



Conference About Volunteers Of Regional Theatre

Do you CAVORT? Would you like to?

CAVORT – **C**onference **A**bout **V**olunteers of **R**egional **T**heatre – is a non-profit organization designed to celebrate the valuable work of volunteers in non-profit professional theatres.

Every two years, CAVORT presents a conference hosted by a member theatre. It's a chance for exchanging ideas, networking with other theatre volunteers, seeing a show or two, and enjoying the company of like-minded theatre supporters.

Individual membership is \$10.00 (US) from conference to conference (2 years) if you're affiliated with a LORT theatre and it is a member - \$15.00 (US) if you are not. Benefits include the CAVORT newsletter and the invitation to the conference. You must join to attend.

LORT Theatre membership is \$100.00 (US) from conference to conference. Benefits include the CAVORT newsletter and a vote at the Conference General Meeting. Theatre staff is encouraged to attend the conference.

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Please come join us at CAVORT!

Sincerely,
Wendy T. Ledford

Why should you attend CAVORT 2018 in San Diego?

People who visit San Diego for the first time are amazed to discover cool SD. We like to think of San Diego as an unexpectedly amazing theatre town. Please take advantage of that while here for **CAVORT 2018, October 11 - 13**, hosted by **The Old Globe Theatre**.

San Diego is a destination. In addition to having so many wonderful theatres, we have the San Diego Symphony, San Diego Opera, World Famous San Diego Zoo, Sea World, and our beaches! Just to name a few. Look under the section about "What Else to Do in San Diego" and plan ahead.

Participants will be offered an optional extra tour of the Old Globe's Technical Center which is not part of the tour included in the conference, plus a San Diego Trolley tour and lunch with shopping available in Seaport Village. The optional tour is Thursday morning, 8:30 October 11 and is completed prior to check in at 3:00.

The Old Globe Theatre! Located in Balboa Park. Conference registrants will see a play on our main stage at the Old Globe on the Friday night of the conference.

During the conference, participants will get a peek behind the curtain to learn how The Old Globe Theatre mounts full productions in multiple theatres with 15 plays each year. Plus, we have speakers who will share about our education and outreach programs.

Network with other volunteers! Conferees will have the chance to network with their counterparts from theatres across the United States and Canada throughout the conference. They will be able to interact with other volunteers to discover what services they provide for their theatres and how they go about performing them.

A roundtable experience will give participants a chance to learn how volunteers at numerous theatres handle everything from recruitment to rewards and lots of interests in between. Roundtable topics will include volunteer matters such as starting and managing a volunteer program, recruitment and retention of volunteers, theatre services provided by volunteers, communication with and among volunteers.

Conference sessions will address fundraising, the advocacy role of volunteers, electronic communications, and how to use them to your advantage. Some of the sessions will feature panels with representatives from different theatres sharing their strategies as well as providing the audience with a chance to "pick their brains."

Representatives of Theatres are invited to submit Bright Ideas of their latest successes for judging. Perhaps even more valuable than the competition, a printed collection of all Bright Ideas submissions will be available for registered conference participants, plus on the website Theatre groups will also be invited to request a table on which they can mount a display to share information about their theatre and their volunteer program.

The Globe Guilders will make it our mission to extend the welcome mat for CAVORT visitors.