



## AMERICAN PLAYERS THEATRE TO RECEIVE 2026 REGIONAL THEATRE TONY AWARD

APT is first company in Wisconsin to be awarded theatre's highest honor

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**SPRING GREEN, WIS.** — Today, the Tony Awards® Administration Committee announced that the 2026 Regional Theatre Tony Award will be awarded to American Players Theatre (APT) in Spring Green, WI, in the [following statement](#):

The Tony Awards Administration Committee announced today that, based on the recommendation of the American Theatre Critics Association, American Players Theatre in Spring Green, Wisconsin, will be the recipient of the 2026 Regional Theatre Tony Award. The honor, recognizing a regional theatre company that has displayed a continuous level of artistic achievement contributing to the growth of theatre nationally, is accompanied by a grant of \$25,000, made possible by City National Bank's generous support.

"American Players Theatre is a one-of-a-kind institution, delivering world-class theatre presentations to the Midwest for decades, and we are thrilled to recognize the team there with this award," said Heather Hitchens, President and CEO of the American Theatre Wing and Jason Laks, President of The Broadway League. "By illuminating the shared human experience through timeless classics, they have broadened the theatre-going audience in their community and beyond."

"As the official bank of the Tony Awards, City National Bank is honored to celebrate the extraordinary achievements of American Players Theatre, a standard of excellence in live performance," said JaHan Wang, executive vice president and head of Entertainment & Sports Banking, City National Bank. "We are proud to support the dramatic arts, both on Broadway and across the nation, and to help ensure that the transformative power of theater continues to inspire audiences for generations to come."

In a statement, APT's Artistic Director Brenda DeVita and Managing Director Sara Young wrote "On behalf of APT, we are honored and overwhelmed to receive the 2026 Regional Theatre Tony Award. This award is for the whole APT community: the artists, artisans and staff who work so hard to bring stories to life on our Hill, who believe their work is special and that it matters — because it does matter. This award is also for our extraordinary audience, who come back year after year, sharing this theater with friends and family, because it is *their* theater. We are grateful to The Broadway League, The American Theater Wing, City National Bank and The American Theatre Critics Association for their faith in APT and in the promise of regional theater."

Founded in 1979, APT's mission is to perform timeless, challenging, poetic texts, with Shakespeare at the center, to the broadest audience possible. From June through November, APT produces nine plays and welcomes nearly 100,000 guests seeking a world-class performance in their outdoor Hill Theatre (1,075 seats) and indoor Touchstone Theatre (201 seats).

APT will kick off its 47<sup>th</sup> season on Saturday, June 6, with William Shakespeare's [As You Like It](#). Also playing this season in the Hill Theatre: [The Matchmaker](#) by Thornton Wilder; [Uncle Vanya](#) by Anton Chekhov and adapted by Nate Burger; [The Two "Gentlemen" of Verona](#) by William Shakespeare and adapted by Aaron Posner with music by Greg Kotis; and [Sueño](#), translated and adapted by José Rivera from the play by Pedro Calderón de la Barca. Playing in the Touchstone Theatre: [The Chairs](#) by Eugène Ionesco and translated by Martin Crimp; [Casey and Diana](#) by Nick Green; [Dontrell, Who Kissed the Sea](#) by Nathan Alan Davis; and [Witch](#) by Jen Silverman.

Tickets for American Players Theatre's 2026 season are on sale now at [americanplayers.org](http://americanplayers.org), or by calling the APT Box Office at (608) 588-2361.

This year's Tony Awards will return to the legendary Radio City Music Hall in New York City on Sunday, June 7. Hosted by music superstar and global icon P!NK, The American Theatre Wing's Tony Awards will broadcast LIVE to both coasts on the CBS Television Network, and streaming on Paramount+\* (8:00 – 11:00 PM ET/5:00 – 8:00 PM PT).

A full list of this year's Tony nominees and additional honorees is available [here](#). The full announcement from the Tony Awards is [available here](#).

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### About American Players Theatre

American Players Theatre (APT) is a professional repertory theater devoted to great and future classics. Founded in 1979, APT continues to be one of the most popular and critically acclaimed outdoor classical theaters in the nation (2025 recipient of *Newsweek's* Best Outdoor Theater Performance.)

APT is located in Spring Green, Wis., on 110 acres of hilly woods and meadows above the Wisconsin River. The outdoor amphitheater sits within a natural hollow atop an oak-wooded hill surrounded by prairie. Under the dome of sky, world class artists perform for a house of up to 1,075. In 2009, APT opened an indoor space, the Touchstone Theatre, offering a different, more intimate play-going experience for 201 audience members. To learn more, visit [americanplayers.org](http://americanplayers.org)

### About the Tony Awards

The American Theatre Wing's Tony Awards are presented by The Broadway League and the American Theatre Wing. At The Broadway League, Kristin Caskey is Chair and Jason Laks is President. At the American Theatre Wing, Ted Chapin is Interim Chair and Heather A. Hitchens is President & CEO.

Sponsors for the American Theatre Wing's Tony Awards include: City National Bank - the official bank of The Tony Awards; Capital One and Mastercard - the official payments partner of The Tony Awards; Carnegie Mellon University - the first-ever, exclusive higher education partner; Baccarat - the official

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