

From the Drammy “About” page, applicable from 1998 to 2014

WHEN CAN I OBTAIN A LIST OF NOMINEES? WHEN ARE NOMINEES ANNOUNCED? WHY ARE THERE NO NOMINEES?

In order to encourage industry-wide celebration of the entire past season, the Drammy Committee does not currently offer a slate of nominees. This practice is constantly under review, and is always subject to change in any given year.

WHEN ARE THE WINNERS ANNOUNCED?

Winners are announced at the annual Drammy Awards ceremony, traditionally held the second Monday after Memorial Day. A list of winners is published the following day on the Drammy Awards Web site and is usually carried by local media.

WHY DO THE NUMBERS OF CATEGORIES AND AWARDS DIFFER FROM YEAR TO YEAR? WHY ARE THERE NO OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION (OR OTHER) AWARDS IN A GIVEN YEAR?

In accordance with current practice, the Committee may present from zero to four awards per category. The number of awards varies from year to year, as do the number and types of categories. Furthermore, a special category may be created to recognize a singular accomplishment and never be repeated. Everything is flexible in order to respond to the variety of work presented and what we wish to recognize.

WHY DOES THE DRAMMY COMMITTEE CHOOSE TO HONOR “OUTSTANDING” WORK, RATHER THAN GIVE “BEST OF” AWARDS?

In 1999, the Drammy Committee elected to move from “best of” awards to awards for “outstanding” achievement. We believe that identifying “outstanding” theatre allows us to recognize a wider variety of work, while preserving the integrity, value, and meaningfulness of the award. This process also allows us to respond in a more flexible way to each season’s unique offerings. In one season, for example, there may be a number of “Outstanding Actors” while in the following, there may be none that we agree rise to that level of achievement. Our current system allows the Committee to recognize up to four in the first example while, in the second example, relieves the Committee from choosing a “best” among a field of contenders in which none may be at the highest level.