



## Conference 2014

The snow could not stop the 2014 MO State Conference! Ken Page kicked off the event with a heartfelt and entertaining keynote address. The Missouri All-State Show *Violet* wowed delegates Thursday night, and Branson's *The Miracle Worker* gave the students a heartfelt look into the inspiring story of Helen Keller. One acts, Improv Olympix, Tech Challenge, Individual Events and, of course, some outstanding workshops rounded out this great educational and entertaining conference. Add in the great fun of the dance and over \$10,000 in scholarships given out to Missouri students and you can truly see why Missouri has one of the top conferences in the nation.

## Conference 2015

Missouri Thespians will be back to the regular schedule this year! The Kansas City venue is large enough to house the entire delegation, so we will be back in the theatre for more group sessions and sit as one large group for the main stage shows! You can start pre-planning for next year now! The rooms in Kansas City will be \$125.24.

## Alumni

If you have alumni that are interested in keeping in contact with Missouri State Thespians have them sign up on our new Alumni section of the website.

## Mainstages and One Acts

Congratulations to all of our performers!!!!

Missouri All-State Show, *Violet*

Branson High School, *The Miracle Worker*

Hazelwood SD, *Almost, Maine*

NKCHS, *Controlling Interest*

MICDS, *13 Ways...*

Parkway West, *Dead*

Staley, *Playwriting 101...*

Get ready to submit YOUR show for this year's conference!!!

## Honor Troupe

Hopefully you're beginning to work on your honor troupe presentation for leadership. Remember: Document! Document! Document! For every item on your application, you need to have an artifact. Remember, honor troupe is from last leadership (2013) to this leadership (2014). Please remember that the judges do not always know what your school has done. The application is on the website and it's never too soon to start. If you have any questions or your troupe needs help, please contact Mikelle Cortez.

## Congratulations to...

**Parkway Central Troupe 1876**, the recipient of the 2014 Community Outreach Grant!

**The 2014 Page to Stage selection - *A Hasty Word You Can't Recall*** by Jamie Berry from Raymore Peculiar High School!

**Ladue Horton Watkins**, the 2014 Overall State Champions for Technical Challenge!

**Whitfield High School**, the overall winners of the Improv Olympix!

**Denton Williams from Troupe 7179** who won the EdTA Doug Finney Festival Grant!

Information about how you can apply for the Doug Finney Festival Grant can be found on the [schooltheatre.org](http://schooltheatre.org) website!

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## Scholarships

### **Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipients!**

#### **Theatre for Life Scholarship**

Sierra Teson - Fort Zumwalt North High School

#### **Performance Scholarship**

Mariah Studebacker - Oak Park High School

Daniel Verschelden - Lee's Summit High School

Drew Redington - Kirkwood High School

Logan Schoessel - Raymore Peculiar High School

#### **Jared Neff Technical Theatre Scholarship**

Catherine Richards - Parkway Central High School

#### **Technical Theatre Scholarships**

Conor Tierney - Lee's Summit West High School

Nick Bible - Parkway Central High School

#### **Lana Hagan Theatre Education Scholarship**

Katherine Stinnett - Lafayette High School

#### **Bob & Marti Fowler Theatre Education Scholarship**

Madison Landry - Fort Zumwalt West High School

#### **MO Thespian Theatre Education Scholarship**

Victoria White - Nixa High School

## Student Elections

Missouri Thespians are looking for great leaders! It hardly seems possible but it is time again for students to consider running for the MoST, STO (Missouri State Thespian, State Thespian Officers) Board. The deadline to submit their application materials is May 30<sup>th</sup>. There are 4 things they have to complete: the contract, the application, and obtain letters from parents assuring their support and a recommendation letter. They should also look at the calendar for meeting dates so they can identify possible conflicts. Of course, submitting these documents earlier is always helpful and highly suggested since a sponsor and the Principal of their school must sign the paperwork. If you have a student you feel would be a great asset to the Thespians in the state of Missouri now is the time to let them know. We are looking for good communicators, who are organized and work well independently as well as part of a team. If you or your students want to learn more go to the Missouri Thespians website and click on the "STATE BOARD" menu option on the left of the main page. Or you can use this address: <http://www.mo-thespians.com/state-board>

Thank you in advance for considering who your best leaders are and for giving them an opportunity to get out into the world and see things from a bigger perspective.

## STO Corner

Hello from your new STO's! We are very excited to be helping plan the Missouri State Thespian Conference in 2015. One of our goals for the next couple of months is to increase the interest in becoming a Missouri State Thespian Officer. If you could help us out by reminding your students that this is a great opportunity and to keep up with our social media (listed below), it would be greatly appreciated. So far, we have chosen a theme for conference, and decided on our charity event. We will continue to work diligently to plan the best ThesCon 2015.

Sincerely,

Keelly Jones (Smith-Cotton)

Ramey Baro (Smith-Cotton)

Chelsea Krenning (Hazelwood West)

John Yucesoy (Parkway South)

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Facebook Group: Missouri Thespians



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MO STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2014

PLACE: JEFFERSON CITY

DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2014

REGISTRATION: JULY 16 - AUGUST 29

MO STATE CONFERENCE 2015

PLACE: KANSAS CITY MARRIOTT

DATE: JANUARY 8 – 10, 2015

REGISTRATION: SEPTEMBER 13 - NOVEMBER 1

### Upcoming Productions

4/3-5	<i>HAIRSPRAY</i>	FZ EAST
	<i>SPELLING BEE</i>	WEBSTER
	<i>FOREIGNER</i>	MEHLVILLE
	<i>FOREIGNER</i>	UNION
4/10-4/12	<i>INTO THE WOODS</i>	FZ SOUTH
	<i>DROWSY CHAPERONE</i>	FZ NORTH
	<i>SPAMALOT</i>	KIRKWOOD
	<i>LEGALLY BLONDE</i>	HZLWD CEN
4/11-4/13	<i>ALICE IN WONDERLAND</i>	LS WEST
4/24-4/26	<i>FOOTLOOSE</i>	HZLWD WEST
	<i>INTO THE WOODS</i>	FH CENTRAL
	<i>9 TO 5</i>	HZLWD EAST

## All-State 2016

The Missouri State Board is currently seeking applicants for the 2106 All-State Show directing team. Applications and show information are available on the website – [www.mo-thespians.com](http://www.mo-thespians.com) – under the All-State tab.

## Leadership

Be sure to attend the Leadership Conference on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Capital Plaza in Jefferson City! The cost is \$15 per person, which covers all registration materials and lunch. For troupes who wish to spend the night, there will be an early check in and Friday night activities.

Each hotel room will cost \$73.83 with a valid tax letter and \$79.16 without. A form will be uploaded to the website in May/June for those schools reserving rooms with the conference hotel. The hotel will have a dinner buffet on the Friday evening for those schools arriving early for \$8.95 plus tax and a breakfast buffet for \$10.95 plus tax. Delegates who took advantage of these last year were very complimentary as to the quality of the buffet for the price charged. The preliminary schedule will also be posted on-line sometime after the July meeting.

## Adult Elections

While you are on the state board page of the Missouri Thespian Website please consider an opportunity for yourself! The adult board paperwork is due August 30<sup>th</sup>. Do your own research now, look at the calendar (there are multiple years of schedules into the future) and entertain the idea of helping Missouri Thespians grow over the next 3 years. If you have any questions any of the current board members would be happy to answer them or provide you with a better resource if they do not have the answer. We could use your assistance. Voting for Adult and STO positions will occur at the Leadership Conference on September 13<sup>th</sup> 2013, in Jefferson City. We hope to see your or your student's application soon!!

## Workshops

Do you have a great idea for a WORKSHOP PRESENTER for the 2015 Missouri State Thespian conference? If so please let Lara Corvera know by either: go to <http://tinyurl.com/naos66r> and enter requested information OR send Name, Affiliation, and Contact Information to [MSTWorkshops@gmail.com](mailto:MSTWorkshops@gmail.com). We especially need information for local Kansas City artists. Thanks!

## Field Trip Opportunity!

SAVE THE DATES: The Award-winning New Jewish Theatre will open their 2014-15 Season next fall with the Wendy Kesselman adaptation of the original Goodrich and Hackett script of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. NJT is a professional theatre producing at the highest level of artistic excellence. The production will run from Saturday, October 11 – Sunday, November 2. There will be four special student matinees beginning on Friday, October 10, continuing on October 17, October 24 and October 31 at 10 AM. Theatre capacity is 125. Student ticket price is \$15. There will be one complimentary ticket for every 10 student tickets. Additional adult tickets will be charged at the \$15 student rate. Interested teachers should contact NJT Artistic Director, Kathleen Sitzer, 314-442-3257, [ksitzer@jccstl.org](mailto:ksitzer@jccstl.org) to make reservations or for further information.

Email [tnigus@fz.k12.mo.us](mailto:tnigus@fz.k12.mo.us) to have your season included in the newsletter!