

MO Thespian Newsletter

Post Conference

March/April 2012

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, including online financial information. Thank you all for your patience. The May newsletter will be full of important information, so be on the lookout!

Service Award

Outgoing Chapter Director Debbie Corbin was honored with the newly named Debbie Corbin Service Award for her many contributions to the Missouri Thespians over the years. Congratulations to Debbie as she represents the State of Missouri on the EDTA board of directors!

Missouri Gives Back

The annual silent auction raised \$841.25 for Broadway Cares – way to go, Missouri! Also, Missouri Thespians raised \$415.50 for the Joplin Thespian troupe from lanyard sales and coin wars!

Colleges/Vendors

Many colleges and vendors attended conference this year, giving the students of Missouri an opportunity to ask questions and obtain information about their future academic endeavors. We encourage all students and teachers to visit the many tables next year, and bring some extra cash to purchase scripts, educational DVDs and even some whimsical jewelry to take home.

All State Submissions

If you are interested in submitting to present an All-State Show, the board must have your completed submission by May 5th. Email Debbie Corbin for information.

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Main Stage and One Act Productions

Congratulations to all of the schools that brought 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*
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One Act Performances

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

Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Brian Welch, who was the newest inductee into the Missouri Thespians Hall of Fame. Brian is an important part of the Missouri Thespian family and a dedicated arts advocate. The award was presented to Brian at conference accompanied by an enthusiastic ovation from all attendees!

Extraordinary Techies!

The Technical Challenge once again saw Missouri techies competing "for the gold" in several events. Students showcased their skills in costume quick change, light hang and focus, props shift, sew a button and knot tying. Congratulations to all of the participants! Overall winners were:

First Place: Ladue Horton Watkins
Second Place: Fort Zumwalt North
Third Place: Francis Howell Central

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Congratulations to our student playwrights who were chosen to showcase their work at the 2012 conference:

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN FESTIVAL 2012

PLACE: LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

DATE: JUNE 25-30

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2012

PLACE: JEFFERSON CITY

DATE: SEPTEMBER 8

MO STATE CONFERENCE 2013

PLACE: MARRIOTT GRAND (ST. LOUIS)

DATE: JANUARY 10-12

Scholarship Recipients

Theatre For Life Scholarship

Kelly Phelan Lee's Summit North HS

Education Scholarship

Destiny Hooper Nerinx Hall HS

Bob/Marti Fowler Theatre Education Scholarship

Ashley Herrera Branson HS

Lana Hagan Theatre Education Scholarship

Bianca Zachary Center HS

Technical Scholarships

Jeffrey Behm Chaminade College Prep

Zoey Chamberlain Staley HS

Colton Williams Staley HS

Performance Scholarships

Hayley Farrell Raymore-Peculiar HS

Meghan Faddis Visitation HS

Nicholas Raef Lebanon HS

Amanda Jerry Nerinx Hall HS

More MO Productions

Hillsboro	<i>Almost, Maine</i>	4/6-4/8
Blue Springs	<i>One Acts</i>	4/12-4/13
FZ West	<i>Steel Magnolias</i>	4/12-4/14
FH Central	<i>How to Succeed...</i>	4/12-4/14
Lindbergh	<i>Audience/Black Comedy</i>	4/12-4/14
Parkview	<i>Footloose</i>	4/12-4/15
Ray Pec	<i>Almost, Maine</i>	4/12-4/15
McCluer	<i>The Diviners</i>	4/13-4/14
Hazelwood W.	<i>Forum</i>	4/18-4/21
Branson	<i>Harvey</i>	4/19-4/20
FZ South	<i>Guys and Dolls</i>	4/19-4/21
FZ North	<i>Oklahoma!</i>	4/19-4/21
Belton	<i>Dearly Departed</i>	4/19-4/21
Fulton	<i>Noises Off</i>	4/19-4/21
Grandview	<i>The Heiress</i>	4/19
Parkway North	<i>One Acts</i>	4/19-4/20
Timberland	<i>Guys and Dolls</i>	4/19-4/21
Union	<i>Dracula</i>	4/19-4/21
Warrenton	<i>Brother's Grimm...</i>	4/19-4/21
Waynesville	<i>Life With Father</i>	4/19-4/22

Individual Events

Congratulations to the following Superior Individual events which qualified to compete at the International Festival in Lincoln:

Alex Gandlmayr, Ladue – Costume Design

Alex Pack, Parkway North – Lighting Design

Gabe Brison, Lee's Summit North – Short Film

Ingrid Roettgen, Lee's Summit West – Short Film

Katy Case, Fulton – Theatre Marketing

Karlie Pinder/Alex Tash, Parkway Central – Duet Acting

Abigail Oldham/Nathan Eswine, Webster Groves – Duet Acting

Monica Shipman/Carla Rivas, Lee's Summit North-Duet Musical

Emma Rechenberg/Alexa McKenna, Parkway Central – Duet Musical

Kristina Jordan/Emma Stewart, Parkway West – Duet Musical

Amanda Murphy/Brooke Villhard/Maddie Soto, Fort Zumwalt West – Group Musical

Alex Avery, Lindbergh – Monologue

Duncan Kinzie, Webster Groves – Monologue

Miranda Hall, Mehlville – Solo Musical

Matthew Greenbaum, Parkway Central – Solo Musical

Improv Olympix

The Improv Olympix was once again a great success! 26 teams competed this year, with Nixa taking the top spot, Ladue coming in second and Parkway South taking third. Congratulations to all of the teams!

Honor Troupes

Thirty-one Missouri troupes received Honor Troupe status this year! Remember that next year's honor troupes will be awarded at Leadership, so be sure to hang on to any evidence from September 2011-September 2012.

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!

Sponsors!!!! Contact clittle@pkwy.k12.mo.us if you are interested in serving on the one act reading committee for the 2013 conference!