



## News Release

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### **Wauwatosa East Theatre Wins Tommy Awards**

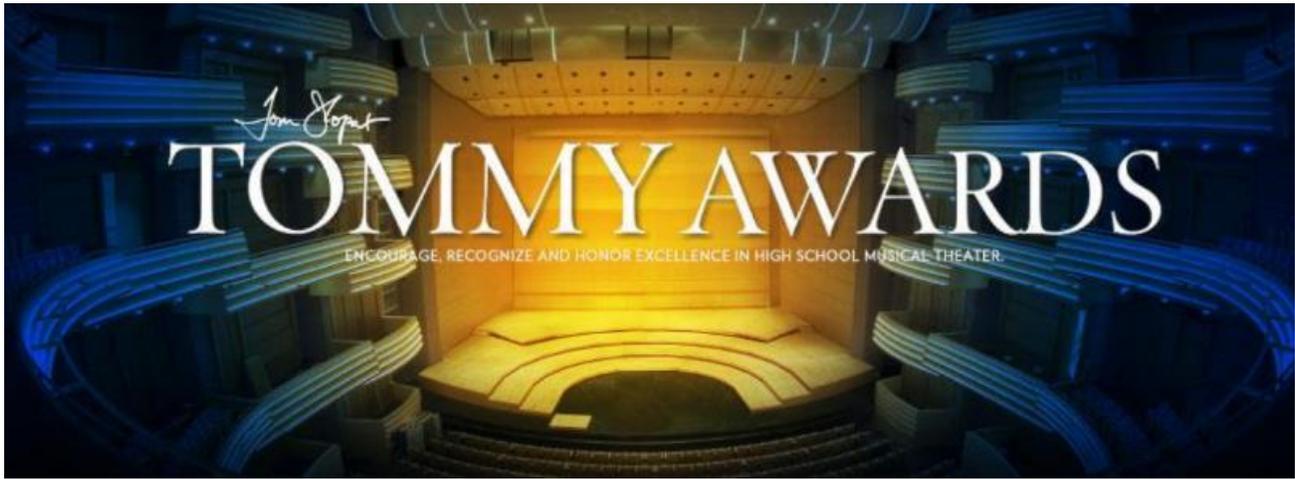
The Tosa East Players have received several Tommy Awards for their recent production of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*. The production was awarded Outstanding Leading Performance to Travis Ulrich for his role as Gaston. Outstanding Supporting Performance awards were given to Riley Rakowiecki for his role of Cogsworth, and both Simon Hartman-Keiser and Maya Martin for their roles as Lumiere and Mrs. Potts, respectively. Spirit Awards were given to Emma Kessler and Noah Manke.

In addition, Travis Ulrich has been selected to represent The Tommy Awards and the state of Wisconsin at the 2016 National High School Musical Theatre Awards in New York City.

The Wauwatosa East Players' production team includes Kate Sarner, director; Amanda Marquardt, choreographer; Andrew Armstrong and Bella Kugel, set and scenic design; Jennifer Lato, pit director; Wendy Traeger, vocal music director; Kurt Schnabel, lighting design; Brian Harden, sound design; Lisa Quinn, sound design; and Dana Rochester, wig and makeup design.

Named for local Broadway and television star Tom Wopat, the Tommy Awards encourage, recognize, and honor excellence in high school musical theater. Educators, industry professionals, and theater experts review productions at more than 60 high schools, provide valuable feedback and advice, and honor schools' and individuals' achievements with category-based awards. Schools and individuals receive awards at a ceremony, and two outstanding performers advance to The National High School Musical Theatre Awards competition in New York City.

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