sarah Lopez as "Betty Blake Rogers"
St. Joseph Regional HS	THE WHO'S TOMMY	Taryn Tonelli as "Mrs. Walker"
Summit HS	THE MUSIC MAN	Christine Conigliaro as "Marian Paroo"
Westfield HS	KISS ME, KATE	Catalina Gaglioti as "Lilli Vanessi/Katherine"

Honorable Mentions

Colonia HS	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE ...	Lauren Sodono as "Millie Dillmount"
Gill St. Bernard's School	INTO THE WOODS	Savannah Schecter as "The Witch"

Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role

Final Nominations

Bergen County Academies	INTO THE WOODS	Anthony Bruno as "The Baker"
Bloomfield HS	HOW TO SUCCEED IN	Stephen Mir as "J. Pierrepont Finch"
Howell HS	ON THE TOWN	Corey Mosello as "Gabey"
Rahway HS	THE WILL ROGERS FOLLIES	Phelan Tupik as "Will Rogers"
Roselle Park HS	PIPPIN	Zachary Infante as "Pippin"
St. Joseph Regional HS	THE WHO'S TOMMY	Joseph DePietro as "Tommy"
Westfield HS	KISS ME, KATE	Peter Surace as "Fred Graham/Petruchio"

Honorable Mentions

Mount Olive HS	LES MISÉRABLES	Timothy McEvoy as "Javert"
Nutley HS	THE PRODUCERS	Sean Ulley as "Max Bialystock"
Nutley HS	THE PRODUCERS	Daniel Fornasa as "Leo Bloom"

Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role

Final Nominations

Cranford HS.....	ANYTHING GOES	Erica Morreale as "Bonnie"
Cranford HS.....	ANYTHING GOES	Alyssa Kempinski as "Hope Harcourt"
Fair Lawn HS	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE ...	Megan Boseski as "Mrs. Meers"
Fair Lawn HS	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE ...	Katya Stepanov as "Miss Dorothy Brown"
Hopewell Valley Central HS.....	ANYTHING GOES	Ellie Fishman as "Erma"
Mount Olive HS	LES MISÉRABLES	Samantha Vidal as "Fantine"
The Pingry School.....	LES MISÉRABLES	Kaela O'Connor as "Fantine"
Watchung Hills Reg. HS	A FUNNY THING...FORUM.....	Chelsea Meyers as "Philia"

Honorable Mentions

Pitman HS.....	THE WIZ	Gabrielle Wilson as "The Scarecrow"
The Pingry School.....	LES MISÉRABLES	Sarah Muirhead as "Eponine"

Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role

Final Nominations

Don Bosco Prep HS	LES MISÉRABLES	Kevin Horan as "Thenardier"
Gill St. Bernard's School	INTO THE WOODS.....	William Ullrich as "Jack"
Gill St. Bernard's School	INTO THE WOODS.....	Christian Borman Paris as "Wolf/Cinderella's Prince"
Howell HS.....	ON THE TOWN.....	Kevin Carillo as "Chip Offenblach"
Mount Olive HS	LES MISÉRABLES	Jordan Barrow as "Marius"
Mount Saint Mary Academy.....	THE KING AND I.....	Zachary Infante as "Lun Tha"
Princeton Day School	SWEET CHARITY	Chris Beard as "Vittorio Vidal"
Union HS.....	42 ND STREET	Matthew Corbin as "Billy Lawlor"

Honorable Mentions

Nutley HS.....	THE PRODUCERS.....	Sean O'Connor as "Franz Liebkin"
Nutley HS.....	THE PRODUCERS.....	Christopher Mangum as "Roger DeBris"

Outstanding Performance in a Featured Role

Final Nominations

Howell HS.....	ON THE TOWN.....	Jason Cohen as "Judge Pitkin W. Bridgework"
New Milford HS	WORKING.....	Lijin Joy as "Rex Winship/CEO"
New Milford HS	WORKING.....	Azela Zarate as "Millworker Singer"
Nutley HS.....	THE PRODUCERS.....	Michael Egues as "Carmen Chia"
Princeton Day School	SWEET CHARITY	Sheridan Gates as "Nickie"
Rahway HS.....	THE WILL ROGERS FOLLIES.....	Ashley Stretchen as "Ziegfeld's Favorite"
Union HS.....	42 ND STREET	Eric Z. Jackson as "Andy Lee"

Honorable Mentions

Princeton Day School	SWEET CHARITY	Sarah Matthes as "Helene"
West Milford Township HS.....	THE BOYFRIEND	Steve Heerema as "Lord Brockhurst"

Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble Member

Final Nominations

Butler HS	CATS.....	LJ Bologna as "Mr. Mistofelees"
Butler HS	CATS.....	Shannon Keeler as "Victoria"
Fair Lawn HS	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE ...	Jose Mercado as "Ching Ho"
Jackson Memorial HS.....	AIDA.....	Brianna Pendergrass as "Nehebka"
Shore Regional HS.....	OVER HERE	Kelly Cosentino as "Donna"
Summit HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN	Anise Molina as "Tommy Djilas"
Summit HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN	Brinden Elton as "Mayor Shinn"
Summit HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN	Katherine Grayeski as "Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn"

Honorable Mentions

Roxbury HS	BYE BYE BIRDIE	Valerie Rigosi as "Ursula"
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Outstanding Performance by a Featured Ensemble Group

Final Nominations

Cranford HS.....	ANYTHING GOES.....	Nikki Carusone, Kate McCann, Rebecca Deczynski, Amanda Jacquin, Melissa Hoffman, Emma Fyhr, Alicia Markuske & Sarah Carolan as "Reno's Angels"
Fair Lawn HS.....	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE.....	"The Secretaries"
Mountain Lakes HS.....	CINDERELLA.....	Victoria Hoff & Elizabeth Colwell as "The Stepsisters"
Nutley HS.....	THE PRODUCERS.....	"The Old Ladies"
Pt. Pleasant Borough HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN.....	Chris Kubat, Andrew Ferrie, Brendan Flanagan & John Caliendo as "The Barbershop Quartet"
Summit HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN.....	Peter Corley, Tim Lynch, Ed Espinoza & Jose Salazar as "The Barbershop Quartet"
Summit HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN.....	Hallie Bowen, Nora Boylan, Alex Dorer, Erin Fitzpatrick, Pam McCaddin, Carolyn Steinberg, Rachel Thompson & Katy Zazzera as "The Pick-A-Little Ladies"
Westfield HS.....	KISS ME, KATE.....	Bobby O'Rourke & Justin Rosin as "The Gangsters"

Honorable Mentions

Don Bosco Prep HS.....	LES MISÉRABLES.....	Joe Baccan, Steven Conzo, Mark Owens, Hugh Garvey, Matt Dello Buono, Tom Martorano, Mike Johnson, Michael Hoblin, Scott Sariti & Pat Tomat as "The Students"
Morristown HS.....	SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS..	Carolina Alvarez, Melanie Peel, Noelle Mann, Jane Cracovaner, Sarah Ryan & Rachel Carretta as "The Brides"

Outstanding Performance by a Chorus

Final Nominations

Bloomfield HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS...TRYING
Fair Lawn HS.....	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE
Hopewell Valley Central HS.....	ANYTHING GOES
Northern Highlands Reg. HS.....	THE BAKER'S WIFE
Nutley HS.....	THE PRODUCERS
Rahway HS.....	THE WILL ROGERS FOLLIES
Summit HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN
Union HS.....	42 ND STREET

Honorable Mentions

Howell HS.....	ON THE TOWN
Pt. Pleasant Borough HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN

Outstanding Performance by an Orchestra

Final Nominations

Fair Lawn HS.....	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE
Hillsborough HS.....	WEST SIDE STORY
Peddie School.....	WORKING
Ridge HS.....	SEUSSICAL
Southern Regional HS.....	ANNIE
Summit HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN
Union HS.....	42 ND STREET

Honorable Mentions

Hopewell Valley Central HS.....	ANYTHING GOES
Morristown HS.....	SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS

Outstanding Achievement by a Teacher or Outside Director

Final Nominations

Cranford HS.....	ANYTHING GOES.....	Gary P. Cohen
Fair Lawn HS.....	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE.....	John Giresi
Gill St. Bernard's School.....	INTO THE WOODS.....	Paul H. Canada
Nutley HS.....	THE PRODUCERS.....	Michael Cundari
Rahway HS.....	THE WILL ROGERS FOLLIES.....	Alison Dooley
Summit HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN.....	Anne Poyner
Union HS.....	42 ND STREET.....	James Mosser

Honorable Mentions

Bergen County Academies.....	INTO THE WOODS.....	Rebecca Strum
Howell HS.....	ON THE TOWN.....	Stephen Kazakoff
Shore Regional HS.....	OVER HERE.....	Allen J. Shields

Outstanding Achievement in Musical Direction

Final Nominations

Cranford HS.....	ANYTHING GOES.....	Anthony Rafaniello
Don Bosco Prep HS.....	LES MISÉRABLES.....	Ed Ginter
Fair Lawn HS.....	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE.....	John Giresi, Paul A. Kafer & Steven Bell
Gill St. Bernard's School.....	INTO THE WOODS.....	Amy Southerland & David Southerland
Nutley HS.....	THE PRODUCERS.....	Michael Cundari & Nicole SanGiovanni
Rahway HS.....	THE WILL ROGERS FOLLIES.....	Robert VanWyk
Summit HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN.....	Steve Rapp & Wayne Mallette

Honorable Mentions

Pt. Pleasant Borough HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN.....	Terry Bojanowski
Union Catholic Reg. HS.....	INTO THE WOODS.....	Larry N. Rothweiler & Rick Flynn

Outstanding Achievement in Choreography

Final Nominations

Bloomfield HS.....	HOW TO SUCCEED.....	Chelsea Cicci
Cranford HS.....	ANYTHING GOES.....	Michelle Massa
Fair Lawn HS.....	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE.....	Sean Baldwin, Tami Maurer & John Giresi
Howell HS.....	ON THE TOWN.....	Lisa Twamley
Nutley HS.....	THE PRODUCERS.....	Angie Canuel, Courtney Young & Justin Greer
Rahway HS.....	THE WILL ROGERS FOLLIES.....	Alison Dooley
Summit HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN.....	Kelly Mott-Sacks
Union HS.....	42 ND STREET.....	Jennifer Williams

Honorable Mentions

Bergen County Academies.....	INTO THE WOODS.....	Laurie Crochet, Brianna Delfs & Steven Maier
Shore Regional HS.....	OVER HERE.....	Nicole DeVincenzo

Outstanding Scenic Achievement

Final Nominations

Cranford HS.....	ANYTHING GOES.....	Douglas Eaton
Fair Lawn HS.....	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE.....	Daniel Vincent Panessa
Nutley HS.....	THE PRODUCERS.....	James Gardner, Michael Cundari & Theresa LaPostato
Rahway HS.....	THE WILL ROGERS FOLLIES.....	JoAnne Campanelli
Shore Regional HS.....	OVER HERE.....	Fred Sorrentino
Summit HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN.....	Travis McHale
The Pingry School.....	LES MISÉRABLES.....	Jane Asch
Union HS.....	42 ND STREET.....	Scott Aronow, Paul Gaschler & Brian Toscano

Honorable Mentions

Gill St. Bernard's School.....	INTO THE WOODS.....	Paul H. Canada & Laura Ludlum
Ridge HS.....	SEUSSICAL.....	Laurie Wessely

Outstanding Lighting Achievement

Final Nominations

Bergen County Academies	INTO THE WOODS	Matthew Gordon
Cranford HS	ANYTHING GOES	Gary P. Cohen
Fair Lawn HS	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE	John Mule
New Milford HS	WORKING	George Milne
Princeton Day School	SWEET CHARITY	Joshua Benghiat
Rahway HS	THE WILL ROGERS FOLLIES	Joe McKie
Summit HS	THE MUSIC MAN	Travis McHale
Union HS	42 ND STREET	Dan Ozminkowski

Honorable Mentions

Gill St. Bernard's School	INTO THE WOODS	Donald P. Schlachter
Whippany Park HS	LES MISÉRABLES	Nicholas Marmo

Outstanding Costuming Achievement

Final Nominations

Bergen County Academies	INTO THE WOODS	Eva Omeljaniuk
Fair Lawn HS	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE	Jennifer Larsen-Fernandez
Gill St. Bernard's School	INTO THE WOODS	Paul H. Canada
Nutley HS	THE PRODUCERS	Thomasina Hyland
Pt. Pleasant Borough HS	THE MUSIC MAN	Lynn van Schoick
Rahway HS	THE WILL ROGERS FOLLIES	Susan Keat, Kim Staryak, Tina Campagna, Donna Farrell, Yamira Burnejko, Linda Underwood, Audrey Angrisani, Doris Jellison, Irena Dabrowski, Ann Hartnett, Debi Prakash & Alexa Angrisani
Shore Regional HS	OVER HERE	Fred Sorrentino
Summit HS	THE MUSIC MAN	Katherine Winter

Honorable Mentions

Cranford HS	ANYTHING GOES	Lynn Berry & Christine Stawnychy
West Milford Township HS	THE BOYFRIEND	Erica Bowler & Maria Heyburn

Outstanding Hair & Make-up Achievement

Final Nominations

Butler HS	CATS	Sylvia C. Abdelsalam
Fair Lawn HS	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE	Jennifer Larsen-Fernandez
Gill St. Bernard's School	INTO THE WOODS	Venus Nedd
Nutley HS	THE PRODUCERS	Joanne Kirk & Leslie Fazzini
Rahway HS	THE WILL ROGERS FOLLIES	Alison Dooley
Summit HS	THE MUSIC MAN	Suzanne Bell, Julia Woods & Carolyn Fine
Union HS	42 ND STREET	Jean Salvator
West Milford Township HS	THE BOYFRIEND	Lindsay McAloney & Eileen Sailer

Honorable Mentions

Ridge HS	SEUSSICAL	Debbie Schaub
St. Joseph Regional HS	THE WHO'S TOMMY	Stephen Davis & Danny K

Outstanding Achievement in Graphic Design

Final Nominations

Cranford HS	ANYTHING GOES	Elizabeth Berry
Gill St. Bernard's School	INTO THE WOODS	Margie Palatini & Rich Palatini
Princeton Day School	SWEET CHARITY	Margery Miller
Ramsey HS	HOW TO SUCCEED	Shannon Corrigan
Ridge HS	SEUSSICAL	Stephanie Cook
Union HS	42 ND STREET	Paul Gaschler

Honorable Mentions

Union Catholic Reg. HS	INTO THE WOODS	Mike Brown & Lynn Nunes
West Orange HS	RENT	David Vodofsky & Allison Ferdinando

Outstanding Achievement in Lobby Display

Final Nominations

Mount Olive HS	LES MISÉRABLES.....	Heather Jaran, Tim McEvoy, Liz Coulter & the Seniors
New Milford HS	WORKING	Hayley Barton
Nutley HS.....	THE PRODUCERS	Patty Erdmann, Linda Hamilton, Peg Kurman, Lori Radice, Cathy Serio & Phylis Wilson
Rahway HS	THE WILL ROGERS FOLLIES	The Musical Theatre Class
Summit HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN.....	Carol Hassert & Sherri Williamson
Union Catholic Reg. HS.....	INTO THE WOODS	Karen Rudnicki, Donna Brown, Karen Chamis, Sylvia Gonzalez, Chris Lynskey, Mike Lynskey & Kathy Rotondo

Honorable Mentions

Academy of the Holy Angels.....	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE	Donna Faulborn, Barbara Johnson, Elaine Barrett, Sherry DeLuca & Geraldine Cotter
Central Regional HS.....	ONCE ON THIS ISLAND.....	Kelly Butler & Charlotte Roselli
Ridge HS.....	SEUSSICAL	Eileen McAleney
Roselle Park HS	PIPPIN	Michelle Bodtmann, Denise Matarante, Rick Matarante, Lilian Infante, Persio Infante, Lisa Ardino, Joe Ardino, Robyn Tunnell, Rich Tunnell, Paul Muncha & Tony Gallo

Student Achievement Award

Final Nominations

Academy of the Holy Angels.....	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE....	Maggie Gleason, Graphic Design
Academy of the Holy Angels.....	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE....	Cassie Faulbon, Nico Johnson, Veronica Polce, Jessica O'Hagan, Victoria Lorenzo, Grace Cunning & Rob Johnson, Costume Design
Academy of the Holy Angels.....	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE....	Nicole Johnson, Assistant Director
Academy of the Holy Angels.....	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE....	Natasha Gonzalez, Musical Direction
Academy of the Holy Angels.....	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE....	Danielle Anecchino, Assistant Musical Direction
Academy of the Holy Angels.....	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE....	Cassie Faulborn & Jessica O'Hagan, Choreography
Academy of the Holy Angels.....	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE....	Julia Emmanuele, Producer
Bayonne HS.....	DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST.....	Anthony Duffy, Stage Manager
Bergen County Academies.....	INTO THE WOODS	Jessica Diamond, Props Master
Bergen County Academies.....	INTO THE WOODS	Jennifer Woods, Assistant Director
Bergen County Academies.....	INTO THE WOODS	Michael Ciszewski, Website Design/Historian
Bergen County Academies.....	INTO THE WOODS	Michael Ciszewski, Lobby Design
Bergen County Academies.....	INTO THE WOODS	Steven Maier, Choreography
Butler HS	CATS	Allie Lownsdes, Assistant Director
Cliffside Park HS.....	GREASE.....	Han-ah Kim, Musical Direction & Conductor
Cliffside Park HS.....	GREASE.....	Gaby Tripodi, Props Management
Cliffside Park HS.....	GREASE.....	Patrick Orrico, Hair & Make Up Design
Cliffside Park HS.....	GREASE.....	Farida Mallah, Student Director
Cliffside Park HS.....	GREASE.....	Laura Perez, Costume Design
Colonia HS	THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE....	Christopher Volkel, Set Construction
Cranford HS.....	ANYTHING GOES	Sebastian Moon & Rachel Jacquin, Stage Tech Leaders
Dumont HS.....	A FUNNY THING....FORUM	Jeanette Pidi, Costume Design
Gill St. Bernard's School	INTO THE WOODS	Conor Sjogren, Stage Manger
Immaculata HS	SEUSSICAL	Sara Giacomini, Understudy
Immaculata HS	SEUSSICAL	Chrstine Piccirillo, Rehearsal Pianist/ Pit Band

Student Achievement Award

Final Nominations (con't)

Pascack Valley HS	SEUSSICAL	Rebecca Riley, Sarah Kapliow, Cheryl Reman, Becky Zuniga, Amanda Williamson, Briane Velardi, Shana Sombolian, Brenna Gradus, Lily Levitt, Greg Shirinian & Michael Arigot, Stage Crew
Robbinsville HS	JOSEPH...DREAMCOAT	Laura Williams, Prop Master
Robbinsville HS	JOSEPH...DREAMCOAT	Ashely Petix, Set Design
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS	GUYS AND DOLLS	Mary Kate O'Connell, Student Costumer
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS	GUYS AND DOLLS	Gabriella Napoli, Student Director
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS	GUYS AND DOLLS	Jeremy Busch & Kayla McAlindin, Student Choreographers
Shore Regional HS	OVER HERE	Hilary Marsh, Lighting Design
Summit HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN	Lauren Ciaravalli, Student Director
Summit HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN	Ben Zukoff, Technical Direction
Summit HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN	Suzanne Bell, Julia Woods, Cristina Ciaravalli, Libby Faraci, Sam Karpman, Rebecca Murillo, Paige Osborne, Mary Pomeroy, Zoe Rhinehart, Ashley Ring, Serena Sondhi, Cynthia Steele, Francesca Vignola, Hair & Make Up Crew
Summit HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN	Michael Velez, Head Electrician
Summit HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN	Tanya Sushkova, Laura Hassert, Katie Lawrence, Shelby MacMillan, Lindsey Moore, Sarah Cummings, Kelli Houck, Allie Huckfeldt, Olivia Kos, Chelsea Nyman, Roma Padalkar, Bridget O'Brien, Sharon Kwak, Emily Borzner, Caroline Delaney, Will Frank, Jackie Musum, Rachel Sutton, Diana Lee, Stephanie Fonseca & Brid Lee-Egan, Costume Crew
Summit HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN	Emily Porter & Sarah Jeslyn Austell, Dance Captains
Summit HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN	Erin Dugan, Rachel Wolf & Quinn Baldacci, Stage Management
Summit HS.....	THE MUSIC MAN	Sydney Mark, Props Management
Union HS.....	42 ND STREET	Justin Tremaine, Lighting Operator
West Morris Central HS	NO, NO, NANETTE	Kayla Schott, Student Director
West Morris Central HS	NO, NO, NANETTE	Brittany Hoehlein, Dance Captain
West Morris Central HS	NO, NO, NANETTE	Megan Liggett, Graphic Design
West Morris Central HS	NO, NO, NANETTE	Eric Ketzler, Lighting Design
West Morris Central HS	NO, NO, NANETTE	Aaron Goldner, Sound Design
West Morris Central HS	NO, NO, NANETTE	Adam Brochu, Kelly DeRosa, Taylor Lawson, John Jerman & Reid Meunzen, Stage Crew
West Morris Central HS	NO, NO, NANETTE	Stephanie Bush, Assistant Director
West Morris Central HS	NO, NO, NANETTE	Sarah Whalen, Stage Management

The Educational Impact Award

Final Nominations

Bayonne HS	DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
Butler HS.....	CATS
Cliffside Park HS.....	GREASE
Hillsborough HS.....	WEST SIDE STORY
Mountain Lakes HS.....	CINDERELLA
Ridge HS	SEUSSICAL
Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS	GUYS AND DOLLS
St. Joseph Regional HS	THE WHO'S TOMMY
Watchung Hills Regional HS	A FUNNY THING...FORUM
West Orange HS.....	RENT