



WASHINGTON STATE THESPIANSSM

AN EDUCATIONAL THEATRE ASSOCIATION AFFILIATE

February 2022 Newsletter

Dear Theatre Educators and Friends,

We are so excited to be hosting in person STATE Festival in three different regions this year. While we all wish we could gather together at Western Washington University, we are confident that this approach will meet the most needs of our students and schools as we continue to navigate Covid Safety restrictions!

Here is some information below to plan and register for State!

OPPORTUNITIES & SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS!

I often receive information regarding great opportunities for students. Rather than add to this newsletter, I will begin sharing this information on our Washington State Thespians Community Forum. You can set it up to receive daily emails with all the forum posts. This is also an excellent way to communicate with other troupe directors throughout the state to share ideas and resources. If you find that you are not on this forum or would like more information regarding Community Forums, check with EdTA: <https://community.schooltheatre.org/home>

THESPYS -

We are excited to announce that we had 422 student submissions this year. They have all been sent for adjudication. Scores and standings will be shared out on February 17th!

THEATRE TEACHER CONNECTION -

The WA State Board has been hosting monthly teacher meetings. Join us on Tuesday, **February 22nd at 7 p.m.** for help with State questions and registration.

[ZOOM MEETING LINK](#)

Future dates:

April 26

May 24

SUPER STATE

This year we will be hosting our State Festival in 3 different locations on Saturday, March 26th. You can choose the location that best fits your school's needs. Each location will have National Teaching Artists, Local Teaching Artists, opportunities to bring WIPS ("Works in Progress") and cuttings from your own productions. Students

can expect to experience excellent learning, networking, and showcasing opportunities!

REGISTRATION:

Registration will open on February 17th and closes on March 1st.

COST:

Thespians: \$45

Non-Thespians: \$55

SCHEDULE:

The day will start with check-in at 8 a.m. and close by 6 p.m. with our closing showcase and celebration!

LOCATIONS:

EAST - Lewis and Clark High School, Spokane

NW - Kentwood High School, Covington

SW - Capital High School, Olympia

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE - YOU CAN START PLANNING NOW:

Bring a show cutting (total of 50 minutes including set up/and tear down)

Your show will be adjudicated and you'll receive awesome feedback on your school's work. **No storage for costumes and set pieces - so keep it simple. Check the website regarding the specifics!

**IF you are interested in bringing your cutting to International Thespian Festival, you can sign up for Chapter Select!

Bring a WIP (MUSICAL WORK IN PROGRESS)

We are still taking time to showcase your musicals in progress, whether you are still on book, just learning the choreography, or days from opening night, show off 10 minutes of your current production in process. This is a celebration of high school musical theatre! Check the website for specific restrictions!

Apply for Honor Troupe

This year the honor troupe application is going to look a little different! If your thespian troupe is interested in applying for bronze, silver, or gold status with the Washington State Thespians, you can submit an application when you complete your Super State registration!

To apply for status, students will need to complete a one page letter explaining what level status they are applying for and how they believe their troupe has earned that status. The letter can include things like community outreach, virtual and/or live productions, new member inductions, club meetings, etc.

If you/your students need assistance in determining what level your troupe should apply for, you can reference the Honor Troupe Rubric (posted by February 17th) on the Washington State Thespian's website.

More information will be available soon!

Scholarships for Seniors -

Students pursuing a career in performance, technical theatre, or theatre education may apply for a scholarship through Washington Thespians. The application and the process will be added to the website by February 17th.

State Thespian Officers (STO) -

Do you have a student who is an exceptional leader? There is an opportunity to run for "STO."

All information regarding State Festival can be found at:

<https://www.wathespians.org/washingtonstatethespianfestival2022>

JUNIOR THESPIANS

Hey, Junior Thespians! Big news! Junior Thespians are INVITED TO PARTICIPATE in our State events! You can also contact Julie Olsen, Junior Regional Festival Coordinator at jolsen@asbschool.org. Don't miss this amazing opportunity to participate in engaging workshops and network with other theatre kids.

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](#)

WEBSITE

Our fantastic board member, Bryan Sullivan has revamped our Washington State Thespians Website for a new and easier experience. **Please note that our domain has also changed.** You can find an abundance of information by visiting: <https://www.wathespians.org/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for 2021-2022

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](#)

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 1 - State Festival Registration DUE
March 26 - SUPER STATE (3 locations to choose from)

*"We must all do theatre, to find out who we are,
and to discover who we could become."*

Augusto Boal

Sincerely,

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