



Leadership Conference

Leadership Conference is September 9th at the Capitol Plaza in Jefferson City! Come join us for a day of new friends, new ideas and excitement about the coming school year, especially in YOUR theatre troupe!! Cost for Leadership is \$25/student, \$15/additional sponsor, and \$10/primary sponsor. This fee will cover all of the workshops and lunch. If you plan on traveling by bus, please contact Capitol Plaza to find out parking information! Please register by September 1st.

Leadership Conference Schedule

For the Early Birds - Optional Friday Night Activities include early workshops and honor troupe presentations for students, as well as early registration.

Saturday, September 9

8:00am - 8:30am: Registration

8:40am-8:55am: Welcome Session

- This is your chance to get to know your state officers and learn about the exciting and informative day they have planned.

9:50am – 3:00pm: Workshop Sessions, Honor Troupe interviews, lunch and candidate voting!

- Workshops will include information on Individual Events, Parade of Troupes and Honor Awards, Tech Challenge, Improv Olympix, Mainstage and One Acts, Scholarships, New sponsor Q and A, Adult Member Q and A, Advocacy, Team Building, and of course, Leadership!

3:10pm – 4:00pm: Closing Session

Leadership Hotels

Hotel for Sept. 8:

Capitol Plaza - 415 W McCarty Street,
Jefferson City, MO 65101 (573) 635-1234

Room cost for any troupes coming in on Friday night will be \$80.25 per room. This includes hotel taxes. Be sure to clarify your tax exempt status to avoid a higher charge. The hotel reservation form is on the Missouri Thespians website under the Leadership Conference Tab. All hotel reservations must be made by August 22nd.

Get Ready for the 2018 January Conference

The 2018 Conference is once more in St. Louis! More information about the conference opportunities are forthcoming at Leadership and in upcoming newsletters. Be attentive for updates! Registration for conference will open on September 11th and close on November 20th. No changes can be made to your registration after November 20th, except for pre-registered substitute delegates and non-refundable drops.

All updated conference forms on the website will be designated with the year 2018. Please only use updated forms.

New at the January Conference

Here are some new events coming to conference this year! Come to Leadership to find out about these new opportunities!

1. MusicalWorks
2. Tech Design
3. W.I.P. (Works in Progress)
4. Conference Closing Number

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MO STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2017

PLACE: CAPITOL PLAZA

DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

TIME: 8:00AM REGISTRATION – 3:30PM CLOSING

BRING YOUR TROUPE OFFICERS FOR A DAY OF LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCE INFORMATION.

MO STATE CONFERENCE 2018

PLACE: ST. LOUIS MARRIOTT GRAND

DATE: JANUARY 11-13, 2018

START PLANNING NOW!

MISSOURI FINE ARTS ADVOCACY DAY

PLACE: JEFFERSON CITY

DATE: MARCH 28, 2018

News and Notes

***The Middle School Conference will be back** this year! Get those middle school students excited about theatre and build your program early.

***Congratulations to STO candidate finalists** Matthew Christofferson (Parkway South), Belle Jackson (Hazelwood West), Dominic Barbosa (Holt), Jordan Hayes (Branson), Trinity Rain (Webster Groves), Sam Thomas (Oak Park), Abigail Yearout (Ladue), Alyssa Heyer (NKC). Voting for new officers will take place at Leadership Conference!

Tech Challenge

Be sure to attend Leadership Conference to get up-to-date information on the Technical Challenge!

Specifics for all conference activities, registration, and financial aspects will be posted and discussed at Leadership. Troupes that cannot send a representative to Leadership should make every effort to stay in the loop by checking the website. Sponsors may want to contact a board member for questions. Board member emails can be found on the website.

Want points toward honor troupe status? Donate money or items to this year's silent auction! Contact your state officers for information!

Honor Troupes

There is a revised Honor Troupe Application available on the website. Do not use any of the old forms. If you have any questions about the Honor Troupe Application you may contact Tabatha Babcock at tbabcock@bsd124.org.

Judging Honor Troupe presentations will not only make you more aware of how to become an Honor Troupe yourself but it will allow you the opportunity to gain ideas from other troupe's. Sponsors: if you are applying to be an Honor Troupe this year you are expected to be available to judge the presentations.

Mainstage/One Acts

It is time once again for us to choose Mainstage and One Acts for this year's Thespian Conference. Two mainstage shows will be chosen to present in the Ferrara Theatre in the America's Center. One Acts will be presented all three days, location pending. Mainstage and One Act submission paperwork has been updated and is now available on the website under Mainstages/One Acts.

The last day to submit a mainstage or one act for conference consideration is October 20th. If you have any questions about Mainstage adjudication, please contact Ryan Van Dyke (west side of Missouri) or Alex Moore (east side of Missouri).

Alumni Connection

Sponsors, your alumni can now register to be included in future Missouri State Thespian news and conference information. Please send all alumni to the "Alumni" tab on our website to be added to our list. This is a great way to stay involved and give back to a great organization.

All State Closing Number

Coming to Conference in 2018. Each troupe is invited to select student actors and technicians to audition for the All State Closing Number. Twelve selected students from around the state will meet to rehearse and produce this piece. Audition and rehearsal information will be available at Leadership

Attention Sponsors!!

Do you want to help plan the conference? Run for the Missouri State Adult Board! Apply by August 30th! Also, we are looking for sponsors to serve on reading committees for One Acts, Awards, Page to Stage, and MusicalWorks!

Please contact one of the board members below if you are interested!

Awards - clittle@parkwayschools.net

Page to Stage/MusicalWorks - tbackcock@bsd124.org

One Acts – mooreac@mehlvilleschooldistrict.net

Short Play Festival

Represent your school with an entry in the Short Play Festival! Every troupe can have one entry. Entries may include a 10-minute play (Adult or Student directed), a 10-minute scene from your season (non-musical), a 10-minute student written work (you may not apply for Page to Stage and Short Play Festival).

Registration will be on a first come, first served basis. Know that this event may conflict with IEs, Improv Olympix, Tech Challenge, or Page to Stage.

Each school is responsible for paying royalties or providing permission to perform.

Technical: A table and 4 chairs will be provided. No additional set pieces are allowed. The space is not guaranteed to have stage lighting or sound hookup. Costumes should be worn into the space and any hand props should be brought in and then carried out. MST is not responsible for storage of props.

Please email Alex

mooreac@mehlvilleschooldistrict.net a copy of the play/ scene cutting, and proof of royalties. All scripts are subject to review.

STO Corner

Happy August Missouri State Thespians, we hope that all of you have enjoyed your summer and are ready to kick off a new year of theater! Your Missouri STO's have been hard at work this summer finding ways to improve Leadership and Conference for every student - techie and actor. The STOs attended the International Thespian Festival this past June, working with numerous student and adult leaders from chapters around the world to find bright-new ideas for our chapter here in Missouri.

Your STOs also met in July to discuss finishing touches to Leadership in September as well as to interview your 2018-19 STO candidates! We're excited for all of you across the state to meet: Dominic Barbosa, Jordan Hayes, Matthew Christofferson, Isabella Johnson, Trinity Rain, Sam Thomas, Abigail Yearout, and Alyssa Heyer.

As you all know, this year's MST theme is 'Aloha' which represents how all thespians are connected through their craft and are - in a sense - a family. This year is all about new experiences and developing a relationship within your troupe that you'll carry with you for the rest of your life. Reminder: We still have a t-shirt design contest going on, please continue submitting on any of our social media pages!

Upcoming Productions

September 28-30	Mehlville <i>All in the Timing</i>
October 5-7	Francis Howell Central <i>And Then There Were None</i> Francis Howell North <i>A Piece of My Heart</i>
October 12-14	Lindbergh <i>She Kills Monsters</i>
October 13-15	Lee's Summit North <i>Sleepy Hollow</i>
November 2-5	Belton <i>Sweeney Todd</i>
November 16-18	Mehlville <i>The Glass Menagerie</i>

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

Grants

The Doug Finney Festival Grant is a needs based grant given annually by EDTA to four high school juniors or seniors who are inducted members of ITS and wish to attend the National Festival in June. The grant covers the basic Festival registration fee and reimburses travel expenses up to a dollar amount set at the beginning of each school year. Make sure you apply for this grant!

The Missouri Thespians ITF Stipend award is designed to celebrate the contributions a current Junior in high school has made to their local Theatre Department, community, and ITS Troupe. The winner of this award will receive a waiver equal to the cost of their registration fees for the next International Thespian Festival. The student will still be responsible for their transportation to and from the conference.

The Community Outreach Grant is a monetary grant given to a deserving Thespian Troupe who presents the best plan of action for increasing the visibility of their troupe and educational theatre within their community. Past recipients have held summer camps for grade schools, performed a District production, or held workshops for the community in a variety of areas relevant to theatre. What great ideas do you have to share with Missouri Thespians?

Send a Troupe

The Send a Troupe 2018 Grant was created during the 14/15 season with donations from many generous supporters. The goal was to raise enough money so that a Missouri Thespian troupe would have the opportunity to attend the 2018 MST State Conference. In the 2017/18 season, one current Missouri Thespian troupe, who has either never previously attended the MST Conference (preference given to) or one which has not attended with the current troupe sponsor in the last 20 years that can demonstrate financial barriers to attending, will receive a one-time grant to cover the much of the cost associated with attending conference. Specifics and the application can be found on the Missouri Thespians website. Applications are due November 1st.

Teacher Grant

The Arts and Education Council, in collaboration with Maritz, is pleased to announce that grant applications are now open for the 2017/2018 Maritz Arts and Education Fund for Teachers. These grants are awarded to schools to help engage students in being creative. Teachers may apply directly for funding with their individual school or school district serving as fiscal agents.

The Maritz Arts and Education Fund for Teachers support education programs, with grants ranging between \$500 and \$5,000 that link art with curriculum to enhance students' learning. Priority funding will be given to projects that introduce new art mediums to students.

Grants will be made only for programs that take place in the 16-county, bi-state St. Louis metropolitan region (Missouri: Jefferson, Franklin, Lincoln, St. Louis City and County, St. Charles, Warren and Washington; Illinois: Bond, Calhoun, Clinton, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair) during the period of October 10, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

All applications must be submitted online by **5:00pm on Friday, September 11, 2017**. No exceptions will be made. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

To start your application process go to this link: <https://keeparthappening.org/what-we-do/invest-arts/grant-programs/how-apply/apply-maritz-arts-and-education-fund-teachers>