

Mississippi Theatre Association Annual Festival

January 12-15, 2006

Starkville, MS

Schedule of Events

Thursday, January 12, 2006

McComas Hall Theatre

6:00 p.m. High School Senior & Junior Auditions (Pre-Registration Required)
Registration and Setup

7:00 p.m. Auditions Begin

Friday, January 13, 2006
McComas Hall Theatre

- 7:00 a.m. High School Director's Meeting – Block I
Location: McComas Hall Theatre
- 7:00 a.m. Registration
Location: McComas Hall Lobby
- 8:00 a.m. Meeting for secondary teachers receiving CEU credit
McComas Hall Theatre Lobby
- 8:15 a.m. High School Respondent's Meeting
Location: McComas Hall Green Room

Performance Block 1 / McComas Hall

9:00 a.m.

STARKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
Wiley and the Harry Man by Suzan Zeder
Directed by Mandy Kinney

BILOXI HIGH SCHOOL
Beautiful Beulah Belle or Virtue's Various Vicissitudes by Robert C. Yoh
Directed by Kelly Norris

OAK GROVE HIGH SCHOOL
Amelia Earhart by Kathryn Schultz Miller
Directed by Suzanne Allmon

- 12:00 p.m. High School Director's Meeting – All other Blocks
Location: McComas Hall Theatre

1:15 p.m. Workshops

Making props and other materials on a budget led by Jim Schroeder, Holmes Community College. Location: McComas Room 004

Ginger Willis, Atlanta Office Sales Manager from Barbizon Lighting Company **will be showing how to turn white light into a myriad of effects for stage.**
Location: McComas Room 214

Chicago style.....no, not Pizza....ready, set, improvise led by head of University of South Alabama Theatre Department, Leon Van Dyke. Location: McComas Room 204

Auditioning! What does it take led by Josie Helming. Location: McComas Room 230

The Performing Body, led by Dr. Lou Campbell, Professor and Chair of Theatre Belhaven College, Jackson, MS. Location: McComas Room 228

What does the occipital ridge, the Sternoclavicular joint, intercostals, and gestures have in common. Come to this fascinating workshop and discover. Plan to participate and wear appropriate attire.

How to Begin and Develop Your Portfolio, led by Kris Dietrich, Assistant Professor of Theatre at Belhaven College, Jackson, MS. Location: McComas Room 211

It is never too early to start developing your portfolio. Come to this session and learn how to document your work, preserve it, and present it. You are invited to bring your portfolio for review and discussion.

Performance Block 2 / McComas Hall Theatre

2:30 p.m.

PILLOW ACADEMY, Greenwood, MS
I Never Saw Another Butterfly by Celeste Raspanti
Directed by Justin Bixler

HANCOCK HIGH SCHOOL
Snapshot, Featuring skits and monologues by Craig Wright, Quincy Long, Deb Margolin, Micheael Bigelow Dixon, Val Smith, David Lindsay-Abaire and Julie Jensen
Directed by Jay Coker

4:15 p.m. Community Theatre Director's Meeting
Location: McComas Hall Theatre

5:00 p.m. 10-Minute Play Festival participants meet, McComas Hall Theatre Lobby
(Writing Lab: McComas Room 216; Other Activities: McComas Room 211)

6:00 p.m. Community Theatre Respondent's Meeting
Location: McComas Hall Green Room

Performance Block 3 / McComas Hall Theatre

6:30 p.m. Official Welcome
Presiding: MJ Etua, MTA President

Special Guest: TBA

6:45 p.m. *“A Conversation with Myrna Colley-Lee”*
Presiding: MJ Etua

7:30 p.m.

STARKVILLE COMMUNITY THEATRE
Comfort’s Broken Light by Aris Bremer
Directed by Molly Watkins

HATTIESBURG HIGH SCHOOL
The Katrina Project: Hell and High Water by Michael Marks and
Mackenzie Westmoreland
Directed by Michael Marks and Mackenzie Westmoreland

10:00 p.m. Adult Get-Together
Location: The Abbey Restaurant, 100 East Main Street

Saturday, January 14, 2006

7:00 a.m. Community Theatre Director's meeting
Location: McComas Hall Theatre

7:30 a.m. Registration
Location: McComas Hall Lobby

Performance Block 4 / McComas Hall

8:45 a.m. TALLAHATCHIE RIVER PLAYERS
It's a Wonderful Life by James W. Rodgers
Directed by Evelyn Murry Mason

PICAYUNE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL
Home by Samm-Art Williams
Directed by Tony Seal

BRANDON HIGH SCHOOL
A Thousand Cranes by Kathryn Shultz Miller
Directed by Juniper Wallace

1:15 p.m. Workshops

The Economy of Design: Balancing design and time in theatre led by Chris Rich, Technical Director with Florida Gulf Coast University. Location: McComas Room 204

A workshop and discussion on design ideas, time management and finding balance in production values and schedule.

The Principles of Stage Management led by Melissa Nissen, former stage manager for Chicago's Goodman Theatre and Steppenwolf Theatre. Location: McComas Room 230

Playwriting Workshop: Good Artists Steal, led by David Thompson, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance at Agnes Scott College in Atlanta. Location: McComas Room 004

For those wondering if they can, or should, write a play for their theatre, this session will provide a starting point by offering sage advice from critics and playwrights.

Comedy of Masks, led by Kevin Kern, Mississippi State University. Location: McComas Room 228

Using principles of Commedia dell Arte' with masks provided by the instructor, this hands-on workshop will lead students through the exploration of masked performance. The workshop will increase the actor's physical commitment to a character, while freeing the voice and imagination.

Three Touchstones for Character Development, led by David Dye, Troy State University. Location: McComas Room 214

The pursuit of physical objectives in scene work" led by Dennis McLeron, University of Alabama Theatre Department. Location: McComas Room 211

This workshop uses a brief A/B dialogue that participants can learn on the spot. In the workshop they will learn how to raise the stakes in a scene and communicate urgency by attempting to accomplish pre-determined physical objectives.

Performance Block 5 / McCain Theatre

2:30 p.m. OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL
Forever Plaid by Stuart Ross, Musical arrangements by James Raitt
Directed by John Davenport

DELTA CENTER STAGE, Greenville, MS
A Woman Called Truth by Sandra Fenichel Asher
Directed by Sara Armstrong

4:00 p.m. **Individual Events Festival.** All students participating report to McComas Room 211. (Event Location: Room 204 and 211)

8:00 p.m. 10-Minute Play Festival performances (Level III, 104 East Main Street)
Youth Social to Follow 10-Minute Play Festival. (Level III, 104 East Main Street)

Performance Block 5

7:15 p.m. JUST OVER THE RAINBOW THEATRE, Hattiesburg, MS
Sylvia by A.R. Gurney
Directed by Michael Garner

CENTER PLAYERS, Madison, MS
Laundry and Bourbon by James McLure
Directed by Willie Anderson

Note: Production contains some strong language.

10:30 p.m. Adult Social
 Starkville Community Theatre, 108 East Main Street

Sunday, January 15, 2006

9:00 a.m. Division Meetings

 Community Theatre Division: Location: McComas 204
 High School Division: Location: McComas 214
 College/University Division: Location: McComas 211

10:30 a.m. Business Meeting
 McComas Hall Theatre

12:15 p.m. Luncheon & Awards Ceremony
 Bost Extension Building, Mississippi State University

 Keynote Speaker: Sam Haskell, III

2:00 p.m. MTA Board of Director's Meeting
 Location: MSU Adjudicator's Room

Theatre for Youth Festival
Mississippi State University
Wise Auditorium

Friday, January 13, 2006

- 9:00 a.m. *Magic Theatre II*, Perk Players, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College – Perkinston Campus; directed by Daisha Walker
- 10:00 a.m. *Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs*, Gulfport Little Theatre; directed by Lee Green Pope
- 11:00 a.m. *Wiley and the Hairy Man*, Purvis High School; directed by Parker McMullan
- 12:00 p.m. *Bad Sam and the Devil*, Project P.L.A.Y., Starkville Community Theatre; directed by MJ Etua