Black Theatre Alliance Awards 2025 Nominations:

Best Actor (Play)
James Vincent Meredith - HYMN – Chicago Shakespeare Theater
Chiké Johnson - HYMN – Chicago Shakespeare Theater
Jon Michael Hill – PURPOSE - Steppenwolf Theatre
Brian Keys – A RAISIN IN THE SUN– Court Theatre
Ronald L. Connor – FAT HAM - Goodman Theatre

Best Actress (Play)
Martasia Jones – A RAISIN IN THE SUN– Court Theatre
Shanésia Davis – A RAISIN IN THE SUN– Court Theatre
Brittany Bradford – LEROY AND LUCY – Steppenwolf Theatre
Anji White - FAT HAM - Goodman Theatre
Caroline Stefanie Clay – BUST AN AFROCURRENTIST PLAY - Goodman Theatre

Best Supporting Actor (Play)
Glenn Davis – PURPOSE – Steppenwolf Theatre
Victor Museni - FAT HAM - Goodman Theatre

Best Supporting Actress (Play)
Kierra Bunch - A RAISIN IN THE SUN– Court Theatre
Alana Arenas - PURPOSE – Steppenwolf Theatre

Best Writing (Play)
Lolita Chakrabarti - HYMN – Chicago Shakespeare Theater
Branden Jacobs-Jenkins - PURPOSE– Steppenwolf Theatre
Zora Howard – BUST AN AFROCURRENTIST PLAY - Goodman Theatre
Jocelyn Bioh – JAJA'S AFRICAN HAIR BRAIDING– Chicago Shakespeare Theater
James Ijames - FAT HAM - Goodman Theatre

Best Director (Play)
Ron OJ Parson - HYMN – Chicago Shakespeare Theater
Phylicia Rashad - PURPOSE – Steppenwolf Theatre
Tyrone Phillips - FAT HAM - Goodman Theatre

Best Production (Play)
PURPOSE– Steppenwolf Theatre
JAJA'S AFRICAN HAIR BRAIDING– Chicago Shakespeare Theater

Best Actor (Musical)
Kelvin Roston Jr. – TWISTED MELODIES– Northlight Theatre
Evan Tyrone Martin – THE COLOR PURPLE THE MUSICAL- Goodman Theatre
Richard Gallion – A FALL FROM ROYALTY– APC Theater
Charl'z L Kay – DREAMGIRLS – The Drama Group

Best Actress (Musical)
Brittney Mack – THE COLOR PURPLE THE MUSICAL - Goodman Theatre
Tamara Batiest – THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR: GLADYS, DIONNE, PATTI– Black Ensemble Theater
Felicia McNeal – SHAKIN' THE MESS OUTTA MISERY– Pegasus Theatre Chicago
Brandi Shantele – DREAMGIRLS– The Drama Group
Caitlin Dobbins - SHAKIN' THE MESS OUTTA MISERY– Pegasus Theatre Chicago
Tashika Benson – IF YOU THINK YOU'RE LONELY NOW BOBBY WOMACK: THE UNATHORIZED STORY– Theater 47

Best Supporting Actress (Musical)
Nicole Michelle Haskins – THE COLOR PURPLE THE MUSICAL- Goodman Theatre
Aerie Williams - THE COLOR PURPLE THE MUSICAL - Goodman Theatre
Africa Pace Brown - SHAKIN' THE MESS OUTTA MISERY– Pegasus Theatre Chicago
Sharyon Culberson - SHAKIN' THE MESS OUTTA MISERY– Pegasus Theatre Chicago
Erline Dorcy – DREAMGIRLS – The Drama Group
Makeda Grier - IF YOU THINK YOU'RE LONELY NOW BOBBY WOMACK: THE UNATHORIZED STORY– Theater 47

Best Supporting Actor (Musical)
Jason Warrior - IF YOU THINK YOU'RE LONELY NOW BOBBY WOMACK: THE UNATHORIZED STORY– Theater 47
Shawn Logan - IF YOU THINK YOU'RE LONELY NOW BOBBY WOMACK: THE UNATHORIZED STORY– Theater 47
Todd RaSean - IF YOU THINK YOU'RE LONELY NOW BOBBY WOMACK: THE UNATHORIZED STORY– Theater 47
Royce Hargrove - A FALL FROM ROYALTY– APC Theater
Darrow Richmond - DREAMGIRLS– The Drama Group

Best Writing (Musical)
John Ruffin - IF YOU THINK YOU'RE LONELY NOW BOBBY WOMACK: THE UNATHORIZED STORY– Theater 47
Richard Gallion - A FALL FROM ROYALTY– APC Theater
Kelvin Roston Jr. - TWISTED MELODIES– Northlight Theatre

Best Direction (Musical)
E. Faye Butler – AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'– Drury Lane Theatre
Richard Gallion - A FALL FROM ROYALTY– APC Theater
John Ruffin - IF YOU THINK YOU'RE LONELY NOW BOBBY WOMACK: THE UNATHORIZED STORY– Theater 47
Ron OJ Parson - TWISTED MELODIES– Northlight Theatre

Best Original Book (Musical)
Richard Gallion - A FALL FROM ROYALTY– APC Theater
John Ruffin - IF YOU THINK YOU'RE LONELY NOW BOBBY WOMACK: THE UNATHORIZED STORY– Theater 47
Kelvin Roston Jr. - TWISTED MELODIES– Northlight Theatre
Darryl Brooks - THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR: GLADYS, DIONNE, PATTI– Black Ensemble Theater

Best Revival (Musical)
DREAMGIRLS– The Drama Group
AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'– Drury Lane Theatre
THE COLOR PURPLE THE MUSICAL- Goodman Theatre
SHAKIN' THE MESS OUTTA MISERY– Pegasus Theatre Chicago

Best Production (Musical)
A FALL FROM ROYALTY– APC Theater
DREAMGIRLS– The Drama Group
THE COLOR PURPLE THE MUSICAL- Goodman Theatre
SHAKIN' THE MESS OUTTA MISERY– Pegasus Theatre Chicago
TWISTED MELODIES– Northlight Theatre

Best Ensemble (Musical or Play)
JAJA'S AFRICAN HAIR BRAIDING– Chicago Shakespeare Theater
FAT HAM - Goodman Theatre
A FALL FROM ROYALTY– APC Theater
IF YOU THINK YOU'RE LONELY NOW BOBBY WOMACK: THE UNATHORIZED STORY– Theater 47
AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'– Drury Lane Theatre
THE COLOR PURPLE THE MUSICAL- Goodman Theatre
SHAKIN' THE MESS OUTTA MISERY– Pegasus Theatre Chicago

Best Choreography (Musical)
Anthony Sampson - A FALL FROM ROYALTY– APC Theater
Arielle Spires - DREAMGIRLS– The Drama Group

Best Sound (Musical or Play)
Mikaal Sulaiman – BUST AN AFROCURRENTIST PLAY - Goodman Theatre
Connor Wang - LEROY AND LUCY – Steppenwolf Theatre
Eric Backus - TWISTED MELODIES– Northlight Theatre

Best Set Design (Musical or Play)
Andrew Boyce - LEROY AND LUCY – Steppenwolf Theatre
David Zinn - JAJA'S AFRICAN HAIR BRAIDING– Chicago Shakespeare Theater
Arnel Sancianco - FAT HAM - Goodman Theatre
Andrew Boyce - AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'– Drury Lane Theatre
Todd Rosenthal – PURPOSE - Steppenwolf Theatre
Sotirios Livaditis - TWISTED MELODIES– Northlight Theatre
Matt Saunders – BUST AN AFROCURRENTIST PLAY - Goodman Theatre

Best Costume Design (Musical or Play)
Dede Ayite - JAJA'S AFRICAN HAIR BRAIDING– Chicago Shakespeare Theater
Corinne Enning - A FALL FROM ROYALTY– APC Theater
McKinley Johnson - AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'– Drury Lane Theatre
Marquecia Jordan - SHAKIN' THE MESS OUTTA MISERY– Pegasus Theatre Chicago

Best Lighting Design (Musical or Play)
Heather Gilbert - LEROY AND LUCY – Steppenwolf Theatre
Maximo Grano De Oro - A RAISIN IN THE SUN– Court Theatre
Lee Fiskness - AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'– Drury Lane Theatre
Jason Lynch - TWISTED MELODIES– Northlight Theatre
Yi Zhao – BUST AN AFROCURRENTIST PLAY - Goodman Theatre