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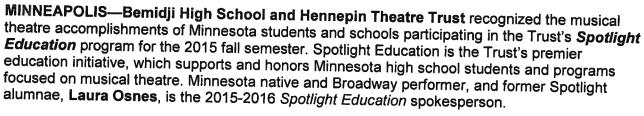
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Bemidji High School and Hennepin Theatre Trust Announce Fall 2015 Spotlight Education Program Honors



This past fall, 47 schools submitted their high school musical for production assessment by theatre professionals and educators on behalf of the Trust. These critiques provided detailed educational feedback for the students and directors in categories ranging from overall production to individual performances. Shows are not compared or ranked against each other, so categories may have multiple honorees. This year's 2015 fall honorees are listed below.

Bemidji High School presented **Shrek the Musical in November, 2015** and is receiving the following honor(s) for its achievements:

Overall Production – Honorable Mention
Overall Performance – Honorable Mention
Technical Achievement – Outstanding
Ensemble Performance – Honorable Mention
Technical Crew – Outstanding
Student Orchestra – Outstanding
A/V Board Operator Team – Honorable Mention

Individual Awards -

Outstanding Performance in a Leading Role: Tanner Garrigan as Shrek Outstanding Performance in a Leading Role: Mitchell Shaw as Farquaad

Honorable Mention in a Leading Role: Calvin Sheffield as Donke Honorable Mention in a Supporting Role: Emily Bergeron as Dragon

Honorable Mention in a Supporting Role: Sage Hovet as Gingy/Sugar Plum Fairy

Outstanding in Technical Leadership: Sam Harmon Outstanding in Technical Leadership: Nate Anderson

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Honorable Mention in Technical Leadership: Michelle LaMoure

Evaluator Shout Out: Mallory Seykora as Little Fiona

Evaluator Shout Out: Britta Aas as Teen Fiona Evaluator Shout Out: Carly Fuhrman as Fiona

Evaluator Shout Out: Brent Ekstrom, Assistant Stage Manager

Spotlight Education enriches students' lives through a performing arts education. The program provides valuable educational, performing and creative experiences for students. These activities help foster essential life skills such as collaboration, critical thinking, problem-solving and self-expression. Spotlight Education is composed of four initiatives: production assessment, Spotlight Showcase, workshops and master classes, and Critical Review.

Spotlight Education schools and students will be recognized at the **Spotlight Showcase** over two evenings – **7 p.m. on Sunday, June 12 and Monday, June 13** – at the **State Theatre.** This professionally-produced event highlights the amazing talent of Minnesota high school musical theatre program students and educators who participate in the **Spotlight Education** program. Tickets for the **Showcase** go on sale in mid-February.