



MTA EVENT UPDATE

As of 8/23/21

TEACHER WORKSHOP

- The teacher workshop is still scheduled to happen in person on September 10 and 11 in Meridian.
- MTA will continue to monitor the situation weekly. MTA can make the workshop virtual if needed, but most teachers still want it to be in person, at this time.

10 MINUTE REGIONAL FESTIVALS

- The teachers will discuss the 10-minute festival at the teacher workshop to determine if they would still like to have the regional festivals. If so, the teachers will decide at the workshop if the festivals should continue to be in person, or go virtual, in October.

DRAMAFEST

- The consensus of the MTA Executive Committee and the Regional Hosts is at this time (but things may change) to attempt to have Dramafest in person. MTA will work to have 2 one day festivals where the schools will be allowed to watch the other schools in their block, but no additional observing.
- The award ceremony will be held virtually on the Sunday after the festival. This will allow for an adequate amount of time to be had to discuss awards with the judges and to announce the awards appropriately.
- MTA will limit the entries to 14 per region. This will allow for social distancing and less potential exposure for the host schools.
- The festival viewing will be limited to performing students, technicians, teachers, and chaperones. No other spectators will be allowed.
- The host schools believe that if we are in person that the students will have to wear face masks (the host schools are checking to see if clear shields would be allowed) and no one will be allowed in the dressing rooms. (Per hosts mandates.)
- The plan is for the host schools to send out a letter of intent to the potentially participating schools on September 1. Schools will be allowed to submit on September 14. The participating schools will be sent registration information for completion on October 1.
- If a decision to move to a virtual theatre festival is made, it will be on / or before October 1. If this move is needed, the regional festivals will be held on December 10 and 11 (due to conflicts in dates with the MSU University Television Center).

MTA ANNUAL FESTIVAL

- If a decision to move to a virtual theatre festival is made, it will be on / or before November 1. MTA will be held the weekend of January 13 - 16, 2022.
- We will revisit in October if MTA should be a one day or a multi day festival this year

DISCLAIMERS

- Please acquire the appropriate broadcasting licensing, in case of broadcast.
- Hope for the best for an in-person festival, but video your production, just in case.
- If a need to move to a virtual festival happens after the October 1 / November 1 deadlines, MTA will do what it can to have a virtual broadcast, but the worst case scenario is to upload videos to a dropbox folder for adjudicators review.