

Welcome to the 2007-2008 School Year

Summer is over, and I want to officially welcome you back to another year of exciting theatre in our state. As a State Board we have already met and begun planning for State Conference 2008 and many other events that we host. This *Marquee* contains information about those events and includes some changes that have been made. Please share pertinent information with your peers and students. Pertinent deadlines are listed here as well as information and updates about events. In addition to this letter you will probably receive an area newsletter with information about the area conference and other local events. If at any time you have a question, do not hesitate to call on a State Board member; all of us are most willing to help you with your theatre program. Visit our website often for updates.

We're Proud Of...

One of the newest elected representatives to the OAAE Board is our own webmaster,

David Leist.

INFORMATION LETTERS

Our annual information gathering letter has already been mailed to the almost 800 schools in our state. The letter is our way of updating our addresses book and telling non-troupes about our calendar. We would appreciate these being returned by 10/3/07. If for some reason you did not receive a letter, the letter and accompanying forms are available for download on our website.

In the letter we also asked schools to indicate if they wanted a show screened for a possible invitation to State Conference. This form **needs** to be returned by 10/3/07 and it too is downloadable.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Our North Area SSO, Danielle Welty, was elected as the Region IV International Thespian Officer for the 2007-08 year. She is a member of Midview HS, Troupe # 1674. One of her first 'duties' was to assist in NYC at the Broadway Cares flea market!!!

All-Ohio Show

The Ohio EdTA Board has selected Dead Man Walking as the 2008 State Show. Auditions for the show will be held in the Columbus area Nov. 17th and at Ashland University on Nov. 18th.

All-Ohio Staff is:

Director: Fabio Palonco,

Ashland U. faculty

Tech Director: J. R. Simons

Ashland U., faculty

Designer: George Maxim, IV,

Ashland U. Faculty

Coordinator: Diana Vance

The forms are on our website waiting for you to download them..

This show is truly educational theatre. The rights for this show are tightly controlled and there are many requirements for permission to be granted to present it. Ashland University has sought for two years to obtain the rights and was successful. We are being permitted to present the show as part of AU's production. Conference delegates will be able to share in many of the activities that AU does including an art exhibit. We are very fortunate to be able to produce this show.

You will note on the forms that the Ohio State University is offering a \$1000 scholarship to an All-Ohio company member, another benefit of being a Thespian!

Reminders

Logo Contest is posted on our website. Deadline is Oct. 3rd.

Please complete your info form and return by **October 3rd**, so we will have them in time for our scheduling meeting. We will also continue to send information to non-Troupe Directors who return the form.

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Remember that if you request a featured full-length screening you will be invoiced for a ten-dollar screening fee.

DEADLINES

Leadership Day	10/3
Logo Contest	10/3
Screening Request	10/3
Dues to EdTA	10/15
Trick or Treat so Tots..	10/15
All Ohio Auditions	11/1
Junior Thespians State Conference	11/16
Early Bird Registration	2/22

Event Calendar
Leadership Day Oct. 13
All-Ohio Auditions Nov. 17-18
Jr. Thespian State Conference Nov. 30-Dec. 1
2008 State Thespian Conference April 4-6

Leadership Day – Oct. 13th.

Our annual Leadership Day will be October 13th at Hilliard Davidson HS. Leadership Info and forms are available on our website.

We will have our Junior Thespians meeting to plan their State Conference, our SSOs will be sharing their Leadership training of Festival, State Board members will highlight programs available to students and we will offer the audition workshop requires of 11th graders wishing to audition at State Conference.

The SSOs learned leadership characteristics through the FRED technique which they will share with your students. Additionally a

session for prospective SSOs for 08-09 will be taught by Ohio EdTA Board members.

We will also have an adult track covering current advocacy topics, State Conference updates, and benefits of memberships. We will also have area meetings for networking.

Cost is \$15/person and lunch is provided. The forms are available online to register six students and yourself.

Requests:

Your info form, includes a place for you to list your local media. Ohio EdTA sends information to all large city newspapers and will send info about your troupe and students to media you identify.

We also ask for an e-mail. Since we forward OAAE updates to our members and send e-mail blasts when pertinent new info is posted on our website, please indicate an e-mail which is able to receive attachments.