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WA Thespians November Newsletter

CHAPTER DIRECTOR MESSAGE

The deadlines for our Washington State THESPY events are quickly approaching. We had amazing success with our Teacher In-Service and INTAF that focused on exceptional educational theatre experiences and celebrated the amazing partnerships and industry connections in our schools. Below you will find information about upcoming Thespy registration, new Thespy pilot categories, elementary and middle school resource kits, and Broadway at the Paramount Thespian Discounts.

Our STO have some amazing plans for empowering our students at the State Thespians Festival at CWU in March. We look forward to seeing you at our events this year and exploring how Thespians can help enhance our educational theatre programs across the state!

Greg Pschirrer and Ben Stuart



GREG PSCHIRRER & BEN STUART

Co-Chapter Directors

Lewis and Clark High School: Spokane
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THESPYS REGIONAL REGISTRATION 2024

East/NW/SW Regional Events
January 13 or 20, 2024

Registration Deadline: December 16

[REGIONAL THESPYS - CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

The Thespy Awards recognize student excellence in 21 categories of theatrical performance, technical theatre, writing, and filmmaking. Qualifying students from regional events are invited to audition for the Thespy Showcase at State in March and qualify to participate in Thespy's at the International Thespian Festival in June.

NEW!!! Washington STO Thespy Submission Support Videos

THESPY LOCATION and NEW CATEGORIES PILOT IN WA

Washington State is piloting two new Thespy Categories for 2024. Check out for new FAQ's, details about **PROPS** and **DIRECTING** categories, and registration instructions!

NOTE: These categories are pilots and are NOT part of the Thespy program at ITF. Students can qualify and showcase at the State level, but there is no ITF component for these categories.

Stay up to date with changes to the [restricted materials list](#). There are a few new publishers approved and changes have been made to the Concord red light list. Some material that was previously available is now restricted and NOT eligible for use in Thespy adjudication (*Six the Musical* for example).

NEW NW LOCATION

NOTE: Thespy Northwest will now be held at Liberty High School in Renton (Issaquah School District) on Saturday, January 20, 2024 (same date as originally announced).

CELEBRATIONS!



INTAF 2023 www.intafonline.org

On October 28, 2023, 17 schools and over 250 students participate at INTAF! Hosted by North Central High School in Spokane, Washington, INTAF had over 30 showcase auditions, 18 teaching artists, and several different workshops varying from hip hop dance to puppet making. With Carusos, a local sandwich shop, sponsoring and catering, we were able to provide delicious, local food to all of our students, teachers, and teaching artists. A huge thank you to everyone who made this event wonderful!

INTAF PHOTOS:

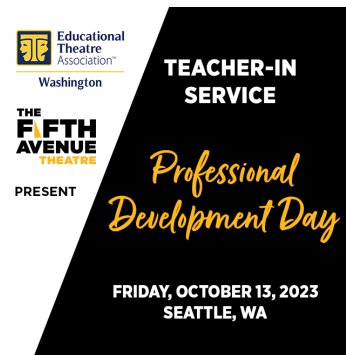
<https://www.richmagphoto.com/Client-Area/2023/INTAF/>

Leah Dach - INTAF Chair

TEACHER IN-SERVICE

The Teacher In-Service and Student Leadership Professional Development Day was held Friday, October 13. WA Thespians partnered with the 5th Avenue Theatre to co-produce this professional development for theatre educators and leadership-focused workshop day for student leaders.

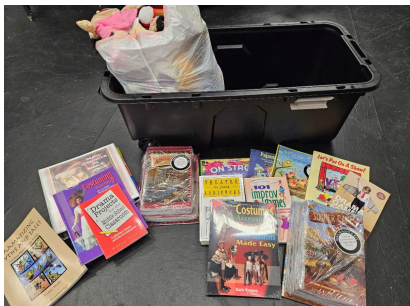
This was an amazing day of networking, keynotes, workshops, and panels! Be watching for what WA Thespians and 5th Ave have planned for next fall!



Introducing

BIPOC THESPIAN AFFINITY GROUP (BTAG)

WA Thespians is thrilled to introduce students and teachers to the leaders of our new BIPOC Thespian Affinity Group (BTAG), Rosy Allen & Ella Newborn, two WA Thespian alumni from the class of 2021! Rosy and Ella will be facilitating 3 zoom gatherings this year for all theatre students of color (inducted Thespians or future Thespians) from around the state. The purpose of this group is to come together, celebrate each other's accomplishments, and share out experiences. Rosy and Ella will also be attending the WA State Thespian Festival in March to host an in-person BTAG gathering. The first Zoom gathering is Tuesday December 5 from 7:00-8:00pm: [Link HERE](#). The other two calls this year are Tuesday January 30 [Link HERE](#) and April 30 [Link HERE](#) 7:00-8:00pm. If you have questions email info@wathespians.org!



ELEMENTARY and MIDDLE SCHOOL RESOURCE KITS

Washington Thespians, in partnership with OSPI, has created three Resource Tubs full of scripts, supplies, and materials all aimed at building Theatre feeder programs in our Elementary and Middle Schools across the state. We would love to get these FREE resources into the hands of Elementary and Middle School Teachers across our

state.

For more information, contact Kristina Cummins at kcummins@wathespians.org. These bins are currently located in Olympia, but we hope that the resources will be utilized across the state!



JOIN OUR REMIND!

If you want to receive periodic updates and reminders about events and deadlines, join our text

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

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Welcome, Washington State Thespians!

Enjoy priority access to the 23-24 Broadway at the Paramount Season with savings up to 20% off and reduced service fees!

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THESPIAN EVENTS

2023-2024 THESPIAN EVENTS

This event checklist lists events, deadlines, and a potential checklist for how you can involve your school and your students in all Thespian opportunities this year.

October 28, 2023 - INTAF, North Central High School, Spokane
January 13, 2024 - East Thespys, Lewis & Clark High School, Spokane
January 13, 2024 - SW Thespys, Capital High School, Olympia
January 20, 2024 - NW Thespys, Liberty High School, Renton
February 3, 2024 - Jr. Thespian Festival, Nelson Middle School, Renton
March 15 - 16, 2024 - State Thespian Festival, CWU, Ellensburg
March 20 - 23, 2024 - USITT Conference, Seattle
June 23 - 28, 2024 - ITF, Bloomington IN (International Event)

2023-2024 Events Checklist

Event Date	Event	Location	Deadline
Sept 29-30, 2023	ETFA National Conference Teacher-to-Student/Student-to-Teacher	St. Pete Beach, Florida	November 1
October 13, 2023	LELAC	LEVEL at South Lake Union (Seattle)	October 4
October 28, 2023	INTAF	North Central High School (Spokane)	October 4
January 13, 2024	Regional Thespy SW	Capital High School (Olympia)	December 16
January 13, 2024	Regional Thespy East	Lewis & Clark High School (Spokane)	December 16
January 20, 2024	Regional Thespy NW	Liberty High School (Issaquah) / SD City of Renton	December 16
February 3, 2024	Jr. Thespian Festival	Nelson Middle School (Seattle)	January 19
March 15-16, 2024	State Thespian Festival	Central WA University (Ellensburg)	February 9
March 20-23, 2024	USITT Conference	Seattle	February 9
June 23-28, 2024	ITF International Thespian Festival	Indiana University (Bloomington)	June 28

AUGUST	JANUARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange mid-district coverage for State Thespian Festival (March) Reserve hotel and transportation for State Thespian Festival in March (Ellensburg) Complete district field trip paperwork and travel requests, fundraising intent forms, and specific district requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for POA for State Registration, hotel, and transportation if not already completed Have Thespian Officers work on Parade of Troupe slots and Stage, Troupe, Judicious! for State Thespian Festival Confirm reservations with hotel and transportation Assist Thespy Performance National Qualifiers with recording video submissions if they wish to be considered for State Thespy Showcase

SEPTEMBER	FEBRUARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete your Thespy Submission/Student Leadership Registration Apply for POA for State Thespian Registration Collect ETFA consent & acceptance and field trip permission forms from parents for the entire year (if district will allow) Have students begin selecting and rehearsing Thespy performance selections/tech projects Use ETFA Thespy point scale to induct new thespians into your troupe or begin the process of chartering a troupe for your program Complete annual ETFA Budget/Expense Checks and share link to be completed by any adult/cooperatives who will attend any live Thespy Events this year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send room list to hotel and preliminary State Festival itinerary to transportation company February 1 - ITF Registration opens February 9 - Deadline: State Thespian Festival Registration. You will need the following info: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participating student names Graduation year/Thespy status Class and POA for payment for school Register for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Thespy Officer (STO) Application District Thespy Application/Consent/Seat Name Change Application Classical Thespy Performance Catalog (STP) form WA Thespy Progress Model Catalog (STP) form Teacher clock hours Thespy National Qualifier Video Submissions for State Performance Showcase

STO LEADERSHIP UPDATE



Greetings from your 2023-24 STO!

The State Thespian Officers' main objective is to collaborate with one another to connect with the greater Washington theatre community, engage Thespians with our social media account, and make plans for the Washington State Thespian Festival in March 2024, and we could not be more excited! You can find us on Instagram @washingtonthespians, where we encourage you to tag us so that we can support your troupe and encourage our fellow WA Thespians to do the same! This year, the overarching theme that the STO are focusing on is Empowerment! Below is a link to our STO Thespy Support Videos on our Instagram.

STO THESPY SUBMISSION SUPPORT VIDEOS FOR CATEGORIES

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