

NOVA Y. PAYTON

AEA

RANGE: Soprano w/ Belt to G5

EYES: BROWN

HAIR: BLACK

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NATIONAL TOURS

3 MO' DIVAS

Diva

Troika Entertainment

SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE

BJ

Phoenix Productions

REGIONAL THEATRE

HELLO, DOLLY!

Dolly

Olney Theatre Center

WORLD GOES ROUND

Woman 1

Olney Theatre Center

INTO THE WOODS

Witch

Signature Theatre

**THE COLOR PURPLE

Celie

Signature Theatre

GRACE

Ruthie

Ford's Theatre

INTO THE WOODS

Witch

The Zach Theatre

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Lady

Signature Theatre

AMEN CORNER

Sister Douglass

Shakespeare Theatre Co.

NEWSIES

Miss Medda Larkin

Arena Stage

BLACKBEARD

Dominique

Signature Theatre

AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'

Nell

Signature Theatre

WATSON'S GO TO BIRMINGHAM

Vocalist

The Kennedy Center

HOW TO SUCCEED...

Miss Jones

The Kennedy Center

RAGTIME

Sarah

Ford's Theatre

CAROLINE, OR CHANGE

Caroline

Round House Theatre

MAN OF LA MANCHA

Aldonza

The 5th Avenue

JELLY'S LAST JAM

Miss Mamie/Hunnie

Signature Theatre

A NIGHT WITH JANIS JOPLIN

Joplinaire

The 5th Avenue

KISS ME KATE

Hattie

Shakespeare Theatre Co.

A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD

Bird/Mouse/Young Frog

Imagination Stage

DREAMGIRLS

Effie White

Milwaukee Rep Theatre

GODSPELL

Ensemble

Olney Theatre Center

DINER

Party Singer/Stripper

Signature Theatre

SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE

Ensemble

Arena Stage

DREAMGIRLS

Effie White

Signature Theatre

BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE...

Jewel

Signature Theatre

XANADU

Melpomene/Medusa

Signature Theatre

*HAIRSPRAY

MotorMouth Maybelle

Signature Theatre

**2023 Helen Hayes recipient for Outstanding Lead Actress

*2012 Helen Hayes recipient for Outstanding Supporting Actress

10 time Helen Hayes nominee

CABARETS/WORKSHOPS/GALAS

United in Sound: America at 250

Nova and Friends Holiday Cabaret

Let The Good Times Roll

Defying Gravity: Makings of a Super Nova

Ford's Theatre Gala

Kennedy Center's concert version of My Fair Lady

Carnegie Hall

Signature Theatre

Signature Theatre

Signature Theatre

Michael McElroy & Telly Leung, dir

Marcia Milgrom Dodge, dir.

TV

APO's A Ella Swingin' Christmas

Performer

PBS

APO's We Are Family

Performer

PBS

APO's Black Broadway: Proud History, Limitless Future

Associate Producer/Performer

PBS

Professional Memberships

Actor's Equity Association. (October 2005 - Present).

Awards and Honors

Barrymore Award Nomination

Outstanding Leading Actress (2006)

NAACP Image Award

Outstanding Duo, Group or Collaboration (2010)

Broadway World-Washington, DC

Best Performer in a Musical (2023)

Helen Hayes Nominated for:

Outstanding Lead Actress (2026)

Outstanding Lead Actress (2023)

Outstanding Lead Performer (2020)

Outstanding Lead & Supporting Actress (2018)

Outstanding Supporting Actress (2015)

Outstanding Lead Actress (2013)

Helen Hayes Recipient:

Outstanding Lead Performer (2023).

Outstanding Supporting Actress (2012)

Symphonic Experience

- The New York Pops
- NSO Pops
- American Pops
- Symphony of the Americas
- Long Bay Symphony
- Hartford Symphony
- Spokane Symphony
- Lansing Symphony
- Oklahoma Symphony
- Calgary Symphony
- Augusta Symphony
- Idaho Falls Symphony
- Omaha Symphony
- Sioux City Symphony
- Victoria Symphony
- Anchorage Symphony
- Reno Philharmonic
- Helena Symphony
- Princeton Symphony
- Houston Symphony
- West Virginia Symphony
- Grand Rapids Symphony