



# WASHINGTON STATE THESPIANS<sup>SM</sup>

AN EDUCATIONAL THEATRE ASSOCIATION AFFILIATE

## February 2023 Newsletter

Hello colleagues and friends,

We are excited to announce that we have almost 1200 students registered to attend our State Thespian Festival in March; this is an incredible comeback after our years of Covid. We are excited to welcome 51 schools from all over the State. For those who are not able to join us, we hope that you will consider attending next year!

There are still so many great opportunities in our organization - see below!

### **STO (State Thespian Officer) News**

**Meet our new STO:** <https://www.wathespians.org/state-thespian-officers>

***Please share this section with your students!***

Hi Thespians! This is Minnie and Emma. We cannot believe it is already February! We wanted to talk to you all about applying for STO next school year and the Thespian State Festival!

Applications should be completed and turned in by March 3, 2023

We enjoy being a State Thespian Officer because we are able to make a student impact in our theatre community. The dedication and planning that goes into the role takes a lot of communication and hard work. We have learned a lot this year from the students and administrators helping us navigate the roles we have as Washington State Thespians.

Your Application will need to be accompanied with a letter of recommendation from an administrator that doesn't teach theatre arts.

[STO description](#)

[STO Application Form](#)

### **SCHOLARSHIPS:** *Please share with your students*

**DEADLINE EXTENDED:** *February 11th, 2023*

Applications for the 2023 Washington Thespians Scholarships are now open.

**Graduating seniors, only**, are encouraged to apply. Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded at the State Festival in March.

Two Dana Brown scholarships, the Petra Karr Leadership scholarship, and the Chris Karr Technical Theatre scholarship. [HERE](#) is a direct link to the scholarship application. Additional information can be found on the [Washington Thespians](#) website.

### **OSPI GRANT - K-12 PATHWAYS**

Washington Thespians wants to help you build strong theatre programs! In

conjunction with OSPI we are offering financial support and training to teams to help foster theatre education and activities at elementary and middle school levels that feed your high school program. Please contact Kathy Dorgan at [dorgan.kathryn@gmail.com](mailto:dorgan.kathryn@gmail.com) for details.

## **BROADWAY ACROSS AMERICA & PARAMOUNT Discounts**

Please promote these awesome Thespian perks to your theatre students and families!

[Print and post this flyer](#)

## **ASSOCIATE TROUPE DIRECTORS now an option!**

If you have not seen this, EdTA will now allow Associate Troupe Directors to assist with registration and all the paperwork associated with running a troupe. They are offering 50% off their membership during the month of February. Visit: <https://schooltheatre.org/associate-troupe-directors/>

## **JUNIOR THESPIAN FESTIVAL:**

Plans for a 2023 Junior Thespian Festival are in the works! If you are interested in helping to plan the festival—or if you are interested in having your troupe participate—please contact Julie Olsen at [jolsen@asbschool.org](mailto:jolsen@asbschool.org).

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS for 2022-2023**

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](#)

Mar 17 - 18, 2023 - State Thespian Festival  
June 19 - 23, 2023 - ITF: International Thespian Festival

## **HELPFUL Guide to plan your year:**

Here is a checklist created by Greg Pschirrer to help you stay organized throughout the year: [2022-2023 Thespian Event Checklist](#)

## **VISIT OUR WEBSITE!**

Our fantastic board member, Bryan Sullivan continues to maintain our website to be user friendly. You can find an abundance of information by visiting: <https://www.wathespians.org/>

## **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](#)

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

*Great theatre is about challenging how we think and encouraging us to fantasize about a world we aspire to.*

Willem Dafoe

Sincerely,

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