



WASHINGTON STATE THESPIANSSM

AN EDUCATIONAL THEATRE ASSOCIATION AFFILIATE

December 2021 Newsletter

Dear Theatre Educators and Friends,

Happy Holiday Season to you all. I'm not quite sure where 2021 went, but I'm hopeful that 2022 will bring continued movement toward a better new normal.

We have made some changes to our Thespy / State Festival plans, so if you have not seen our previous emails, please check our website for the latest information. There are still a lot of details being sorted out, so more information will continue to be shared as we get closer.

Attention CTE Technical Theatre and/or Costuming Teachers!

WA Thespians has completed a "OSPI CTE Student Leadership Template" document for you and your district's CTE Director to submit for your WA Thespian troupe activities and events to qualify as an equivalent for the CTSO requirement.

Email Ben Stuart at ben.stuart@wathespians.org if your district would like to use this document for Thespians to be your CTSO.

THEATRE TEACHER CONNECTION -

The WA State Board has been hosting monthly teacher meetings. Please join us this coming Tuesday (December 14) for any questions you have regarding our upcoming events.

[ZOOM MEETING LINK](#)

Future dates & topics include: (TBD - To be determined)
December 14: Submitting Thespy's and Registration Support
February 1: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - led by Sydney Baird
February 22: TBD
April 26: TBD
May 24: TBD

SUPER STATE

This year we will be hosting our State Festival in 3 different locations on Saturday, March 26th. You can choose the location that best fits your school's needs. Each location will have National Teaching Artists, Local Teaching Artists, opportunities to

bring WIPS ("Works in Progress") and cuttings from your own productions. Students can expect to experience excellent learning, networking, and showcasing opportunities!

More information can be found at:

<https://www.wathespians.org/washingtonstatethespianfestival2022>

JUNIOR THESPIANS

Hey, Junior Thespians! Big news! Junior Thespians are INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THESPYS THIS YEAR! To learn more about Thespys and how to participate, please go to: <https://www.wathespians.org/thespys> You can also contact Julie Olsen, Junior Regional Festival Coordinator at jolsen@asbschool.org. Don't miss this amazing opportunity to share your work!

THESPYS -

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE!

There have been some changes to Thespys. Please visit this site to read the updated guidelines and requirements. PLEASE ensure that your students are selecting material from the "Approved Materials" list. It is painful to have to disqualify students for material that EdTA will not accept.

[Thespys Information](#)

Submission Deadline has been extended to February 3rd!

WANT TO BE A PART OF THIS TEAM?

If you are interested in joining our State Thespian Board, you can apply to be a part of the Working Board, supporting our efforts and events! [APPLY HERE](#)

WEBSITE

Our fantastic board member, Bryan Sullivan has revamped our Washington State Thespians Website for a new and easier experience. **Please note that our domain has also changed.** You can find an abundance of information by visiting: <https://www.wathespians.org/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for 2021-2022

We have created a Google Calendar of all our meetings, events, and deadlines. Feel free to add this to your own Google Calendar.

[WA STATE THESPIANS CALENDAR](#)

IMPORTANT DATES:

February 3 - Thespy Submission DEADLINE

March 1 - State Festival Registration DUE

March 26 - SUPER STATE (3 locations to choose from)

SOME INSPIRATION!

I love the theatre as much as music, and the whole idea of getting across to an audience and making them laugh, making them cry - just making them feel - is paramount to me.

Stephen Sondheim

Sincerely,

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