

# News Release

## Dobbs Ferry High School Musical *The Addams Family* Garners Three METRO Awards Nominations

**Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., May 19, 2017--** Dobbs Ferry High School's spring production of the musical *The Addams Family*, received three nominations for the prestigious METROS (Metropolitan High School Theater Awards), sponsored by *The Journal News* and Helen Hayes Youth Theatre. This is the first year that Dobbs Ferry High School has entered the competition and they were competing against other school musicals in Rockland, Westchester, Putnam and Bergen Counties, including many Districts with bigger student populations and theater budgets. A total of 24 schools in Westchester County participated in the 2017 METRO Awards.

Tenth grader **Elizabeth Poccia** was nominated for best Comic Performance-Female for her role as Grandma in *The Addams Family*. She is one of six nominated actresses in this category. *The Addams Family* was also recognized in the category of Costume Design. The costumes were created by Dobbs Ferry High School science teachers **Amanda Newhouse** and **Caroline Matthew**. The Technical Merit award is a teacher-nominated honor given to students who show leadership and talent in any area of technical theater and senior **Ray Flaks**, Student Technical Director for the show, is one of the nominees.

"I'm so proud of our cast and crew for their hard work!" said Georgia DeFalco, Vocal Music & Theatre Director at Dobbs Ferry High School and Middle School. "It's exciting to be receiving recognition for the first time entering these awards! It's also an honor to be nominated with the other outstanding productions in the Hudson Valley." This is the 18<sup>th</sup> year that the METRO Awards have been presented. Click here to view nominees list <https://www.hstheaterawards.com/winners-and-nominees>

Throughout the spring musical season, METRO Awards' judges attend the participating schools' performances to evaluate the shows. In June, all of the schools celebrate in an awards ceremony modeled after the Broadway Tony Awards. Top-nominated schools and actors perform live and Broadway stars hand out designated honors. **The 2017 METRO Awards Ceremony will take place at the Purchase College Concert Theater on June 12<sup>th</sup> from 7-10 pm.** Tickets are available to the general public.

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