

MTA Teacher Workshop
October 5-6, 2018
Meridian Riley Center/Meridian Little Theatre

Friday, October 5

11:45 AM

Meet at MSU Riley Center, the host of MTA Festival 2019, Downtown Meridian

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Riley Center Walk Through

Lead by Michelle Thames, The Riley Center, Conference Sales Manager

1:00 - 1:30 PM

Travel to Meridian Little Theatre

1:45-2:30 PM

InDesign Software for Playbills

Lead by Lauren Ray, Northwest Rankin High School, Forensic Coach

Lauren has also served as Theatre Director at Germantown High School and Jackson Academy, and is a Board Member with The Center Players.

2:30-3:30 PM

Vintage Hairstyling: 1920's Finger-Waves

Lead by Amber West, Gautier High School, Theatre Director

Amber has also served as a Theatre Director at Pearl River Central High School, and as the Co-Chair and current Chair of the Mississippi Theatre Association.

3:30-4:00 PM

MDE Theatre Standards Work Session

Lead by Juniper Wallace, MDE Theatre Standard Curriculum Co-Chair

Juniper is also the Theatre Director at Northwest Rankin High School, Chair of the MTA Youth Individual Events, and past MTA Secondary Chair, and past Theatre Director of Brandon High School.

4:30-5:30 PM

MTA Updates and News (Ex. - Youth Social, 10 Minute Discussion, IE Updates, Etc...)

Lead by Amber West, MTA Secondary Chair and Kaye Stuckey, MTA Secondary Vice Chair

Amber is the Theatre Director of Gautier High School, Kaye Stuckey is the Theatre Director of Brandon High School

5:30-6:00 PM

How to Register for MTA

Lead by Kaye Stuckey and Amber West

6:00-6:30 PM

MS Thespians Update

Lead by Esther Newell, MS Thespian Board Member

Esther is also a Theatre Director at Northwest Rankin High School.

Saturday, October 6

8:00 – 9:00 AM

Warmups Fresh from LA

Lead by Kenneth McDade, Jackson Preparatory School, Theatre Director

Kenneth has also served as a Theatre Director at St. Andrews Episcopal School, Community Theatre Chair for MTA, and MTA Adult Individual Event Chair.

9:00 – 11:00 AM

Bunraku Puppetry

Lead by Jordan West, Gulfport High School

Jordan is currently an English Teacher at Gulfport High School, and has served as a Theatre Director for Stone High School and Youth Playwriting Chair for MTA.

11:00 – 12:30 PM

How to Teach Dialects in the Classroom

Lead by Rory Ledbetter, University of Mississippi, Associate Professor of Voice & Acting

Rory Ledbetter is Associate Professor of Voice, Speech, and Acting in the Theatre & Film Department. He received his MFA in Theatre Directing from Florida State University in 2004. He is a certified Associate Teacher of Fitzmaurice Voicework® and has extensive training in the Linklater Voice Progression, Knight-Thompson Speech Work, and Patsy Rodenburg's voice methodologies. Rory has studied Clowning with Chris Bayes, Avner the Eccentric, and Elizabeth Baron. He also has extensive improvisation training through The Groundlings and IO West in Los Angeles, CA. In addition to working professionally as an actor and director, Rory actively tours his one-man show, A Mind Full of Dopamine, throughout the United States and Canada. Recently, Rory won the "Steve Sauvé Spirit of the Fringe Award" at The Ottawa Fringe Festival.

12:30 – 1:00 PM

Lunch

1:00 – 4:00 PM

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4:00 – 4:15 PM

Q&A

Lead by Amber West, MTA Secondary Chair