



Mississippi Theatre Association



November 7, 2006

Dear Theatre Teachers:

You don't want to miss this opportunity to register you and your students for the Mississippi Theatre Association's annual festival being held January 11-14, 2007 in Oxford, MS on the Ole Miss campus. We are very proud to hold our festival in the Gertrude C. Ford Performing Arts Center. Please take a few minutes to review this document and register you and your students for this theatre festival. The festival is comprised of five festivals wrapped in one fantastic weekend of theatre. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 5, 2007.** Payment can be sent after the registration form deadline.

Secondary Drama Festival: Nine high schools perform 45 minute productions and compete for top awards. Each production is critiqued by three theatre professionals from the region. This provides your students with the opportunity to see exceptional high school productions. By watching productions and listening to the critiques your students will learn more about theatre.

Community Theatre Festival: There are between six and seven community theatre productions. This festival will open your student's eyes to the world of community theatre. Like the Secondary Festival, the Community Theatre productions are critiqued by three adjudicators following each production. This provides an additional learning opportunity for your students.

10-Minute Play Festival: The 10-Minutes Festival was added a few years ago to provide additional opportunities to students attending the festival. Each school can send up to six students to participate in the 10-Minute Play Festival. The students divided into groups so that they are not working with their friends. The playwright for each group write a 10-Minute Play, the directors cast the productions and direct their colleagues and the shows are produced on Saturday – all within 24 hours. The students have a grand time working with other students and learning more about the intricacies of working on a production.

College/University Auditions: Do you have juniors and seniors wanting to attend college/university in Mississippi and major in theatre? If so – your students need to participate in this event. The College/University Auditions are held Thursday evening and provides them with the opportunity to audition in front of colleges/universities from Mississippi and the surrounding area. Be sure your students read the Do's and Don'ts of Audition on the MTA website. Great opportunity!

Individual Events Festival: The newest addition to our festival allows students not competing in productions to compete in the Individual Events. Some of the events include monologues, scenes, duets, costume design, etc. Each student participating in this event must pre-register and should not be participating in the high school festival. See the MTA website for details on the Individual Events Festival.

Workshop: Not only can your students participate in the competitive events, they will be able to learn more about theatre by participate in the workshops offered. This year's festival is shaping up to include more workshops than ever before.

In addition to all of these wonderful activities, teachers will be able to **apply for CEUs for attending the festival.** See the MTA web site for more details.

This is your MTA Secondary Division packet. Please read all of the information carefully and pay close attention to the deadlines. Enclosed you will find the following:

- College/University Audition Guidelines
- College/University Audition Registration Form
- 10-Minute Play Festival Guidelines
- Festival Registration Form
- Master Roster
- 10-Minute Play Festival Registration Form (limited participants)
- Alcohol and Other Drug Policy form
- Consent Form Agreement - Student code of Conduct form

The deadline for registration is January 5, 2007.
All forms must be turned in by this date.
Payment may be deferred until the festival.

Send Forms to:

Stephen Cunetto
1247 Bardwell Road
Starkville, MS 39759



**Mississippi Theatre Association
Festival Registration Form**



Name of School: _____ School Phone Number: _____

Teacher/Sponsor: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Teacher's Phone: _____ School Address: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Title of Presentation: _____ Author: _____

Publisher/Royalty Agent: _____

1. If your production must be edited to conform to festival production length requirements, you must obtain written permission from the publisher/royalty agent to perform in the festival. *Attach proof of permission to this form.*
 2. In order to perform in the festival *you must attach a copy of the paid royalty to this form.*
 3. Does this production contact adult material? Yes No
 4. My school plans to attend as an observer school? Yes No
 5. My school plans to participate in the 10-Minute Play Festival? Yes No
- (If yes, please also complete the form label "10-Minute Play Festival Registration".)**

School organizational membership:		
MTA Annual Dues	\$50.00	
MTA Festival Registration	<u>\$25.00</u>	Total Due for Organizational Fees: <u>\$75.00</u>
Student registration fee: (*fee includes MTA membership, MTA festival, admission to all productions including 10-Minute Play Festival, social functions, breakfast and the awards ceremony.) \$30.00 per student x _____ students attending		\$ _____
College/University Auditions: \$15.00 per student x _____ students (Complete Audition form for each student. Seniors only.)		\$ _____
Individual Events Festival: (Each student participating in the Individual Events pays \$10 per event.) \$10.00 per student/event x _____ students participating in IE Festival.		
Teacher/sponsor/chaperone registration fee: (fee includes same items as Student registration fee) \$45.00 per person x _____ attending		\$ _____
Teacher would like to get CEUs for attending festival? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No \$35.00 per teacher x _____ teachers requesting CEUs. (Teachers must stay for entire festival to get CEUs.)		\$ _____
Please indicate below if you wish to purchase T-Shirts. T-Shirts must be pre-paid. \$10.00 t-shirts x _____ (total number of shirts). Quantity Small: ___ Medium: ___ Large: ___ XL: ___ XXL: ___		\$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed: (Make checks payable to MTA 2007)		\$ _____

Send all forms and checks by January 5 to: Stephen Cunetto Mississippi Theatre Association 1247 Bardwell Road Starkville, MS 39759 scunetto@library.msstate.edu (662) 323-1097	Question regarding festival? John Davenport Secondary Division Chair Johnpaul98@bellsouth.net
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**Mississippi Theatre Association
10-Minute Play Festival
Registration Form**



Sponsor Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Name or Theatre or School: _____

List the Names of the students participating:

Writer: _____

Director: _____

Stage Manager: _____

Actor: _____

Actor: _____

Actor: _____

Number of other students attending: _____

**Question regarding 10 minute festival
rules and/or procedures?**

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Mississippi Theatre Association
Annual Festival

Individual Events Registration



Please print clearly or type the names of each person registering for the conference.
For Guidelines see http://www.mta-online.org/festivals/2007/ind_events.htm

- A participating school must be a registered organizational member of MTA.
- A school may enter two (2) students or teams in each event.
- Along with the institutional registration fee, a participating school must pay \$10 for each event slot

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____ NAME OF SPONSOR: _____

MONOLOGUE FEMALE (Two Contrasting)

1. _____ 2. _____

MONOLOGUE MALE (Two Contrasting)

1. _____ 2. _____

DUET ACTING - DRAMATIC or COMEDIC

1. _____ 2. _____

Partner: _____ *Partner:* _____

SCENE PERFORMANCE - DRAMATIC OR COMEDIC

1. _____ 2. _____

SCENE DESIGN

1. _____ 2. _____

SOLO MUSICAL

1. _____ 2. _____

DUET MUSICAL

1. _____ 2. _____

ORIGINAL STUDENT WRITTEN SCENES

1. _____ 2. _____

COSTUME DESIGN

1. _____ 2. _____

POSTER / PUBLICITY DESIGN

1. _____ 2. _____



Code Of Conduct For MTA Youth

Teachers: Please be sure to talk with your students about Theatre Etiquette!

Knowing that any organization is judged largely by the behavior of its individual members, we who attend the Mississippi Theatre Association Convention agree that registering at the State Convention constitutes our subscribing to the following rules, which comprise the Code of Conduct.

- Rule 1: Each Sponsor is responsible for each and every one of his/her students. Therefore, students must keep their sponsor informed of their whereabouts at all times.
- Rule 2: Members registered at the convention should be present for all scheduled meetings and on time.
- Rule 3: Curfew is promptly at midnight unless the Convention Chair announces otherwise. This means in your own room and respectfully quiet.
- Rule 4: Members may visit other members' rooms only with the Sponsor's knowledge and approval.
- Rule 5: No Alcohol and/or other drug, in any form, shall be possessed by any minor at this state convention.
- Rule 6: All registered members are expected to wear official name badges at all times.
- Rule 7: Each registered member is expected to display and exert leadership qualities in a responsible manner, which will lead to the organized success of this Convention. Members should conduct themselves in such a manner that their actions will reflect favorably on their school and community and all of those responsible for providing the student with this educational opportunity.

MTA Alcohol And Other Drug Policy For Minors

No student attending any Mississippi Theatre Association activity shall be permitted to carry on his/her person or in any other manner have in his/her possession, in any way, or be under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs. The provisions of this policy shall not apply to any student who is under the care of a licensed physician and who is taking medication which is under the supervision and direction of such physician.

This policy is for the sole and exclusive protection of the students of this association and their general welfare, and nothing herein shall be construed to avoid any prosecution under applicable criminal statute. The MTA may report any violation of this policy to the student's school sponsor, parents, school principal, district superintendent and also to the proper law enforcement officials.

CONSENT FORM AGREEMENT STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

I agree that any violation of the rules that I have been provided may subject our school to being sent home and all honors and awards forfeited. Serious misconduct on our part may be reported to our Superintendent, Principal, and our Parents, who would then be advised that we are barred from participating in future Mississippi Theatre Association Conventions.

I have read the MTA Convention Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its rules and all rules made by the convention officials and my sponsor. I understand that any violation may result in my being removed from the convention. I also understand that misconduct may be reported to the school officials and disciplinary action may result.

DATE

MTA Student Signature

Sponsor Signature