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Mission Viejo High School's "Thoroughly Modern Millie" Wins 2017 Comic Musical of the Year



Mission Viejo, Calif. (May 26, 2017)—The Saddleback Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) and Mission Viejo High School (MVHS) are proud to announce that the cast and crew of “Thoroughly Modern Millie” was awarded the **2017 Comic Musical of the Year** by the John Raitt Awards for Youth (JRAY) Program along with the following recognitions:

Student Orchestra of the Year--John Hannan
Choreography of the Year-- Kristy Davar
Actress of the Year – Kayla Morgan (Millie)
Supporting Actress-- Mary Desmond (Dorothy)
Male Soloist-- Ryan Livesay (Trevor)

The JRAY Program operates under the umbrella organization of Fullerton Civic Light Opera Music Theater (FCLO). In addition to over 200 awards given locally for achievement, both the Performer of the Year (Male) and Performer of the Year (Female), will be awarded \$1,500 and sent to New York for a one-week intensive workshop with Broadway professionals.

Additional recognition was awarded for the following nominations:

Director of the Year--Kathy Harris

Ensemble of the Year

Sets--Mathew White

Actor of the Year--Ben Sellers (Jimmy)

Featured Actress--Hope Spires (Mrs. Meers)

Featured Actor--Jeffrey Baker, Parker Christian (Bun Fo, Ching Ho)

Female Soloist--Bree Ben Joseph (Muzzy)

Dr. Ray Gatfield, Principal at Mission Viejo High School said, "We are thrilled that the school was honored for Best Musical and Best Orchestra as part of the John Raitt Awards. Both Kathy Harris and John Hannan are masters of their craft; our students thrive and perform at the highest levels under their leadership."

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