



Important Dates for Directors

2025-2026 Hershey Theatre Apollo Awards

Tuesday, September 2, 2025	Fall PLAY and STUDENT PLAYWRIGHT registration OPENS
Friday, September 12, 2025	Fall PLAY registration CLOSES
September – December 2025	PLAY season
Monday, December 1, 2025	STUDENT PLAYWRIGHT scripts due
December 2025 / January 2026	Announcement of PLAY and PLAYWRIGHT nominations (Date TBD)
Monday, January 5, 2026	Spring MUSICAL registration OPENS
Friday, January 16, 2026	Spring MUSICAL registration CLOSES
Mid-February – Sunday, April 12, 2026	MUSICAL season
Thursday, April 23, 2026	Announcement of MUSICAL nominations
Friday, April 24, 2026	Spirit of Theater names (PLAY and MUSICAL) and Opening Number student names due
Friday, May 1, 2026	Performance number and accompanying materials (OUTSTANDING MUSICAL), sheet music (OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTOR/ACTRESS – MUSICAL), award acceptor names (OUTSTANDING MUSICAL, PLAY, ORCHESTRA, DANCE NUMBER), and PLAY monologues due
Sunday, May 3, 2026	OPENING NUMBER Rehearsal (10am – 5pm) (Location TBD) NOMINEE Reception (7 – 8:30pm) (Hershey Story Museum)
Week of May 11 - 15, 2026	Soloist and Monologue Rehearsal (OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTOR/ACTRESS – PLAY/MUSICAL) (Time and location TBD)
Sunday, May 17, 2026	Hershey Theatre Apollo Awards – 7pm SHOW