



WASHINGTON STATE THESPIANSSM

AN EDUCATIONAL THEATRE ASSOCIATION AFFILIATE

December 2022 Newsletter

Hello colleagues and friends,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I hope 2023 brings you great opportunities and new adventures! This is a busy month for us as we hold our regional Thespys AND put together all the plans for our State Thespian Festival. We hope that you will fully participate and enjoy these events!

STO (State Thespian Officer) News

Meet our new STO: <https://www.wathespians.org/state-thespian-officers>
Please share this section with your students!

Hello Thespians, this is Andy-Lee Collings from troupe #8106 and Declan Sheehan from troupe #6356. On behalf of all the Washington STO's we hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday! Just as a reminder since Thespy's are right around the corner, East Thespys will take place January 14th at Lewis & Clark High School, as well as Southwest Thespys at Capital High School. Northwest Thespys will take place on January 21 at Nathan Hale High School.

State is also rapidly approaching! Washington State Thespian Festival is an opportunity for Theatre students and teachers from across the state to gather, participate in clinics and workshops presented by local and national instructors. Students also have the ability to perform and watch performances from students across Washington State. The Festival is March 17th-18th, 2023. Where at? Western Washington University Bellingham, WA. More about registration will be released soon!

We are excited to see all of your hard work at Thespys! Thank you for reading through this month's Newsletter. This is a monthly thing so be on the lookout for the next one!

SINCERELY,
WASHINGTON STO's

- **Design Submission Forms - State Themed Art Contest**

SCHOLARSHIPS: *Please share with your students*

DEADLINE: *January 28th, 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.

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.

THESPYS

Our three regional events are taking place this month (January 14th in Olympia and Spokane; January 21 in Seattle).

Results will be posted for all performance and technical events by Monday, January 23rd. Results for Playwriting and Film will be announced by January 30th.

STATE THESPIAN FESTIVAL

Plans are in the works for our annual State Thespian Festival on March 17-18th at Western Washington University in Bellingham. An email with all the details will be in your inbox on Tuesday, January 17th. Registration is due by February 1st.

For more information, feel free to visit our website:

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

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](#)

Jan 14, 2023 - Regional Thespy SW & East
Jan 21, 2023 - Regional Thespy NW
Feb 2, 2023 - State Festival Registration DUE
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:

I'd like them to think 'Consummate Performer,' and that really just came into my head. I am a performer, and I never want to be thought of only as a star or as a celebrity. I just want to be a meaningful, entertaining performer.

Dame Angela Lansbury, Playbill interview answering what she'd like her fans to think when they hear her name.

Sincerely,

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