



Conference Information

1. If your troupe's rooms are not ready upon Thursday arrival, luggage may be checked at the Truman Room on the 1st floor of the Marriott's Muehlebach Tower with the attendant. Every item must be tagged. Please bring \$1 per bag per check (so \$2 if you need to check the bag at the beginning and end of conference).
2. Each Troupe staying at the Marriott will be assigned one room in which to store luggage on Saturday until your Troupe's departure. Please communicate with the Marriott about which room that will be for your Troupe.
3. If your school did not send in the alternate consent form please do so immediately - those delegates will be dropped as potential alternates on 12/10. Other delegate forms (including corrections to previously submitted forms with missing signatures or information) which have not been turned in are now late. These will be charged a filing fee of \$5 per form from 12/10-1/3.
4. Any forms received at the conference site will be charged a late filing fee of \$50 per form. This fee goes in effect as of Jan 4th. Any delegate who shows up without a pre-filed form will need to leave the conference immediately - regardless of if they were 'registered' on-line.
5. Don't forget to bring copies of your delegate forms for delegates to wear in their badge holders. In addition, don't forget to tell students they should carry insurance cards on their person (unless they have provided you with a copy) as well.

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6. If you have not yet booked your rooms at the Marriott, you may need to book at the overflow hotels instead. If you contact the Marriott and they cannot accommodate your troupe, here is the contact information for the overflow hotels.

Crown Plaza - our reservations person: Krista.
816-460-6624
\$126 per room

The Aladdin – call 877-224-2870 and refer to the Missouri State Thespians Block: code SMZ.

7. Jennifer Forrest-James is emailing troupes with discrepancies this week - **please double-check your spam folder if you did not hear from her as several sponsors have not communicated their corrections yet.** If you did not receive an email you can consider your forms filed and correct and you no longer need to worry about them until the state conference.

8. Please make sure you have arranged for parking busses. Remember we no longer have free personal vehicle parking at any of the hotels (Marriott and overflows) so make sure you have either arranged for parking to be included in your payment to the hotel OR you are bringing additional funds to cover your vehicles.

Mainstages and One Acts

Mainstage Performances

Thursday - <i>Into The Woods</i> (G)	Kickapoo
Friday – <i>She Kills Monsters</i> (PG13)	St. Charles

One Acts

<i>Macbeth</i> (PG) and <i>The Trial</i> (PG13)	Parkway South
<i>Scripted Revenge</i> (PG)	Warrenton
<i>Finding a Chord</i> (PG13)	Smith Cotton

*ratings for each of the productions are included for your reference

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MO STATE CONFERENCE 2019

PLACE: KANSAS CITY MARRIOTT

DATE: JANUARY 10-12

MO ADVOCACY SUMMIT 2019

PLACE: STATE CAPITOL, JEFFERSON CITY

DATE: MARCH 26

MO FINE ARTS DAY 2019

PLACE: STATE CAPITOL, JEFFERSON CITY

DATE: MARCH 27

Scholarships Update

All scholarship applicants and their sponsors have been contacted by this time. Please check your mail for scholarship reminders and audition times. Any questions should be directed to Amie Gossett and Andrea Martin at mothespiansinfo@gmail.com

Individual Events Update

All sponsors with IE entries will be sent the complete list or times and locations for the IEs. A few reminders for your students:

- All performers must wear all black.
- No props or costumes are allowed.
- Monologue time limit is 3 minutes
- All other performance time limits are 5 minutes
- Tech is an 8-minute presentation with a 4-minute Q and A
- Musical entries must have background music on a CD or mp3 player. Don't forget to bring any special adapters, if needed.
- Students will stay in the IE room for the duration of the workshop time.
- No changes will be allowed. You must perform your registered piece.
- Please check the guidelines to make sure you are aware of all rules.

We have several musical numbers on the waitlist!! If you need to drop an entry, please email Theresa Nigus at tnigus@fz.k12.mo.us. Please let us know ASAP so we can get waitlisted people in!

Tech Challenge Start Times

All Troupes with Teams who are signed up for Tech Challenge and/or Tech Design – Please bring your banner to display as your team competes.

Tech Design information:

1. All Tech Design Teams at this year's conference will receive an email with a link to a play script by December 7th.
2. Each team will need to read the play / Production Concept and follow the directions to prepare for the event.

Lights, Camera, Action

Don't forget to send in your video auditions for MusicalWorks and Page to Stage. Find 2 contrasting monologues for Page to Stage or 16 bars of 2 musical songs for MusicalWorks. Learn more about these events and tips on video auditions on mothespians.com website. Don't miss out on an amazing opportunity to perform at our conference this year! **DEADLINE for Video Auditions is DEC. 17th!**

Stage Managers Needed

We are still looking for Stage Managers for our Musical Works and Page to Stage Performances at conference so the deadline to apply has been postponed to Dec. 17th. If you are interested please fill out the application on our website mothespians.com and email to mstpagetostage@gmail.com.

MO State Successes

Sponsors, please go to this link

<https://goo.gl/forms/DmVdUMPVSCBAaWLB2>

and share the successes of your program with me so when I go back to Washington D.C. and Jefferson City in March and visit with your legislators, I am able to share the successes of your program. There is also a chance because of this they will reach out to you for more information.

We want to shout to the rooftops about the successes of our teachers, students, and programs! You, as educators, are doing amazing things and I would like to share them nationwide!

Questions? Email Teri Turner at

turnert@sedalia200.org

Honor Troupe

Honor Troupes will be announced at Conference. We saw some really great presentations at Leadership, and are excited to see all of the great things the troupes of Missouri have accomplished!

Want points toward honor troupe status? Read the section entitled "Do You Want to Help at State Level!"

Fundraising for a Cause

This year at our state conference we are focusing our fund raising activities on two charities and two grant opportunities. The charities are KC Young Audiences and Broadway Cares. The first is a local charity since we are in Kansas City. KC Young Audiences is a nonprofit agency and original provider of arts education programs for children and the youth in the metro Kansas City area. The second charity Broadway Cares Equity Fights AIDS is one of the nation's leading industry-based, nonprofit AIDS fundraising and grant-making organizations. Our grant fund raising events are for the Missouri Thespians Send a Troupe to State Conference and the International Thespians Send a Troupe to ITF.

Here are the events we are doing to support each of these worthy causes:

- Carnival Themed Ducks / Red and Blue Beads - Purchasing these items from an STO or an STO Elect will go toward KC Young Audiences.
- "Minute to Give It" moments during intermission of each Mainstage production will go toward:
Thursday Night - Send a Troupe to State /
Friday Night - Send a Troupe to ITF.
- The annual Silent Auction table filled with donated local theatre tickets, movie tickets, generous donations from businesses, baskets of goodies or items donated by MO Thespian Troupes, and Broadway memorabilia are all open to bid or purchase outright. The proceeds from the Silent Auction will go toward Broadway Cares.

STO Corner

Hello!

First we'd like to thank the 1800 plus delegates registered to attend ~~our circus~~ (oops) the 2019 State Thespian Conference. We each remember what it was like to attend conference for the first time. Trinity's first year she skipped her lunches and learned to walk at 10 miles per hour without bumping into anyone in order to attend as many workshops as physically possible. Matthew's first year as a sixth grader was filled with shock and awe at how big and talented the high schoolers seemed. Dominic was blown away when he saw the passion and excitement everyone was showing and got wrapped up in the positive energy that is our state conference. Samantha's first year as a freshman made her realize she had fallen in love with not only acting, but an entire community as well. That being said, delegates please make the most of your State Thespian Conference.

As you may know, the STOs are still riding on our #SeeMOshows campaign. We are encouraging thespians to go out and see more Missouri high school shows. Take a picture at other schools shows to post to your (or our) social media account and give them a shout out for their hard work! Set a goal for yourself to support troupes around you. If you saw 3 high school shows this year, go see five next year. Follow us on instagram @mo_thespians to checkout upcoming production flyers.

We are always working to improve ourselves. If you have serious, forward minded, suggestions on how we, as STOs, can improve, please email or DM us.

Sincerely,

Dominic Barbosa

MATTHEW CHRISTOFFERSON

Trinity Madison

SAMANTHA THOMAS

Parade of Troupes

Submit your powerpoint slide in 4x3 format (not widescreen) to show off your troupe! Slides should be no longer than 10 seconds.

Submissions are due on December 15th!

Send submissions to paradeoftroupes@hotmail.com

Do you want to help at the State Level?

If your troupe would like to participate, there are several ways. Here are some ideas that would also count toward State Level Participation when you apply for honor troupe:

1. Create a themed basket that can be part of the Silent Auction. Let the STOs know if you plan on doing this so they can plan accordingly. Past baskets have included;

- A Stage Managers Basket (with everything a stage manager might need)
- A Movie Night Basket (with a couple of great theatre based movies, popcorn, Twizzlers, Goobers, etc...)
- A Scene Shop Basket (with carpenter pencils, tape measures, spirit level, etc...)
- A Script Basket (a set of different scripts by the same author, a random sampling of one-act scripts, a whole production set of any one script, or any duplicates you do not need on your bookshelf)

2. Create and Operate a fun Carnival Game at our "Late Night Carnival Event". Contact the STOs if you have questions or a great idea your troupe will make happen so they can plan for your space. We want to have a number of different kinds of games so use your imagination. Some basic ideas:

- Ring Toss over coke bottles or PVC pipes
- Ping Pong Ball Toss into a bowl
- Three legged Race
- Bean Bag Toss (several different varieties of these; Tic Tac Toe / Circles or Cans of varying sizes - smaller sizes worth more points)

Opening Number

Opening number information including the sheet music and performance tracks will be sent to all troupe directors by December 5th. Please share this with your students involved in the number (must be pre-registered) and feel free to contact Brad Rackers at brad.rackers@lsr7.net if you have any questions.

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

Advocacy Update

2019 Missouri Legislative Session is coming up quickly! Sign up for Advocacy Updates through:

www.remind.com/join/mothespadv

December through January 2019 will be a public comment period for the new Fine Art Standards. Keep an eye on the DESE website for the opportunity to submit your comments. You will also have the opportunity to submit your thoughts at State Conference through a workshop. Keep an eye out for more details.

The Show-Me Summit will take place March 26 with the Fine Arts Advocacy Day following March 27 in Jefferson City.

NEW FORMAT!

Registration link: [Show-Me Arts Summit](#)

If your students are interested in performing, (those who receive a superior at State Conference are invited to perform/ display): [Fine Arts Education Day Performance Registration](#)

Give Back program through Missouri Alliance for Arts Education

[Give Back Membership registration](#)

20% of your membership will go back to the MO Thespians

Upcoming Shows

Oak Park	<i>It's a Wonderful Life</i>	Dec 6-8
Waynesville	One Acts	Dec 7-8
Borgia	<i>Shrek, Jr.</i>	Dec 13-14
LSW	<i>Charlie Brown Christmas</i>	Dec 15, 16
Nixa	<i>Rumors</i>	Dec 15, 16
Kirkwood	<i>She Kills Monsters</i>	Jan 17-19
Borgia	<i>Over the River</i>	Jan 24-26
Warrenton	One Acts	Jan 24-25
Harrisonville	<i>Servant of Two Masters</i>	Jan 24-26
Clayton	<i>Chicago</i>	Jan 31-Feb 2
Hickmann	<i>Dearly Beloved</i>	Jan 31-Feb 2
Villa Duchesne	One Acts	Jan 31-Feb 1
Belton	<i>Peter and the Starcatcher</i>	Jan 31-Feb 3
Ray Pec	<i>Songs for a New World</i>	Jan 31-Feb 3

***Don't forget that Lorie created a Google Calendar for all of the Missouri productions this year! If you need to update titles or dates, please email lolareary@fz.k12.mo.us.