

MO Thespian Newsletter

Leadership Edition

Gearing Up for the 2012 Conference

The 2012 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 have addressed some of the hotel issues and are hoping our second year at MSU runs smoothly! MSU's dining center will again be available for lunch and dinner on Thursday and Friday, and for lunch on Saturday. However, this year the main lobby and restrooms will be accessible! We can't wait to see all of you in Springfield!

Honor Troupes

Thank you all for your input regarding the Honor Troupe Program and Selection Process. Those suggestions are being compiled to be implemented for the 2012-2013 Conference. In the meantime, this year's process remains as it has in the past. As you are getting your registration in line, don't forget to compile your folders of evidence so you can pursue Honor Troupe Status to reflect all the amazing things your thespians do. If you have any questions, please feel free to email shayne.daniel@leesummit.k12.mo.us. Deadline for submission is Dec 1st with all your other registration documents.

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

Page to Stage

Page to Stage submissions should be sent via email to MSTPagetoStage@gmail.com by November 15th in order to be reviewed by the Reading Committee. Submission forms can be found on the MO-Thespians.com page under the State Conference section, then Page to Stage. Please attach Submission form and copy of the formatted Script. Playwrights will be informed via email on or before December 1st if they were selected or not for the conference. Dr. Mick Sokol from Drury University will be contacting the selected playwrights via email or phone call from December 1st thru December 31st to help with editing prior to the conference. Selected playwrights will also be given a copy of their scheduled events/workshops for the conference. Auditions for Actors and Stage Managers will be held on Thursday Jan. 5th at the University Plaza Hotel on the first floor in a conference room during late night activities (after the Thursday Main Stage Show) Students who are interested in auditioning should prepare a short monologue/story for their 1 minute audition. Stage Managers will share their qualifications/reasons why they should be selected for Page to Stage.

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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MO STATE CONFERENCE 2012

PLACE: MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY (SPRINGFIELD)

DATE: JANUARY 5-7

START PLANNING NOW!

Upcoming Missouri Productions

Branson	<i>Charlotte's Web</i>	10/13
Hazelwood East	<i>Complete Works</i>	10/13-10/15
McCluer	<i>Kindergarten</i>	10/13-10/14
Pattonville	<i>Arsenic & Old Lace</i>	10/13-10/15
RayPec	<i>Foreigner</i>	10/13-10/16
Waynesville	<i>Our Town</i>	10/13-10/16
Van Horn	<i>One Acts</i>	10/14
Blue Springs	<i>Leaving Iowa</i>	10/20-10/21
FZ South	<i>Our Town</i>	10/20-10/22
FZ West	<i>Wait Until Dark</i>	10/20-10/22
Whitfield	<i>Theophilus North</i>	10/20-10/23
Hazelwood West	<i>Our Town</i>	10/26-10/29
Ladue	<i>Almost, Maine</i>	10/26-10/29
FH Central	<i>Crucible</i>	10/27-10/29
Fulton	<i>Anastasia</i>	10/27-10/29
Parkway North	<i>Almost, Maine</i>	10/27-10/29
Villa Duchesne	<i>Spelling Bee</i>	10/27-10/29
Belton	<i>Bye Bye Birdie</i>	11/3-11/6
FZ East	<i>Snow White</i>	11/3-11/5
Parkway South	<i>Proof</i>	11/3-11/4
Ritenour	<i>Almost, Maine</i>	11/3-11/5
Hillsboro	<i>Honk!</i>	11/4-11/7
Lindbergh	<i>Shakespeare Club</i>	11/4
Branson	<i>Steel Magnolias</i>	11/10-11/11
FZ South	<i>The Good War</i>	11/10
Francis Howell	<i>Distracted</i>	11/10-11/12
North KC	<i>How to Succeed</i>	11/10-11/11
Oak Park	<i>Anything Goes</i>	11/10-11/13
Parkview	<i>Beauty & Beast</i>	11/10-11/13
Parkway Central	<i>Don't Drink the Water</i>	11/10-11/12
Timberland	<i>Get Smart</i>	11/10-11/12
Webster Groves	<i>Sound of Music</i>	11/10-11/12
Brentwood	<i>Spelling Bee</i>	11/11-11/13
Lee's Summit	<i>Guys & Dolls</i>	11/11-11/20
LS North	<i>How to Succeed</i>	11/11-11/19
LS West	<i>Christmas Carol</i>	11/11-11/20
Lindbergh	<i>Improv</i>	11/11
FZ North	<i>Curious Savage</i>	11/17-11/19
Grandview	<i>All Shook Up</i>	11/17-11/19
Holt	<i>Footloose</i>	11/17-11/19
Strafford	<i>Back to the 80's</i>	11/17-11/19
Union	<i>Steel Magnolias</i>	11/17-11/19
Warrenton	<i>Annie</i>	11/17-11/19
Waynesville	<i>One Acts</i>	11/18-11/19

Mainstage Hopefuls

We want to send out a big thank you to all of the schools who submitted applications to be considered for this year's state conference. So far, three shows have been adjudicated and we have many more to get through. It is very exciting to have so many productions to consider. It should be a great slate of shows at conference in 2012!!!

Silent Auction

As you prepare for conference, don't forget our State-wide Community Service in the form of Broadway Cares, Equity Fights AIDS. If you donate to the auction at a \$50 or greater value, you can also include that donation as part of your Honor Troupe Application. Key there is that all donations need to be confirmed by the Dec 1st date along with your Honor Troupe Application.

If you have donations or questions, please feel free to contact me at shayne.daniel@leesummit.k12.mo.us.

Scholarships

We have \$11,000 to give away to Missouri Thespians this year!

Eleven scholarships each worth \$1,000 will be awarded at this year's State Conference. If you are a senior, a member of ITS in good standing with your troupe, have at least a 2.5 GPA and are planning to attend an accredited school to major in a theatre related field, then you ought to tell your troupe director you want to apply for the performance, technical or theatre education scholarships. Even if you are not going to major in theatre, but have been active in your troupe, school, and community you might win the Theatre for Life scholarship, which recognizes students for their accomplishments in high school regardless of their plans for the future. Read the information on the Missouri Thespians website for instructions on how to apply for these valuable awards. If you have questions, e-mail the scholarship chair, Ben Martin, at beninkc3@att.net.

Missouri Thespians pose with their donations to Joplin High School at the Leadership Conference.



Tech Challenge

Tech Challenge Guidelines: \$30 per team/one team per school consisting of **up to 5** members of which at least one must be of the opposite sex from the other 4 members (only all girls or all boys schools are exempt).

Each team members must be a registered Thespian and have a member number. Team Information includes their team captain, names, member ids, gender, emails, and t-shirt sizes. MSU is taking an active role in presenting this year's events once again. The Tech Challenge packet will be posted on the MO-Thespians website with a few minor changes in the rules. Lighting will be allowed to bring their own gloves, but various types of wrenches will be supplied for event. Some events that are able to be repeated will now have to be repeated immediately instead of waiting until later. Each team member will have their own card with all events listed so they can line up in their own event and not have to wait for the card to move on. The most important rule addition is that each event has a two-minute penalty for blatant disregard of the proper way to complete the event. Any questions - email nmiller@dutchmen.us Not all events in the packet will be presented at the competition, but your students at least will know how to prepare for the competition in advance. The overall winner will receive \$100 Visa Gift Card for their school!

TOTS-Eat

Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat (TOTS-EAT) is the International Thespian Society's annual nationwide community service initiative to collect food for the hungry. This is the perfect project for students who want to help the less fortunate in *your* community. With the help of over 320 Thespian troupes, more than 350,000 pounds of food were collected during the 2010 TOTS-EAT food drive. We challenge *all* Thespian troupes to help us reach the 2011 goal of 375,000 pounds. Will your troupe help? Please join us in giving back to the community, "because hunger is a very scary thing." **Pre-registration and award eligibility ends October 15.**

From Your Student Officers:

Hey Thespians!! First, off thank you to all of the student officers who joined the state members in September for Leadership! We had a lot of fun meeting with you and hearing your ideas and thoughts for improving your troupes and helping other troupes with creating their own ideas. As you have all probably heard from your student board, our theme for this year's conference is Mix It Up! This theme was chosen with a goal to have thespians step a bit out of their comfort zone to try something new in order to become more rounded thespians! Don't forget to get your applications submitted if you are interested in running for State Student Officer. Also, there are lots of opportunities at State Conference. Improv Olympix, Tech Challenge, Scholarship Auditions, Page to Stage and of course all the new and old I.E.'s are ways that members of your troupe can get involved, don't miss out! We hope to see you all at the conference in January! Thanks so much for being wonderful members of your troupes and communities!

Lindenwood University Theatre Program Auditions

Lindenwood University announces auditions/interviews for scholarships and admission into the BFA theatre programs. Students will have a chance to tour the Lindenwood campus, meet and have lunch with current Lindenwood students, meet other potential new students and meet the theatre faculty.

Auditions for: B.F.A. in Acting
B.F.A. in Musical Theatre

Interviews for: B.F.A. in Technical Theatre/Design
B.F.A. in Stage Management
B.F.A. in Directing

When: Saturday, November 12, 2011
Saturday, February 11, 2012

Where: Lindenwood University
J. Scheiddeger Center for the Arts
Emerson Black Box Theater

State Director Debbie Corbin, sponsor Sarah Brim and the troupe officers of Joplin High School at Leadership Conference.

