

Spotlight on Fall Events

The school year has started and so have Ohio EdTA events. October 4th saw 16 schools and over 150 delegates attend Leadership Day at Hilliard Davidson HS. The adult track hosted Joan Platt, from OAAE who updated us on current issues in Ohio. Jimmy Humphries conducted a session on preparing our students for college auditions and a workshop for students. We continued with an overview of the plans for the coming year and a session on the opportunities available for students.

Students were treated to a preview of the All-State show, opportunities including grants and scholarships and the rules for individual events.

Our Junior Thespians planned their annual State Conference and selected the theme *Stage Fright*.

All students had the opportunity to attend at least one leadership workshop facilitated by our own State Student Officers.

Individual Events Update

The technical Individual Events now include a research portion asking the student to support their choices with research. For all categories but *Costume Construction*, the required play is *The Doll House* by Ibsen. For *Costume Construction* the play is *Private Lives* by Coward.

We have also added Group Acting to our Individual Events. Look for rules when registration materials are posted in late November.

State Conference 2009 Registration

Registration materials for Conference 2009 will be posted on our website by November 30th. Watch your e-mail for a blast telling you when the materials are available.

As of August 1, 2008 as per the new Code of Regulations passed in June 2007, to remain active each troupe must maintain six members.

Annual EdTA Conference- Chicago September 26-28

September saw two of our Board members and many Ohio Troupe Directors attend the annual conference in Chicago. The weekend consisted of two keynote speakers, a panel discussion, at least six workshop choices every session. Many new vendors were in attendance in the vendor area. Friday gave us the opportunity to meet new people at the networking lunch. Saturday began with the annual meeting and the election of Joe Norton as EdTA vice president and Ken Martin of Missouri as a new member of the Board of Directors. The annual Hall of Fame induction was held on the Mystic Blue harbor cruise ship.

Area Conferences

Many of our areas have changed their location and/or dates for conferences. The updated information is:

- SE Conference
Harrison Cent. HS 12/13/08
- N Conference
Edison HS 1/17/09
- C Conference
Centennial HS 12/6/08
- NE Conference
Strongsville HS 1/31/09
- NW Conference
Start HS 1/17/09
- SW Conference
Glen Este HS 1/10/09

Each area conference will have a repeat of the leadership workshop required of all State Student Officer applicants and also the required workshop for Juniors interested in auditioning at State Conference for college representatives.

Check the website for registration materials. Our new website should make your registration easier. Payment still needs to be sent via USPS.

NEW WEB SITE DEBUT

Welcome to the 2008-09 school year. As always your State Board has already started planning State Conference 2009 and the area conferences which will begin in December. Our biggest news is that we have a new website and new email addresses. We invite you to visit our new cyber home at: www.ohedta.org

The new site should be more user friendly for the troupe directors to input registration information. The site also allows all Board members to have organizational e-mail addresses so that we should not end up in your spam mail as many of us did during the blizzard last March and again during the power outage last month.

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.

Please visit our new site often and feel free to email any questions or comments to us.

All-Ohio Show

The Ohio EdTA Board has selected *All Shook Up* as the 2009 State Show. Auditions for the show will be held at Strongsville HS on Nov. 15th, at Hilliard Davidson HS on Nov. 16th and at Cincinnati School for Creative & Performing Arts on Nov. 17th.

All-Ohio Staff ;

Director: Dr. Dan Doerger
Indiana University faculty
Tech Director: Jimmy Humphries
Wittenberg University faculty
Choreographer: Greg Underwood
Free Lance Choreographer
Musical Director: Ann Johnson
Coordinators:
Diana Vance and Mary Lenning

REMINDER

For the thirty schools who have requested screenings, you will be contacted by the Board members who are screening. Invoices will be in the mail shortly for the \$15 screening fee.

DEADLINES

All-Ohio Applications	11/03
Jr. Conf, Registration	11/17
Sprolws Grant	11/28
Early Bird Registration	2/13

Event Calendar

ALL-OHIO AUDITIONS
NOV. 15-17

JR. THESPIAN
STATE CONFERENCE
DEC. 12-13

2009 STATE THESPIAN
CONFERENCE
MARCH 27-29
BEAVERCREEK HS

New Membership Class

The Governing Board of EdTA has added a new membership class

Affiliate Professional

This new membership class is for those schools which have co-directors/advisors or for any adult who assists with your program. The membership includes all the benefits of the professional membership. The Code of Regulations continues to permit only **one** person, designated by the school as troupe director, to have access to ordering of troupe supplies and verifying students for induction.

If you have changed troupe directors you need to submit a form signed by your administrator indicating the change so that your troupe will continue to receive troupe supplies.