

Conference is taking shape

Registration

Your registration for the Early Bird deadline was extended to February 20th, and we know the weather this year has made registration a challenge so for many of you those four extra days were needed. You may still register students between now and March 15th., you cannot add an IE, a marathon, shuttle service or a scholarship. After the 15th we cannot guarantee meals, so please register all your students as soon as possible. The Board is meeting March 3-4 and creating the schedule which will be posted on our website March 10th. Each registered troupe will also receive a Post-Registration packet in the mail with more information.

Silent Auction

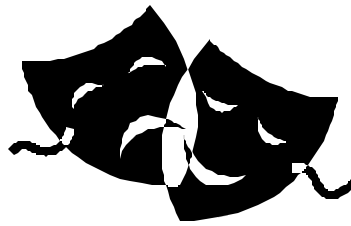
The State Student Officer's have always had the responsibility for raising scholarship money for the Bob Fose scholarship. The silent auction is one of their projects. Many autographed *Playbills*, posters, and other memorabilia have been collected and will be in the auction. Remind all your delegates—students and adults—to bring money for auction items.

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contest deadline is
April 20, Instructions are at
www.edta.org.

New this Year at Conference

College auditions for 11th graders will be held Saturday for those juniors who attended one of our seven workshops throughout the year. Each student is asked to send a resume via snail mail or email. Instructions will be in the post registration packet.

Auditions for *Hairspray* will also be held at our Conference on Saturday. Home Office has notified us that besides the students who have pre-registered, they will take walk-ins. Candidates must be graduating in 2008 or later. The national cast production of the show will be performed at Festival in 2008.



SSOs

The SSOs have collected for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights Aids throughout the year at the various area conferences and will continue their efforts at Conference. To date they have already raised more than last year, and Conference hasn't even occurred! Joe Norton, a producer for Broadway Cares, will be in attendance at Conference and the SSOs are excited about presenting him with their efforts from this year. Remind your delegates who wish to support this cause to bring a few dollars for a bracelet and ribbon.

Tech Challenge

This year we are adding Tech Challenge. Teams representing their schools will be given technical tasks to complete in a given time period. This was introduced at Festival 2006 and is an opportunity for your techies who aren't necessarily designers to be recognized. Look in your Post Registration packet for more info.

Chaperone Help

As always we are always in need of adult supervision throughout the Conference. Remember to ask the chaperones accompanying you where they would like to assist.

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Conference Events

Along with the new events listed, the old favorites will be at Conference too..Boutique with unusual theatre-related merchandise, displays from theatre vendors and universities, the dance, the annual meeting and Hall of Fame dinner, the adult hospitality room, IEs Best and over 50 workshops. Start getting more rest now,,,,,you'll need it to keep your momentum March 30th through April 1. All the Board members have worked diligently throughout the year for this event and are looking forward to sharing it with you. Make it a point to sit and talk to a Board member (if we slow down long enough to sit),

Area Conferences Recap

All six areas held an area conference and all had their own flavor, from the very special showboards for each school at NE to the ducks at SW. New troupe directors got a feel for what an Ohio Conference was like and had an opportunity to speak to many Board members. Each Area conference had an Adult Concerns session for the troupe directors to catch up on the latest Ohio EdTA news. Area reps at each conference conducted a leadership workshop for students interested in becoming a State Student Officer. If you have never attended your area conference, pencil it into your plans for next year.

All-Ohio Update

The company of the All-Ohio show has now had 8 days of rehearsals and the show is coming together nicely.

A trivia note about the show...the choreographer, Dr. Dan Doerger, was himself in an All-Ohio show. Additionally this is the third All-Ohio which Jhon Marshall has directed.

The twenty-nine students represent 18 schools from all areas of the state.