

MO Thespian Newsletter

Conference Edition

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Important Conference Notes for Sponsors

We understand that there were some issues with the registration process this year. In response to the problems, we will be doing a major streamlining of the website for next year. Thank you all for your patience. To make sure you are all set for conference, the following items should have been mailed to Debbie Corbin last week:

- All consent/health forms printed back-to-back with all appropriate signatures
- Signed verification forms for Individual Events, Tech Challenge, Improv Olympix and Scholarships applicants

Sponsors: Be sure to have each adult attending conference fill out a consent/health form and bring them to conference for medical emergencies.

Other important information:

- We want to remind sponsors that the hospitality room at the conference will be very minimal this year and will consist only of small snacks. Make sure you have either purchased a meal bracelet or made other arrangements for meals at the conference.
- Please make sure you have paid this year's conference fees! Check with Ken Franke if you are unsure about your payment status!
- A tentative workshop schedule is attached. Please have your students look it over and make plans about which workshops they would like to attend. A finalized schedule will be included in your registration materials at conference!

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Mainstage and One Act Productions

Congratulations to all of the schools that have been selected to bring performances to the 2012 conference:

Mainstage Performances

- Nixa – *The Drowsy Chaperone*
- Raymore Peculiar – *The Foreigner*
- Parkway All District – *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*
- Branson – *Steel Magnolias* (to be shown in Coger as a Friday matinee)

One Act Performances

- Fulton – *War at Home*
- Lee's Summit North – *Completely Hollywood*
- Union - *Someone Please Tell Me What's Going On*

**all performances are contingent upon receipt of all conference materials*

Extraordinary Techies!

We are very excited for Tech Challenge this year! Information has been emailed to each sponsor with a tech challenge team. If you did not receive this email please contact Nona Miller! The Tech Challenge packet is included in the email, but can also be viewed online!

Page to Stage

The Page to Stage Finalists are:

A Choice, Lauren Gardner, Belton HS
The Vampire Question, Harry Kolmer, Pattonville HS
Running Out of Hope, Brittany Counterman, Troy Buchanan HS

Thank you to all of the students who submitted scripts this year!

For ALL: Auditions for Roles and Stage Management will be held on Thursday during Late Night Activities at the University Plaza Hotel. For Acting Auditions, you would need to prepare a 1-minute story or monologue to share with the playwrights. For Stage Managers, you will need to tell the playwrights in 1-minute "why you would make a good stage manager".

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MO STATE CONFERENCE 2012

PLACE: MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY (SPRINGFIELD)

DATE: JANUARY 5-7

Scholarships

All totaled, Missouri Thespians will be giving out \$11,000 in scholarships - four Performance, three Technical, three Theatre Education and one Theatre for Life!

Congratulations to these finalists in the Theatre for Life Scholarship Category:

Lauren Johnson, Parkview HS

Kelly Phelan, Lee's Summit North HS

Ingrid Roettgen, Lee's Summit West HS

Kelsey Smugala, Parkway South HS

Austin Strassle, Ruskin HS

The final part of the competition requires the students to set up a display table for a panel of judges to visit at the State Conference. This will take place on Thursday, January 5th in the Balcony Theatre in Craig Hall.

Please stop by between 2 and 3 p.m. to see their work.

Individual Events

Theresa Nigus will be emailing all sponsors that have registered individual events to let you know times for each event and if any information is missing. Thank you for taking part in this great conference opportunity!!

Parade of Troupes

The following schools have sent in their Parade of Troupes slide. If you are not on the list and think you should be, please resubmit to:
paradeoftroupes@hotmail.com.

Belton	Branson
Fort Zumwalt East	Fort Zumwalt North
Francis Howell	Joplin
Lindbergh	Maplewood
Nixa	North Kansas City
Owensville	Parkview
Parkway Central	Pattonville
Ritenour	Ruskin
St. Francis Borgia	Troy Buchanan
Union	Visitation
Warrenton	Waynesville
Whitfield	Ladue
Hazelwood West	Hazelwood East

Honor Troupes

Honor Troupes will be announced at the state conference. Thank you for submitting all of your materials!

TOTS Eat

Thespians nationwide collected over 300,000 pounds of food this year! Congratulations to the Lee's Summit United Team for collecting 7,236 pounds; the most total weight collected by any team in the nation! Missouri also took the Outstanding Commitment Award!

Keynote Speakers

This year's Keynote Speakers will be Jeff Bowen and Hunter Bell from *[title of show]*. We are very excited to have these talented performers share their stories with the students of Missouri!

Broadway Cares

Conference attendees will be able to open their hearts and pocketbooks to support Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. We have several great items that will go into this year's silent auction. Bring in some cash to get some great deals and donate to a great cause!

Improv Olympix

We have a record number of Improv Olympix teams this year! Jennie Forrest-James has emailed updates and information all sponsors that have registered Improv Olympix teams.

From your State Director

Schools attending the state conference: Be sure your financial office has received a copy of the w-9 for Missouri State Thespians. You received a copy when you attended Leadership. We have received several requests for this form; perhaps your financial office does not know you have a copy?

Colleges/Vendors

We again have several colleges and vendors attending conference. Get a head start on college planning or bring some extra money to pick up some fun theatre trinkets or scripts!