

MO Thespian Newsletter

Fall Edition

October 2012

Conference Registration

Conference registration is now open on the website and will stay open for registration and changes until November 1st. All changes made to your registration after November 1st will incur change fees.

Handy information concerning rooms:

All rooms with hotel tax – \$116.74 (1-4 persons)

- All reservations, (numbers only) to Debbie Corbin, by email, mail or phone.
- All rooming lists (names) to Debbie Corbin by email or mail only.
- All monies for hotel rooms to Jennifer Forrest-James by mail or paypal.

Dates/deadlines:

- October 1 - Numbers of rooms per school
 - SEE SPECIAL HOTEL NOTE
- October 30 - All rooming lists due
- November 30 - All rooming finalized

Conference 2013 Opportunities at a Glance:

- Go to workshops
- Write a script for Page to Stage
- Act or stage manage Page to Stage
- Enter a performance IE
- Enter a technical IE
- Audition for the All-State Show
- Audition for the ITS scholarships in Performance, Technical Theatre or Theatre Education
- Submit for the Theatre for Life Scholarship
- Get together a Tech Challenge team
- Enter a team in the Improv Olympix
- See some one-act plays
- Visit colleges and vendors

Get involved!

Special Hotel Note

Numbers for hotel rooms were due to Debbie Corbin on October 1st!! Complete room lists must be given to Debbie by October 30th. A list of schools that have sent in their numbers is below. If you do not see your school listed, be sure to contact Debbie ASAP.

Belton, Borgia, Branson, Brentwood, Center, Chaminade, Francis Howell, Francis Howell Central, Francis Howell North, Forsyth, Ft. Zumwalt East, Ft. Zumwalt North, Ft. Zumwalt South, Ft. Zumwalt West, Fulton, Grandview, Hazelwood East, Hazelwood West, Harrisonville, Holt, Joplin, Kirkwood, Lafayette, Lee's Summit North, Lee's Summit West, Lee's Summit, Ladue, Lebanon, Lindbergh, Marquette, MICDS, MRHS, Neosho, Nerinx Hall, Nixa, NKC, Oak Park, Owensville, Parkway Central, Pkwy North, Pkwy South, Pkwy West, Pattonville, Poplar Bluff, Ritenour, Ray Pec, Rockwood Summit, Rockbridge, Ruskin, St. Charles, Strafford, Timberland, Troy, Villa Duchesne, Warrenton, Washington, Waynesville, Webster, Whitfield

Conference Registration

Remember, you are not completely registered for conference until you have mailed in the required paperwork and arranged for payment of fees. A check number or PO number must be recorded. All payments and consent forms (printed front-to-back on the health form with all required information and signatures) must be received by Dec 1st and sent to: Jennifer Forrest-James, 419 Sorrento Drive, Ballwin, MO 63021. Don't forget the adult consent forms! Please make a copy of all forms before sending them to Jennie.

ANY LATE REGISTRATIONS OR CHANGES TO REGISTRATIONS AFTER NOV 1st MUST BE SENT TO Jennifer Forrest-James directly.

There will be a fee incurred for any changes made after this date (includes name and number changes).

After December 1, there will be NO REFUNDS on change in numbers.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MO STATE CONFERENCE 2013

PLACE: MARRIOTT RENAISSANCE GRAND (ST. LOUIS)

DATE: JANUARY 10-12

Mainstage and One Act Productions

Any school that is interested in submitting a one act or mainstage production for performance at the 2013 festival must do so by October 20, 2012. Please remember that all one act performances must be simplistic in nature. Large sets and elaborate lighting will not be possible in the MO Thespian one act spaces. All mainstage submissions must be received four weeks before your scheduled performance. Again - the last possible submission date is October 20, 2012. Specs for the performance spaces and submission guidelines/forms are on the website.



Congratulations to Ben Martin on his induction into the EDTA Hall of Fame! Ben was nominated by Debbie Corbin on behalf of Missouri Thespians for all of his outstanding contributions to our organization.

Congratulations also go out to Andrea Martin from Fort Zumwalt West High School, who was awarded the New Teacher of the Year Award at the STAM Conference!!!

Etiquette Video

We are once again looking for creative theatre etiquette videos! Get your troupe together and put together a message for your fellow Thespians. Videos should be no longer than three minutes. Submit your DVD, postmarked by December 1st, to Jennie Forrest James.

Awards

Don't forget to nominate your teacher, administrator or theatre volunteer for the available Missouri State Theatre Awards! You can also honor an outstanding Junior or 8th grade student in your district, apply for a community outreach grant, or honor a longstanding advocate of theatre! Check out the awards page on the website!

EDTA Keynote

Troupe Directors – be sure to check out the keynote speech from the EDTA Conference and share with your students!

Ben Cameron at EDTA on YouTube.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEUV2gFLFkQ>

Colleges/Vendors

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. We are very excited about the move to the Marriot, which will put our colleges and vendors in a much more accessible area! Remember – the college tables are not just for seniors! Encourage juniors and sophomores to research their future plans now! Send suggestions for universities you would like to see at conference to: tnigus@fz.k12.mo.us.

Honor Troupes

Honor Troupe presentations at Leadership were truly fantastic! Recipients of Honor Troupe Status will be announced at conference. Be sure to complete the final step by getting all of your registration materials to Jennie Forrest-James by the deadline.

MO State on Facebook!

Be sure to visit the Missouri State Thespians Facebook page for information from your student officers! From your newsfeed or homepage on Facebook, search "Missouri Thespians."

Don't forget to put together a parade of troupes slide for conference and send it to paradeoftroupes@hotmail.com

Individual Events

The Individual Events will be back for conference 2013! Detailed information is up on the web site, but here are the basics for you:

1. Each school may only have one entry for each category.
2. Each student may only be entered in one event.
3. Categories for performance include monologue, duet acting, group acting, solo musical, duet musical, group musical, group Broadway dance and mime.
4. Categories for technical theatre include Costume Design, Lighting Design, Theatre Marketing, Scenic Design, Short Film, Sound Design, and Stage Management.

All categories, except group Broadway Dance, are also national categories. Students who receive a superior rating at state level will be eligible to compete at Festival. All superior ratings may also be asked to perform/display their entry at Missouri Arts Education Day in Jefferson City.

Additional info:

1. IE Performers must wear all black.
2. Short film entries must be received by November 19th. Send all film entries to Theresa Nigus, 1230 Tom Ginnever, O'Fallon, MO 63366 (We recommend sending two copies).

Improv Olympix

We are looking forward to bringing this event back to conference this year! Each school may enter one team. Teams must have five members and have at least two members of the opposite sex.

Tech Challenge

Tech Challenge is the perfect time for the techies to show their stuff! Different events have included light hang and focus, sound system set up, costume quick change, sew a button, fold a drop, knot tying, prop shift and cable roll up relay. Put together your three or four member team (with one member of the opposite sex) and come out and compete!

Scholarships

The scholarship registration process has changed for the 2013 conference. All changes were discussed at Leadership conference and are explained on the website. Missouri Thespians offers eleven total scholarships: four performance, three technical, three theatre education and one Theatre for Life.

Page to Stage

Detailed information and guidelines are available on the website!

For Student Playwrights:

Development: The opportunity to work one-on-one with a Master Playwright who will help you revise and polish your script. **Workshop:** Rehearsal time with the Master Playwright, director and a cast of student actors, to realize your creative vision. **Performance:** A staged reading of your play for an audience of hundreds of your fellow students. **Selection:** THREE student scripts will be chosen to receive professional coaching and staged reading at the 2012-2013 Missouri State Thespian Festival.

Play submissions are due by November 1st.

For Actors:

We will need actors who are excited about 'creating' a role in a brand new play and performing it (script in hand) with only a few hours of rehearsal! If chosen, actors must attend the Friday workshop session designated for their particular script and the corresponding time for performance on Saturday. The readings will be done with script in hand—no memorization required—but it helps if you feel confident about thinking on your feet and being a part of the creative process! Many times, an actor's choices in workshops help the playwright discover who the character really is and what they need to write next.

For Stage Managers:

We need a student stage manager for each play who will film auditions, introduce the play and the author, read descriptions and stage directions, and supervise set-up and strike any chairs, tables or props used.