



WASHINGTON STATE THESPIANSSM

AN EDUCATIONAL THEATRE ASSOCIATION AFFILIATE

October 2022 Newsletter

Happy Autumn Theatre Educators and Friends,

I believe that October in the Pacific Northwest is one of the most beautiful times of the year. For many of us, we are launching our fall productions and already in full swing. Now is a great time to start looking over the new Thespy categories and inviting your students to plan ahead. Remember - registration is due by Dec 14; and this will include all the film, playwriting and directing Thespy category work to be submitted! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions.

HONOR YOUR COLLEAGUES:

There are two ways to honor theatre educators who are making a difference:

1. TAT LAB Award: Teaching Artists R.I.S.E Award (Representation, Inclusion, Service, Education) - Recipients of this award will be invited to join the TAT LAB CORE PROGRAM tuition-free. See this [flyer](#) for more information! - DEADLINE: October 17
2. The NFHS (National Federation of High Schools) is awarding theatre educators across the country with the Outstanding Theatre Educator Award. Each state may submit one applicant to be chosen by the NFHS. If you have a colleague who should be recognized, please fill out this simple Google [NOMINATION FORM](#) by October 15th.

STO (State Thespian Officer) News

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

Hello everyone, and welcome to the first newsletter of the year! We are so excited for an incredible year of theatre and community, as we enter the first year of fully in-person theatre in almost 3 years. Before we go into the newsletter, we would like to introduce ourselves. Our names are Emma Fuller and Rain Anderson and we are two of the seven STOS! We cannot wait to serve you and get to know each and everyone one of you. Now, here's the information for the month. An in-person event we are getting to participate in is In-Service and INTAF (Inland Northwest Theatre Festival)! It is an event for teachers and student thespians to learn from professionals, our STOS, and have a great time! For more details, check out our website [wathespians.org](https://www.wathespians.org) or our Instagram page @washingtonthespians. Our west side event (In-service) is at PLU in Tacoma, WA on October 8th. Our east side event (INTAF) is at Ferris High School in Spokane, WA on October 21st. We hope to see you there! Also, the Thespy's will be coming up before we know it! All information on the

Thespys is on our website and future newsletters closer to Thespys. Cannot wait to see you all at our in-person events!

THESPYS - DEADLINES & CHANGES!

Please note our earlier deadline (December 14) for registration for Thespys. This includes FILM, PLAYWRITING, and DIRECTING. Students will need to upload their completed projects by **December 14th**. You may wish to encourage your students to get started now!

Follow this link to find all the information for Thespys:[INFO](#)

Playwriting Rules - Updated

Musical Theatre DANCE added- Solo, Duet, and Group options.

Directing - WA State is one of 6 states Beta Testing this new Thespy. You won't find this information on the Thespys site, you'll need to go to the WA Thespian site; we've also linked the information below:

- [Category Rules](#)
- [Rubric](#)

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](#)

Oct 8, 2022 - Teacher In-Service / Student Leadership

Oct 29, 2022 - INTAF

Dec 14, 2022 - Thespy Registration DUE*

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:

“Love art in yourself, and not yourself in art.”
— **Constantin Stanislavski, My Life In Art**

Sincerely,

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