

Mississippi Theatre Association  
Annual 2010 Festival/Conference

Schedule of Events

**Thursday, January 14, 2010**

- 3:00 p.m. High School Director's Meeting  
Location: The Lyric Auditorium
- 6:00 p.m. High School Senior & Junior Auditions (Pre-Registration Required) Registration  
and Setup.  
Location: The Lyric Theatre (Tupelo Community Theatre)
- 7:00 p.m. Auditions begin. Talk back following auditions

**Friday, January 15, 2010**

- 6:30 a.m. Registration  
Location: The Lyric Theatre
- 7:30 a.m. Meeting for secondary teachers receiving CEU credit  
LOCATION: The Lyric Theatre Annex
- Performance
- 8:00 a.m.
- Picayune High School  
*Talking Bird* by William Rester  
Directed by William Rester
- Corinth High School  
*The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon* by Don Zolidis  
Directed by Myra Byrnes
- Pearl River Central High School  
*The Winner* by Dwayne Craft  
Directed by Judy Myerse
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 12:00 p.m. High School Director's Meeting – All other Blocks  
Location: The Lyric Theatre Auditorium

12:30 p.m. Workshops

2:00 p.m. Youth Playwriting Competition – Reader’s Theatre Auditions  
Location: Hilton Garden Inn, Walnut Room

Performance

2:00 p.m.

Starkville High School  
*Almost, Maine* by John Cariani  
Directed by Mandy Kinney

Lafayette High School  
*The Heartbreak Tour* by Peter Morris  
Directed by Leah Shollenberger

Oxford High School  
*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor® Dreamcoat* by Tim Rice and Andrew  
Lloyd Webber  
Directed by John Davenport

Ocean Springs High School  
*La Dispute* by Marivaux. Translated by Timberlake Wertenbaker  
Directed by Sandra Camphor

5:00 p.m. Community Theatre Director’s Meeting. Directors must attend one of the  
meetings. Location: The Lyric Theatre Auditorium

5:00 p.m. 10-Minute Play Festival Participants Meeting  
Location: BancorpSouth Conference Center, Sweet Gum Room

7:00 p.m. **Individual Events Festival (Adults)**  
**Location:** Calvary Baptist Church, 501 West Main Street

Performance

7:45 Official Welcome  
Presiding: Stacy Howell, MTA President

Oak Grove High School  
*The Selkie Girl* by Laurie Brooks  
Directed by Suzanne Allmon

Desoto County Thespians  
*I Never Saw Another Butterfly* by Celeste Raspanti  
Directed by David Boone

Informal Adult Social:

Saturday, January 16, 2010

Performance

7:30 a.m.

Tallahatchie River Players  
*Nunsense* by Dan Goggin  
Directed by Phil Nanney

Black Rose Theatre Company  
*Graceland* by Ellen Byron  
Directed by Tracey Echo Mohler

8:30 a.m. Youth Playwriting Competition - Reader's Theatre Production.  
Location: BancorpSouth Convention Center, Poplar Room

**PERFORMANCE**

*His and Hers* by Steven Mockler

10:40 a.m. Community Theatre Director's Meeting. Directors must attend one of the meetings. Location: The Lyric Theatre Auditorium

11:00 a.m. **Workshops**

12:00 p.m. **Individual Events Festival – Design & Original Script. Turn in materials.**  
Location: Calvary Baptist Church, 501 West Main Street

1:00 a.m. Individual Events Festival Adjudicator's Meeting (Youth only)  
Location: Calvary Baptist Church, 501 West Main Street

**Individual Events Festival – (Youth only)**

Location: Calvary Baptist Church, 501 West Main Street

Performance

1:15 p.m.

Vicksburg Theatre Guild  
*Tracks* by Peter Tarsi  
Directed by Ian Tubman

Fondren Theatre Workshop  
*The Monster Monologues*  
Directed by Diana Howell  
This production contains mild profanity.

4:00 p.m. Adult Playwriting Competition  
Reader's Theatre Production and talk back.  
Location: BancorpSouth Convention Center, Poplar Room

Production:  
*Thanks to Mama* by Kevan Jenner Brown

6:30 p.m. 10-Minute Play Festival Performances.  
Location: BancorpSouth Convention Center, Sweet Gum

*Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged* performed by the New Stage Professional Acting Interns.

Youth Social will follow the 10-Minute Play Festival  
Location: BancorpSouth Convention Center,

Performance

6:00 p.m. (ADD PICTURES)  
Special Guest Speaker

Playwright George M. Calhoun in conjunction with the Mississippi Humanities Council shares his experience of turning true stories into theatrical drama.

*Tumblin' Down - A Journal's Journey*

Want to create a play from journals or diaries? Here's how. What must be done? What are the pitfalls? Playwright G. M. Calhoun shares tricks and tips of fashioning true stories into theatrical drama. A representative from the Mississippi Humanities Council (MHC) tells how old interviews discovered new life through the Center for Oral History & Cultural Heritage. Included is a presentation of the end result, the commissioned one-act play *TUMBLIN' DOWN*. Free scripts of *Tumblin' Down* will be available at the Keynote courtesy of the MHC.

6:45 p.m.

Actor's Playhouse  
*Rabbit Hole* by David Lindsay-Abaire  
Directed by Denise Halbach  
This production contains strong adult language and material.

WINGS Performing Arts of Lynn Meadows Discovery Center  
*An Appalachian Twelfth Night* by Robert Williams, Jr.

Directed by Tonya Hays

10:00 p.m. Social.

Youth Social

BancorpSouth Convention Center

Adult Social:

Gumtree Museum of Arts

211 West Main Street

Tupelo, MS 38804-3917

**Sunday, January 17, 2009**

Performance

8:00 a.m.

Tupelo Community Theatre  
*Rabbit Hole* by David Lindsay-Abaire  
Directed by Josh Mabus  
This production contains strong adult language.

Starkville Community Theatre  
*Eleemosynary* by Lee Blessing  
Directed by Paula Mabry

11:15 a.m. Awards Ceremony for Individual Events and 10-Minute Festival  
Location: The Lyric Theatre. (Following last production)

11:15 a.m. Load out

TUPELO COMMUNITY THEATRE  
STARKVILLE COMMUNITY THEATRE

11:00 a.m. Division Meetings

The Division meetings are very important to the ongoing development of your division. During these meetings you will discuss with division chairs the festival and future direction of the division. Everyone is encouraged to attend these meetings.

Community Theatre Division: Hilton Garden Inn, Walnut Room  
Secondary Division (CEU Meeting): Hilton Garden Inn, Pecan Room  
Room

12:30 p.m. Business Meeting, Luncheon & Awards Ceremony  
Location: BancorpSouth Conference Center

Theatre For Youth  
Performance Schedule

Tupelo High School  
Fine Arts Auditorium

Friday, January 15, 2010

9:00 a.m.	Welcome and opening remarks
9:15 to 9:45	<i>Alice Thru the Looking Glass</i> (K-3) Oak Grove High School
10:00-10:30	<i>Mission Mississippi</i> (K-5) Perk Players of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
10:45 to 11:15	<i>Schoolhouse Rock</i> (Black Rose) (K-6) Black Rose Theatre
11:30 to 12:00	LUNCH
12:00-12:30	<i>Schoolhouse Rock</i> (Greene C.) (K-6) Greene County High School
12:45-1:15	<i>Questionable</i> (7-8) Actor's Playhouse
1:30 -2:00	<i>Tumbling Down</i> (6-12) WINGS
3:00-3:30	Awards ceremony