

Illinois High School Theatre Festival

Dear Parents of a Drama Clubber –

The Illinois High School Theatre Festival is a weekend of theatre performances and workshops with an emphasis on education. The Festival is over 30 years old and is attended by over 4000 Illinois high school students. In addition to workshops and productions, senior students will have opportunity to audition for college theatre programs.



Theatre Fest is designed to allow students the freedom to choose the activities in which they would like to participate. There are approximately 12-15 offerings during each time slot. Therefore, students will have the opportunity to attend according to their interests. They can take seminars on anything from stage make-up techniques to technology in the theatre to improvisation (a complete workshop list will be published closer to the festival). Moreover, students have the opportunity to see shows presented by other high schools. More information is available at <http://www.illinoistheatrefest.org/>.

The Festival this year will be held on the campus of the University of Illinois – Urbana / Champaign. We will be leaving towards the end of the school day on Thursday, January 8th and returning in the evening of Saturday, January 10th. All Thespian students are invited to attend, however, we are only bringing 13 students. Because the Festival is so popular, we are sending in our registration materials ASAP. Get your materials in pronto as we will be First Come First Serve. However, priority will be given to Seniors who intend to audition.

The cost of the festival is \$150. That includes registration fee for the festival and all show tickets. Warren Theatre will supplement Hotel Accommodations and transportation to and from the festival. Students will be responsible for paying for their own meals on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Checks should be made payable to Warren Township High School.

In order to reserve your spot, you must have the signed parent permission slip as well as the Festival's medical release form. Your spot will not be held if you are missing paperwork. Also, there is Festival Gear available for pre-order (at a discount). You can pre-order on the Festival Website and have the Fest Gear ready when we arrive at Festival. Finally, if students are planning on auditioning for college, the cost is an additional \$10 (Warren Theatre will split the cost).

The Festival organizers suggest that "students should travel in groups of at least three, and inform their chaperone of their schedule." We will be enforcing that recommendation as well as school rules. Please be aware that should a student choose to disobey school rules or policy, the parents will be responsible for picking their student up from the Festival in Champaign.

I am excited for the opportunity to bring students to the Illinois High School Theatre Festival. As a high school student, I went three years, and those trips are among my favorite experiences. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Adam Miller', is written over the typed name.

Adam Miller
Theatre Director

Illinois High School Theatre Festival

Warren Township High School

Release, Consent and Indemnity Agreement

I, the undersigned, give permission for my son/daughter to attend the Illinois High School Theatre Festival Jan. 8-10, 2015 at University of Illinois – Urbana / Champaign and hereby agree as follows:

1. To forever waive and release any and all claims, demands, or causes or actions for damages or injuries to my person or property whenever location, against the said Warren Township High School and Warren Theatre, its officers, agents, and employees that may occur during the course of the Illinois High School Theatre Festival.
2. We agree to indemnify Warren Township High School and Warren Theatre, its officers, agents, and employees against any damages or injuries to this person or property of others that the said student may cause while participating in the Illinois High School Theatre Festival. I further agree to indemnify Warren Township High School, Warren Theatre, its officers, agents, and employees against any consequences that may result from the student's failure to remain under the supervision of, or to comply with the rules of Warren Township High School and Warren Theatre.
3. I further agree that in the event that the student's participation is terminated by Warren Theatre, any of its officers, agents, or employees, that the student shall, at his/her own expense or the expenses of his/her parents, be sent home without refund or any prepayment in connect with the Illinois High School Theatre Festival. Decisions to terminate participation shall be made by Mr. Miller
4. I also authorize the nearest hospital or doctor to give emergency medical treatment to my son/daughter while on the trip.
5. I do certify that said student is covered by adequate medical insurance. My consent and signature is given below. I have read and agree to the information give in this entire form.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 2014

Student Name

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

Signature or Parent/Guardian

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CHECKLIST

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Read over the packet of information with your parents _____

\$150 to secure your spot on the trip _____

Release, Consent and Indemnity Agreement Form _____

Festival Medical/Liability Release Form _____

ALL FOUR OF THESE MUST BE CHECKED OFF TO HOLD YOUR SPOT ON THE TRIP. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Student College/University Audition Application _____
(*OPTIONAL*)

REMINDER: Spots will be held on a first come first serve basis (see letter for more details). We can only bring 15 students to ITF. You must have all four of the items at the top of this checklist completed in order to hold your spot.

Payment Calculator

Cost of the Trip \$150

Optional College Audition (\$10) _____

TOTAL (check payable to Warren Township High School) _____

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COLLEGE AUDITIONS

Any student graduating in the 2014-2015 school year may participate in the performance auditions and technical portfolio presentations for representatives of major training programs. As in the past, all Illinois college and university theatre departments have been invited to participate in this program, as well as other theatre departments from outside of Illinois. The goal is to give students an opportunity to audition/present for college representatives while refining and enriching their auditioning/presenting skills.

Auditions/Presentations will be held Friday, January 9, 2015, and times will be posted online by December 1, 2014.

Students: While it would be great to give EVERY student a chance to experience this process, please remember that spaces are limited and the time for our college representatives to see these talented students is at a premium. Please register ONLY if you are seriously considering a career in the theatre. The Illinois High School Theatre Festival reserves the right to limit the number of students a school may have based on overall numbers and available time slots.

Audition/Presentation Requirements:

1. Performance auditions must not exceed two minutes, including introductions and transitions.

Auditions will be timed. Students should prepare:

- A single monologue, or
- Two short contrasting monologues, or
- A short monologue and 16 bars of a song. An accompanist will be provided. Please bring appropriately marked sheet music in your key.

Note: Students should avoid character/age/dialect roles beyond their individual talents and age ranges.

2. Technical portfolio presentations will be scheduled simultaneously with the performance auditions. Students will:

- Display their work (i.e. portfolios, pictures, displays) to a table of 2-3 college/university representatives
- Give a two-minute presentation at each table
- Answer questions from the college/university representatives

All student auditionees/presenters must be registered with their school (except All-State cast and crew members) for the Festival. Eligibility for participants is limited to graduating students who plan to enter college in the summer or fall of 2015 to study theatre. Each auditionee/presenter must pay a non-refundable \$20 audition/presentation fee.

4. Note regarding callbacks – Auditionees will be emailed a list of those colleges wishing to see them. Callback lists will only be released to the auditionee. It is the student's responsibility to visit college representatives who wish to see them on the exhibit floor.

We will have a Warren auditionee meeting once we have registered to work on resumes and portfolios. If you are planning on auditions, be sure to add \$10 to your fee (Warren Theatre will split the cost of the audition) and include your e-mail address on the Checklist form. You will receive an e-mail with information regarding the auditionee meeting in late September.

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TENTATIVE FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015

3:30pm

Leave from O'Plaine Campus (Students at Almond may ride the activity bus over).

4:00–8:30 pm

Registration

8:00 pm

College/University Auditionees' Meeting

Sponsor Meeting

8:30 pm

Opening Ceremony

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2015

Most activities begin at 9:00 am.

Morning

College/University Acting Auditions and Technical Interviews

Workshops, Showcases, Full-Lengths

Afternoon

College/University Acting Auditions continue

Workshops, Showcases, Full-Lengths continue

7:15pm

All-State Performance – *Pippin*

10:00 pm

Student Dance/Activities

ITA Meeting/Sponsors' Reception

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2015

Most activities begin at 10:00 am.

Morning

Workshops, Showcases, Full-Lengths continue

Afternoon

Showcases, Full-Lengths continue

Evening

Return to O'Plaine Campus

**Please Note: No specific times are set aside for meals, and you are responsible for paying for your own meals!*

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Sponsor Information

Mr. Miller (630) 677 1609

Mrs. Riddell (847) 571-0850

Hotel Information

Ramada Urbana / Champaign

902 West Killarney Street

Urbana, IL 61801

(309) 827-5333

Festival Rules

- If you, or your school, have performance tickets that you are not going to use or swap, please turn them in to the swap desk at least 30 minutes before curtain time.
- As an audience member, you are part of the performance, but you are not a performer. Therefore, good manners toward those on stage are extremely important.
- Please plan to maintain a full schedule for both Friday and Saturday. Get plenty of rest so that you do not find yourself losing interest or energy in the middle of the day. Many professionals and schools have donated time to provide quality workshops and shows. Please show your appreciation by attending every event that you can.
- You must wear your Festival badge to all events, including Friday night activities. Your badge must include your full name and school name. Note: A sponsor, monitor, or University staff member has the right to ask to see your badge. Replacement badges must be purchased at Festival headquarters (for \$3) if originals are lost. Replacement Festival Program books are also available (for \$4).
- The use of drugs/alcohol during attendance at the Festival is absolutely prohibited. Parents of a student who is found in violation will be contacted and requested to remove the student immediately—no matter what time of the day or night.
- Students should travel in groups of at least three and inform their chaperone of their schedule. Emergency phones are located throughout the campus and will connect you to the campus police if needed. (Refer to back of name badge for numbers.)
- Curfew: City ordinance requires that no minor be on the streets without an adult after 11:00 pm on Thursday and 11:59 pm on Friday. In an effort to keep hotel behavior consistent among all schools and to keep the Festival a positive experience for everyone, the Festival has established a housing curfew. All students are expected to be in their rooms and quiet by 12:00 am Thursday and 1:00 am Friday.
- Please remember that you are representatives of your school's theatre program and conduct yourselves accordingly. The Festival is a time to share new ideas and concepts. It is expected that you will be polite and receptive at all performances and workshops.