



Important Dates for Directors 2026-2027

Friday, September 4, 2026	Fall PLAY and STUDENT PLAYWRIGHT registration OPENS
Friday, September 18, 2026	Fall PLAY registration closes
September – December 2026	PLAY season
Tuesday, December 1, 2026	STUDENT PLAYWRIGHT scripts due
December 2026 / January 2027	Announcement of PLAY and PLAYWRIGHT nominations (Date TBD)
Monday, January 4, 2027	Spring MUSICAL registration OPENS
Monday, January 18, 2027	Spring MUSICAL registration CLOSES
Saturday, January 23, 2027	BEYOND THE FOOTLIGHTS
Friday, February 26, 2027	Outstanding Lead Actor and Actress in a PLAY monologues due
Mid-February – Sunday, April 11, 2027	MUSICAL season
Thursday, April 22, 2027	Announcement of MUSICAL nominations
Friday, April 23, 2027	Spirit of Theater names (PLAY and MUSICAL) and OPENING NUMBER student names due
Friday, April 30, 2027	Performance number and accompanying materials (OUTSTANDING MUSICAL), sheet music (OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTOR/ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL), and award acceptor names (OUTSTANDING MUSICAL, PLAY, ORCHESTRA, DANCE NUMBER) due
Sunday, May 2, 2027	OPENING NUMBER Rehearsal (10am – 5pm) (Location TBD) NOMINEE Reception (7 – 8:30pm) (Hershey Story Museum)
Week of May 3-7, 2027	Soloist Rehearsal (OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTOR/ACTRESS – MUSICAL) and Monologue Rehearsal (OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTOR/ACTRESS – PLAY) (Time and location TBD)
Sunday, May 16, 2027	HERSHEY THEATRE APOLLO AWARDS – 7pm