

Congratulations to the All-Ohio Company

The first weekend of December saw 73 students from 26 schools auditioning and interviewing for the 2012 All-Ohio show, *The Laramie Project*. The performers auditioned for Director, Nancy Wolfgang from Youngstown State University and the technicians presented their portfolios and were interviewed by Technical Director, Jamie Stamper from Beavercreek High School.

Congratulations to the 27 students representing 16 schools.

Cast

Zachry Bailey Trp. 6300
Nick Beecroft Trp. 2204
Cecelia Bellomy, Trp. 6116
Trvais Bihn, Trp. 4463
Laura Eastborn, Trp. 6411
Julie Locker, Trp. 2807
Joseph Logan Trp. 7415
Brittney Madison, Trp. 5440
Kolin Morgenstern, Trp. 6411
Gabrielle Peters, Trp. 6116
Daniel Price, Trp. 3323
Emily Prior, Trp. 1316
Hannah Quinn, Trp. 4463
Kate Robinson, Trp. 2204
Andrew Sanders, Trp. 1553
David Scarpitti, Trp. 6411
Gabi Shook, Trp., 1717
Sviatoslav Tchoul, Trp. 2204

Technicians

Noah Baskes, Trp. 4100
Ian Charland, Trp. 1489
David Corson, Trp. 2204
Elisabeth Crabtree, T. 1316
Emily Duerr, Trp. 2204
Erica Layman, Trp. 2512
Haydn Wells, Trp. 1316
Shelby Williams, Trp. 6944
Ali Winters, Trp. 2512

They will begin work on the show on January 13th

Area Conferences

Here is the current, updated information about Area Conferences.

- C Conference
Hilliard Bradley HS 1/7/12
- SW Conference
Stivers 1/7/12
- NW Conference
Anthony Wayne HS 1/14/2011
- N Conference
Edison HS 1/14/2011
- NE Ares
Firestone HS 1/28/12

Opportunities (cont.)

For Teachers - Grants to go to Conference (all cover registration and one PDI) **Deadline for the following is April 2, 2012.**

- **The Experienced Teacher Grant** (7 to 15 years teaching experience)
- **The New Teacher Grant** (under 6 years of teaching experience) up to two (2) will be awarded
- **The Pre-professional Grant** for any pre-professional member. Up to two (2) will be awarded

For students—Essay Contest—Democracy Works. The winner and chaperone attend the National Arts Advocacy Day. **Deadline is February 24,**

Congratulations to Andrea Costin, from Trp. 3329 whose one-act placed 2nd in Bakers' Play High School Debuts. She also won a cash prize and royalties for life. Her piece will have its world premier at the N area Conference.

Things to do in January

There are many opportunities whose deadlines are in February. Besides planning for State Conference and attending area conference, listed below are opportunities for you and your students. Complete Information for all of these is available at

www.schooltheatre.org

For students - Playworks, the opportunity to have a drama-turge and a director work with the playwright and present the piece as reader's theatre at the end of the week at Festival. Submissions of the one-act plays is **February 1, 2012**

For students—Scholarships, which do not require attendance at Festival

- for theatre education major a \$1500 scholarship, The Bob and Marti Fowler/Practical Theatre Scholarship
- for the student majoring in technical theatre a \$1000, the Yeatman Technical Theatre Scholarship
- The EdTA Michael J. Peitz Scholarship offers \$1000 to a student who demonstrates leadership abilities in and out of school and need not be majoring in theatre.

Deadline for these three scholarships is April 2, 2012

- for the student who exemplifies the ideals of the Thespian Society there is the Jhon Marshall/Int'l Thespian Officer, offers two (2) \$1000 scholarships one of which specifically honors a crew member. **Deadline February 1, 2012**

For students—Grants to go to Lincoln

- Doug Finney Grant - 4 available—pays all registration and the a portion of travel expenses. Must be an inducted Thespian
- Ronald L. Longstreth Int'l Thespian Festival Grant—one grant pays for registration and a portion of travel expenses to a student who is a foreign exchange student.

Deadline for both of these is **February 1, 2012**

For students—Nominate a teacher as the ITS Inspirational Theatre Education Award. Award is presented at Festival and up to three (3) teachers are recognized.

Deadline for nominations for this award is **February 15, 2012**

For adults—other awards for individuals or schools are: ITS Honorary Thespian of the Year, EdTA Administrator's Award, EdTA Outstanding School Award (up to 12 are recognized), **The Int'l Thespian Society's Spirit of Thespis** and **EdTA Hall of Fame** for those who have devoted more than 20 years of service in educational theatre. **Deadline for all five of these awards is February 15, 2012**

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Further details for any of these opportunities are at www.schooltheatre.org under either grants or scholarships. The essay contest is under 'Democracy Works'.