

HIGH SCHOOL ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL

An educational event fostering positive student collaboration and development of quality theater arts, while connecting students with community college educators and theater programs in the Lower Columbia region. Students are encouraged to visit with instructors between play sessions to learn about various schools and available scholarship opportunities.

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2018

Location: Stageworks Northwest, 1433 Commerce Ave., Longview, WA 98632

Schedule:

7:30 am	Theater open for setup
8:30 am	Play #1: <i>Wishing Moon</i> - Wahkiakum High School
10:00 am	Play #2: <i>An Undisclosed Location</i> - Washougal High School
11:00 am	Lunch break (compliments of Gyros Gyros, 1338 Commerce, Longview)
12:30 pm	Play #3: <i>The Empty Chair</i> - R.A. Long High School
2:00 pm	Play #4: <i>Wurzel-Flummery</i> - R.A. Long High School
3:00 pm	Break and Judging Session
3:30 pm	Awards Celebration

Please plan to arrive well in advance of your assigned curtain time to allow for parking and ample setup for your production.

Admission

Admission to the festival is free and open to the public. Participants are welcome to view any of the plays from the audience.

Judges

The judge’s panel will consist of regional community college theater instructors or regional directors. There will be a total of 30 minutes available for a talkback session immediately following each play, for judges to give oral critique and comments directly to the cast. Students should demonstrate a willingness to constructively utilize the information provided by the judges. The judges will also select the competition awards, including first place and runner ups for lead actor/actress, supporting actor /actress, student director, and judge’s choice for overall play.

Each of the four plays will also be presented at Stageworks Northwest on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 26, 27 and 28, 2018. Friday and Saturday evening performances will be at 7:30 pm, and the Sunday performance will be a 2:00 pm matinee. Tickets will be \$10 per person and may be purchased online at www.stageworksnorthwest.org, or at the door one hour prior to performance.

Event Rules

All participants are required to exercise professional conduct and respect for colleagues and fellow students all times.

Responsibilities of Director

Directors must:

- Communicate goals and behavior expectations of the festival to students and others involved.
- Communicate to all students and their families rules prohibiting flash photography and videotaping copyrighted material. All participants should be advised of proper care of all stage equipment and facilities.
- Oversee the well-being and conduct of students at all times. Directors should anticipate transportation needs and accompany their students at all times.

Timing of Production

There shall be no prompting of the actors during the performance of the play. Following the presentation of each play the cast will immediately assemble for judges' critique and comments. Afterward, there will be a short break for technicians to strike the set and set up for the next performance.

Facilities and Set

- **Theatre** – A seating chart is available on our website at www.stageworksnorthwest.org. There is a concessions bar in the lobby, restrooms upstairs on the mezzanine, and dressing rooms on the third floor. Parking is available on the street or in the parking lot behind the building, and there is alley access behind the stage for load-in. Participants are also welcome to visit the theater by appointment to become familiar with the logistics of the stage, lighting and sound. Please contact us at (360) 636-4488 if you wish to schedule a visit.
- **Scenery** – Stageworks Northwest will provide furniture for each of the four entries. Any other props, costumes or additional scenery must be provided by the school, and should be minimal and designed for quick set up and striking. Load-in and load-out must take place only during designated strike times between plays. Please respect that cast and designated crew ONLY are allowed in the backstage areas, including dressing rooms. No props or scenery may be placed on stage prior to set-up time. No group should include expensive and valuable items as they can be misplaced or damaged, and Stageworks Northwest is not responsible for the safety and security of these items. Each group should have a designated representative responsible for the safety of its scenery and props during the festival.
- **Lighting and Sound** – Basic lighting and sound systems will be available. The school should furnish any needed sound effects, and the director or a technician will need to be present to operate cues or advise the stage manager from the technical control area during the production.

Dressing Rooms

Dressing room space is on our third floor, and availability will follow the same schedule as setup and strike on the stage. Cast and designated crew ONLY are allowed in this area. Limited makeup is encouraged and each school is expected to furnish its own makeup. Please remove all costumes, personal items and any trash following your production. This is not a secure facility and will be used by all groups, so please remember to leave all valuables at home.

Stageworks Northwest welcomes its guests and invites your participation. But likewise, we ask that you be respectful of our theater space, including costumes, props and technical equipment. Please understand that these storage areas are off limits and not to be entered or disturbed. Thank you for your consideration!

Participation Expectations

- Please exercise professional conduct and respect for colleagues and fellow students all times. Control all noise so that it does not interfere with performances or distract the audience or judges.
- Be respectful of the actors – no talking or texting during a performance. Please silence all mobile devices, and refrain from exiting or entering the theater during a performance.
- Photography and video recording is not permitted during performances due to copyright law.
- Food and drink is allowed in the theater, but please be courteous to minimize any noise. Please respect the theater space and do not leave wrappers or containers behind. Dispose of all trash or recyclables in designated containers.

Need More Info? Please contact us at:

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