

MO Thespian Newsletter

Leadership Edition

Gearing Up for the 2011 Conference

The 2011 Conference is sure to be great! We are bringing back the Parade of Troupes, so be ready to submit your slide! We have looked at all of the conference evaluation forms and are currently doing our best to address any concerns! We are moving to Springfield this year and are pretty excited about the hotel prospects and close proximity to restaurants that MSU will provide. Plus, the University Plaza hotel has a hot breakfast INCLUDED! MSU's dining center will also be available for lunch and dinner on Thursday and Friday, and for lunch on Saturday. However, this option must be paid for in advance.

From Your Chapter Director:

Several of you have requested a way to access your school's credit card to pay your registration fees. Ken has worked diligently on setting up this service, and I am happy to report the website has been updated to accept payments via credit card for conference. Ken has added a link on the State Conference page and there is a link at the bottom of all invoices. There is a small fee for this service. As before, those who wish to pay via purchase order or check will still be able to do so, without paying the additional fees.

Email tnigus@fz.k12.mo.us to have your season included in the newsletter!

Page to Stage

Auditions for Page to Stage will be held Wednesday, January 5th after *White Christmas* (10-11:30) and Thursday, January 6th after *Jekyll and Hyde* (10-11:45) at the University Plaza Hotel. If a student is selected as a playwright, he or she is expected to be at **both** audition calls (Wednesday and Thursday). Students will know by November 30th if their plays were selected. Students who are planning to audition will need to sign up for an audition time Wednesday or Thursday at the information table. Students who wish to stage manage a Page-to-Stage production also need to sign up at the information table.

Students

Nominate YOUR teacher for the Teacher of the Year Award! Just write a letter of recommendation about your teacher and send to Debbie Corbin, 1426 State Hwy 176 E, Spokane, MO 65754. You can send up to five letters per nomination, and it's a good idea to include one from your principal, a parent, an alum, and/or a fellow teacher. The deadline is Dec. 1 for RECEIPT of all nominations. Include all letters at one time in ONE envelope or packet. Be sure to include a cover sheet with info about your teacher: Name, school, school address, troupe number, years at the school, nominator's name (probably you) and contact info for you. If your teacher wins the award, we will contact YOU to set up the announcement.

Short Film Rules

1. Entrant must submit a DVD with an original short film that is no longer than five minutes in length from opening title screen to final credits.
2. Films must be of original content and may be collaborations between students.
3. Music must be original or documented public domain material.
4. Material created by students in this event that is deemed by the judge(s) to be obscene or disruptive may receive lower ratings or in some extreme cases may result in disqualification.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MO STATE CONFERENCE 2011

PLACE: MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY (SPRINGFIELD)

DATE: JANUARY 6-8

START PLANNING NOW!

Upcoming Missouri Productions

<i>James and the Giant Peach</i> Branson High	October 13, 14
<i>Merry Wives of Windsor</i> Fulton High School	October 14-16
<i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i> Pattonville	October 14-16
<i>Leaving Iowa</i> Fort Zumwalt South	October 21-23
<i>Alice in Wonderland</i> Fort Zumwalt East	November 4-6
<i>A Murder is Announced</i>	Nov. 5, 7, 13
<i>Musical Comedy Murders of 1940</i> Lee's Summit West	Nov. 6, 12, 14
<i>Diary of Anne Frank</i> Branson High	Nov. 11, 12
<i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> Park Hill South High School	November 11-13
<i>The Three Musketeers</i> Marquette	November 12-14 November 19-20
<i>George Washington Slept Here</i> Fort Zumwalt North	November 18-20
<i>An Inspector Calls</i> Fort Zumwalt West	November 18-20

Special Conference Opportunity

Playwright Lindsey Price will be offering some troupes a chance to workshop and present scenes from one of her newest publications. Selected troupes will present her show at the conference as part of the one-acts. More information to follow!

Tech Challenge

Here are some of the rules for Tech Challenge: 1. Cost is \$30 per team and each school can only have one team. 2. Students must be a registered Thespian and have a member number. 3 Each team will be given an estimated start time for the Challenge and need to be at the event 15 minutes before our scheduled time in order to participate. 4. Failure of the entire team to be present when the team checks in will result in disqualification of the team. 5. All teams must have three to four members and at least one must be of the opposite sex. (All girls or all boys schools are exempt from this rule.) 6. Team Information includes their names, email, and t-shirt size. 7. MSU is taking an active role in this year's events, so look for a new Tech Challenge packet to be posted on the Mo-Thespians website with more details.

News and Notes

*All schools that arrive the Wednesday night for Conference 2011 will have the opportunity to attend *White Christmas*. This production will be presented by the MSU Theatre Department. There will be a ticket price of \$2.00 per person.

*Remember that meal bracelets for conference will cost \$35! This includes lunch and dinner Thursday and Friday, and lunch on Saturday.

*When registering online, sponsors should not add themselves as an additional sponsor - once you've registered as a primary sponsor you're in there.

*Reminder that there is a sliding scale of late fees for conference. Save yourself money by trying to be as accurate as possible by Nov 14th.

*For Improv Olympix - remember that students need to be an ITS member to be part of the team. Also, each team must be mixed in terms of gender (unless school is only 1 gender). Students cannot enter this event if already entered in another Saturday event (Tech Challenge, IEs, Page to Stage). 25 schools will be registered and registration fee is \$25. Jennie Forrest James will be sending the info packet to the schools that are officially entered.

From Your State Officers:

Hey kiddos! I hope you have been nominating your teachers or writing up some plays! Leadership was fun and now it's time for state. Hopefully you made friends with some other troupes, so you can introduce your troupe to others. There's a lot to do and we are working hard. See you at conference!

- **Dakota Callaway!**

At the 2011 State Thespian Conference there will be yellow rubber wristbands for sale that say "MO Thespians 2011." The wristbands will be sold for \$2 a piece or \$5 for three and all profits will go to the Youth Crisis Center of Springfield, MO. So, when you attend the 2011 State Thespian Conference, be sure to find a Student State Board member and buy a wristband! You'd be helping out a teen in need!!!

- **Megan Richardson**

Hey Thespians- Schyler Tate here! My class was on auditioning and presenting yourself in case you have forgotten. Make sure you leaders share with your troupes my six step system (everyone wants to look P.R.E.T.T.Y for their audition!) Megan, Dakota, and I can't wait to see you in January! Make sure you help your troupe out with the campus. I know it was a little hot when we took our tour, but hopefully you can at least point them in the right direction. Make sure to take the State Board's class at conference too! Have fun this year- meet, connect, and learn!

- **Love, Schyler**

All State Information

All-State SIR (Saturday Intensive Rehearsal) is 9-5. We will reset the stage with set and props, go over the modulated music, do a full run through to review and then do a practice dismantle of the set to prepare for traveling with the show.