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WA Thespians October Newsletter

CHAPTER DIRECTOR MESSAGE

The deadlines for our first Washington State Thespians events are quickly approaching. We have October events on both sides of the state (Teacher In-Service and INTAF) that focus on exceptional educational theatre experiences for you and your students.

Remember, troupe dues are due to EdTA October 15th to avoid any late penalties and fees. Our STO are also hard at work planning leadership workshops for INTAF and Teacher In-Service and have some amazing plans for empowering our students at the State Thespians Festival in March.

Greg Pschirrer and Ben Stuart



GREG PSCHIRRER & BEN STUART

Co-Chapter Directors

Lewis and Clark High School: Spokane
Roosevelt High School: Seattle

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 13, 2023 - Teacher In-Service, Level, Seattle
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, Seattle
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)

Table with 4 columns: Event Date, Event, Location, District. Includes a checklist for August, September, October, January, February, and March.

2023-2024 Events Checklist



INTAF 2023
'Dare to Dream'
October 28, 2023
North Central High School
www.intafonline.org



Partnership with 5th



THESPYS REGIONAL REGISTRATION 2024
East/NW/SW Regional Events

Registration Deadline:
October 4

**INTAF SPOKANE - CLICK
HERE TO REGISTER**

INTAF (Inland Northwest Theatre Arts Festival) has a long tradition of promoting theatre education and enrichment. Teachers and students benefit from this one day festival featuring workshops taught by professional teaching artists, student leadership workshops from our STO, and opportunities to showcase the work of high school theatre programs. INTAF offers opportunities to build skills and bonds through the love of theatre.



**RENEW
YOUR TROUPE
MEMBERSHIP
for the 2023-2024
School Year**

Deadline to Renew:
October 15

**TROUPE RENEWAL - CLICK
HERE**

October 15 is the deadline to renew your troupe membership for the 2023-2024 school year. Be sure you have an active troupe to take advantage of Thespian discounts at our Washington State Thespian events and avoid additional reactivation charges.

Avenue Theatre
October 13, 2023

Registration Deadline:
October 6

**IN SERVICE - CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER**

The Teacher In-Service and Student Leadership Professional Development Day is coming Friday, October 13 and registration is NOW OPEN! WA Thespians is thrilled to be partnering with the 5th Avenue Theatre to co-produce this professional development for theatre educators and leadership-focused workshop day for student leaders in your program! If your building or district does not release teachers on this state-wide in-service day, consider using the student programming as a field trip to advocate for your attendance.

Don't miss this day of networking, keynotes, workshops, and panels! Lunch is included for everyone, clock hours are available at no additional charge, discounted hotel rooms available for those who are traveling, and FREE tickets that evening to Cambodian Rock Band at ACT Theater are available for the first 50 adults who register (students invited to attend using \$5 TeenTix passes). Additional discounted tickets available after the free tickets have been claimed.

Professional adult EdTA Members and inducted student Thespians receive a \$15 registration discount off the otherwise \$60 and \$50 general registration. Email info@wathespians.org for the code! Additional general discounted price options and scholarships available to make this program accessible to everyone. Email educationprograms@5thavenue.org with the subject "Professional Development discount requested" or "Professional Development scholarship requested" and their staff will assist you.

January 13 or 20, 2024

Registration Deadline:
December 16

**REGIONAL THESPYS - CLICK
HERE TO REGISTER**

Broadway has the Tonys, Hollywood has the Oscars, and Thespians have the Thespys.

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 Thespys at the International Thespian Festival in June.

**THESPY LOCATION
and CATEGORIES
UPDATES!**

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

Connected Arts Networks

PLC Opportunity

[TO APPLY - CLICK HERE](#)

<https://www.arteducators.org/promo/can>

***Applications Due:
October 16***

EdTA is participating in the Connected Arts Network (CAN), which is a grant from the federal government. The grant is specified in helping the arts (EdTA, NAFA, NAFME & NEDO) feel like they are not alone in their buildings by creating national Professional Learning Communities (PLC). The PLCs strive to implement Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) and Social Emotional Learning (SEL) in the classroom.

I am one of the teacher leaders that will be leading the PLCs and have been going through the training. I can honestly say that the training that I have received from the CAN group is a thousand times better than the PD at my school and it is all about the arts and focused on art educators.

***Applications are due
October 16th and you can
apply here;***

<https://www.arteducators.org/promo/can> if you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out to me at bri@wathespians.org



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Auditions Boy Solo Roledition

See PDF below for more full description, dates, and information.

***The role will pay no less than \$1,100.00 per performance so a nice chunk of change for a kid.**

Seattle Opera Auditions Boy Solo Role

Seattle Opera will be holding auditions for the role of Young Malcolm in

X: The Life and Times of Malcolm X to be performed Feb.-Mar.2024 at McCaw Hall.

Casting up to two boys who may alternate performances

Role is heavily dance oriented (some singing, but this is secondary to the role)

Dance information: Looking for African American/Black boys (approx. 9-12 years of age) who may be skilled in contemporary dance, jazz dance, street style, dance improvisation, and comfortable with being lifted/partnered. Come prepared to dance.

Singing information: Please come prepared with one song of your choosing. Sheet music required so accompanist can play along. Cannot sing a capella

Previous on-stage experience a plus.

First rehearsal January 29, 2024

Opens February 24, 2024

6 performances

Closes March 9, 2024

Audition is Nov. 6, 2023 7p. All auditionees must call or email for a slot.

Positions are paid.

Performers must live within a 55 mile radius of Seattle.

Please phone (206) 676-5812 or email paula.podemski@seattleopera.org to sign up for audition time slot and to get additional information.

EdTA Grants

Thespians Growth and Excellence Grants

***Deadline to Apply:
October 20***

Available Thespians Growth & Excellence Grants

Six different types of grants are available for schools to develop and grow their theatre programs:

Schools may apply for a maximum of two (2) grants per academic year, with the exception of the Equipment Upgrade grant, which limits schools to one (1) grant application only. Applications are prioritized based on demonstrated need, such as Title 1 status. The grants must be claimed within 30 days from the notification of the award and checks should be cashed within 90 days of issuance, or the grants will be automatically forfeited.

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

STO LEADERSHIP UPDATE



Greetings from your 2023-24 STO!

Hi Washington State Thespian Educators! As the school year begins, we would love to introduce to you the 2023-2024 State Thespian Officers: Charlie Bovey, Milo Stuart, Ella Wissing, Elle Lutz, Sofia Corpening, Zoë Monroe Tapia, and Pearl Hoats. 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 @washingtonthespian, 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, and with the input of numerous WA Thespians, the official theme for the State Thespian Festival is "To The World We Dream About". We look forward to meeting our fellow WA Thespians throughout the year, and we cannot wait to get started!!

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