



# Theatre for Youth Festival Information

Directors,

This year's MTA Festival will be held January 15-18, 2026 at Ole Miss in Oxford, MS. The Theatre for Youth Festival will take place on Friday, January 16, 2026. We encourage you to register for this rewarding event!

The Theatre for Youth Festival offers performances geared toward elementary school audiences. Material should be appropriate for grades K-6 and must adhere to a time limit of 30 minutes. Awards for Theatre for Youth Festival will be given at the MTA 2026 awards ceremony on Sunday, January 18, 2026. Refer to the MTA Handbook for complete guidelines.

## Registration

### 1. Theatre for Youth Letter of Intent

- a. Performing groups must complete the Theatre for Youth Letter of Intent Jotform
- b. The Theatre for Youth Letter of Intent opens on September 23rd at 8:00 a.m.
- c. The Theatre for Youth Letter of Intent closes on November 15, at 10:00 a.m.
- d. Performance slots are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis
- e. Once performance slots are filled, remaining groups will be placed on a waitlist
- f. Groups will receive confirmation of their status from the Theatre for Youth chair

### 2. Theatre for Youth Registration

- a. Performing groups must complete the Registration Jotform found [HERE](#).
- b. Registration will open on September 23, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.
- c. Performing groups must receive confirmation of participation status before registration
- d. Performing groups must acquire and show proof of rights to perform and cut (if applicable)
- e. The Theatre for Youth registration deadline is November 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.



### 3. Theatre for Youth Fees

- a. Performance Fee: \$50 for groups participating in MTA 2026
- b. Include TFY on the online organizational registration for MTA 2026

Thank You!

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