



Secondary Teachers

Dear Theatre Teachers:

It's that time of the year to start planning for the 2022 Mississippi Theatre Association's Annual Theatre Festival being held January 13 - 16, 2022 in Meridian, MS at the MSU Riley Center.

Many of you are already well into rehearsals for the High School Drama Festivals being held at MSU and USM. Although we would love for all of the theatres to compete at the state level, the time in our schedule just doesn't permit it. However, even if your theatre isn't selected to advance to the state festival, we hope that you will consider attending. If you haven't been to the festival, we hope that you will join us this year, even if only to watch productions, attend workshops and network with others from around the state. You and your students will have the opportunity to see high school productions, community theatre productions, as well as participate in the Individual Events Festival, and the staged reading of our one-act playwriting competition winners.

The festival [website](#) will contain all of the links and information needed to register for the festival. Here you can read more about the festival, Individual Events Festival, College & University Auditions as well as find information to prepare your students for the College & University audition process. The website will also contain hotel information and local contact information.

While MTA is in the planning process to host an in-person festival in January, we are also staying aware of the global health crisis that we are in. If there is a need to adjust our festival to become a virtual festival, due to the strengthening of COVID restrictions, etc. we will post this by November 1, 2021.

MTA is working on a new registration process that we hope to release by November 1. All registration information and directions for how to complete the registration process will be posted on November 1, 2021.

If you have students participating in the College / University Auditions or auditioning for MTA's \$2,000 Scholarship you will need to direct students to register individually at <http://mta.matchingneeds.com>. In lieu of a silent auction to raise funds for MTA's scholarship, we will be hosting a Giving Grid campaign. If you are interested in assisting by providing incentives for this effort, contact Treasurer [Stephanie Chance](#).

Teachers bringing students to the Festival must review with the students the "Code of Conduct" form that can be found on the Secondary Festival website and have each student sign the form. Students need to understand theatre etiquette and how to behave in this type of setting. Please review this and speak directly to this information. This can be burned in at registration, but each student must sign.

The deadline for all registration materials is December 15. Plan ahead as we MUST have it by this date or you may not be able to attend. Please also note changes to the Youth Individual Events Festival and the November 15, 2021 deadline for students participating in this portion of the festival.

Again, we hope that you will consider attending the 2022 Festival. We are very excited about all that the festival has to offer you and your students. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of your regional representatives listed below.

Sincerely,

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