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Warm Holiday Greetings From:
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Celebrate Theatre



The tenth annual Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival, "Celebrate Theatre!" produced by the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association, UW-Madison Department of Liberal Studies and the Arts and the Alliance for Wisconsin Theatre Education was a tremendous success! This outstanding 2000 Theatre Festival was hosted by UW-Whitewater on November 16, 17 and 18, 2000.

on" opportunities for students, teachers and directors to enhance their theatre skills were a popular part of the event.

Fifty-one (51) selected high schools were invited to showcase their one-act productions at the 2000 State Festival and performed both Friday and Saturday in the Barnett and Festival theatres. These plays were representative of the outstanding theatre work being done across the state by dedicated students and directors.

The 2000 theatre extravaganza opened on Thursday evening with a wonderful Showcase performance of *The Night Thoreau Spent In Jail*, by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee. This outstanding production, was performed by Superior Senior High School and directed by Joy Bashara-Ingram.

Many state colleges and universities as well as a number of commercial companies were available to display their products and talk to interested students and teachers in the gallery exhibit area.

Friday's Showcase production was *Cinderella*, by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein. This beloved fantasy was directed by Ron Parker and performed by Appleton North High School. Special applause to ALL involved in both outstanding productions.

Special commendations go to Marshall Anderson, Steven Chene, Tom Colwin, Charles Grover, and Linda Hurstad (Chair) of the UW-Whitewater Department of Theatre/Dance - and to a wonderful group of UW-Whitewater students, all of whose many efforts made the 2000 Festival a smashing success! Bravo!!

Total attendance at the 2000 Theatre Festival was over 1,900 participants. Make plans now to attend the eleventh annual Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival, to be hosted by UW-Stevens Point on November 15, 16, and 17, 2001.

Friday and Saturday offered a number of interesting and educational workshops which covered a wide variety of theatre topics including: Mime Time: An Intro to Mime Technique, Kabuki: Classic Theatre from Japan, Outer Space - An Actor Warm-up, Fantasy Make-up, The Art of Creating Costume Accessories and Props, and the always popular Tech Olympics. These and many other "hands-

OUTSTANDING DIRECTING AWARDS - 2000

Twenty-five directors earned the "Outstanding Directing" award at the 2000 State Theatre Festival. The individuals recognized are:

| SCHOOL | PLAY TITLE | DIRECTOR |
|----------------------------|--|------------------|
| Adams-Friendship | Bathers | Thomas Wetzel |
| Appleton North | The Fifteen Minute Hamlet | Ron Parker |
| Appleton West | Bury The Dead | Michael Daehn |
| Ashland | Ludlow Fair | Jan Lee |
| Augusta | Crying Out | Susan Maenner |
| Brookfield East | The Elevator | Linda Aeppler |
| Cedarburg | A Piece Of My Heart | Ann Johnson |
| Greenfield Whitnall | The Comedy Of Errors | Jym Clark |
| Iola-Scandinavia | Sometimes I Wake Up In The Middle Of The Night | Jennifer Kopecky |
| Kenosha Bradford | The Mystery Of Edwin Drood | Holly Stanfield |
| Loyal | Games | Richard Hoffman |
| Marinette Catholic Central | Of Poems, Youth And Spring | Maria Bragonier |
| Mequon Homestead | A Midsummer Night's Dream | Clare McCain |
| Mukwonago | Bernice Bobs Her Hair | Diana Heagle |
| New Berlin West | The Dead Wife | Erinne Bruce |
| Oshkosh West | The Grapes Of Wrath | Tom Lynch |
| Pulaski | Yearbook | Amy Tubbs |
| Rhineland | The Drive-In | Michael Cupp |
| Viroqua | All The World's A Stage | Sherry Getter |
| Waukesha West | The Death And Life Of Larry Benson | Chuck Malone |
| Waunakee | Making Nice | Cathy Alkison |
| Waupaca | A Midsummer Night's Dream | Rick Braun |
| Whitefish Bay/Dominican | The Crucible | Laura Shucha |
| | | Monica Reeves |
| | | Jeff Schaezke |

2001 WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL APRIL 6-7, 2001

Postcards will be sent to all schools that returned the "time preference lottery card" to the State Office. The card will indicate the time slot that all students from your school will be scheduled. If you do not receive an assigned time slot postcard by December 22, 2000, contact the State Office for assignment to an available Saturday time.



THEATRE T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

If you were unable to purchase a "Celebrate Theatre" 2000 t-shirt at State Theatre Festival - WE HAVE SOME AVAILABLE!! XL only - \$10.00 each. Call the State Office at 608/882-6004. We will mail- 1st called, 1st served - while supply lasts!

WHSFA SPEECH ADJUDICATION

Speech Adjudication Workshops will continue during the 2nd semester. A reminder; all judges at all levels must be WHSFA certified! Each school must also provide either one or two WHSFA certified judges for State. If you or your judges are not certified - now is the time!

If you are interested in attending any of the listed workshops and did not receive registration materials or you wish to host an Adjudicator Workshop - call the State Office at 608/882-6004

Madison University High School
Milwaukee - December 14, 2000
(Thursday) 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Baldwin-Woodville High School
January 3, 2001
(Wednesday) 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Lancaster High School
January 6, 2001
(Saturday) 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Amherst High School
January 18, 2001
(Thursday) 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Eau Claire Memorial High School
January 20, 2001
(Saturday) 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

* As of 12/7/00

OUTSTANDING ACTING AWARDS - 2000

Many actors/ensembles met the criteria and received "Outstanding Acting" award plaques at the 2000 WHSFA State Theatre Festival. The award recipients are:

| SCHOOL | PLAY TITLE | ACTOR/CHARACTER |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Adams-Friendship | Bathers | Ensemble |
| Algoma | The Stolen Prince | Mike McGuire (LeeMee the Duck) |
| Appleton North | The Fifteen Minute Hamlet | Ensemble |
| Appleton West | Bury The Dead | Ensemble |
| Ashland | Ludlow Fair | Lesa Ollenketo (Rachel) |
| | | Juliette Daum (Agnes) |
| Augusta | Crying Out | Ensemble |
| Brookfield East | The Elevator | Ensemble |
| Burlington | Working | Ensemble |
| Cedarburg | A Piece Of My Heart | Missy Buser (Leeann) |
| | | Ensemble |
| DeForest | ...And Stuff | Caroline Burrell (Sandy) |
| | | Ensemble |
| Eagle River- Northland Pines | Making Nice | Kourtney Kubacki (Barbara) |
| | | Courtney Belcher (Ellen) |
| | | Ensemble |
| Elmwood | The Effect Of Gamma Rays On Man In The Moon Marigolds | Andrea Crownhart (Ruth) |
| | DUI=DOA | Ensemble |
| Freedom | The Comedy Of Errors | James Lepak (Antipholus of Syracuse) |
| Greenfield Whitnall | | Adam Panucci (Antipholus of Ephesus) |
| | | Adam Barnhart (Dromio of Syracuse) |
| | | Troy Fannin (Dromio of Ephesus) |
| | | Jessie Lepak (Adriana) |
| | | Laura Schachtile (Luciana/Wench) |
| | | Ensemble |
| Iola-Scandinavia | Sometimes I Wake Up In The Middle Of The Night | Michele Gullikson (Lona) |
| | | Josh Youngblood (Stefan) |
| | | Ensemble |
| Kenosha Bradford | The Mystery Of Edwin Drood | Tim Hennessey (Wm. Cartwright/Mayor) |
| | | Matt Grimmer (Deputy/Master Bascomb) |
| | | Ensemble |
| Kenosha Tremper | The Insanity Of Mary Girard | Katie Kaczmarek (Mary Girard) |
| Kewaunee | Voices From The High School Games | Jessica Lischka (Shelia/Rosa) |
| Loyal | Of Poems, Youth And Spring | Ensemble |
| Marquette Catholic Central Medford | The Tibetan Book Of The Dead | Laura Anderson (Susan) |
| | | Rachel Zuleger (Dancer 1) |
| | | Musicians Ensemble |
| Mequon Homestead | A Midsummer Night's Dream | Kyle Steck (Snout) |
| | | Brian Michel (Bottom) |
| | | Ensemble |
| Middleton | The Whole Shebang | Casey Schmitt (A Man) |
| | | Natalie Hegg (A Woman) |
| Mukwonago | Bernice Bobs Her Hair | Candace Carlson (Marjorie) |
| | | Ensemble |
| New Berlin West | The Dead Wife | Christina Rindt (Laura) |
| | | Jennie Rand (Maud) |
| | | Ensemble |
| Niagara | A Bird Of Prey | Ensemble |
| Oshkosh West | The Grapes Of Wrath | Chad Sheveland (Tom Joad) |
| | | Carrie Schultz (Ma) |
| | | Ensemble |
| Peshigo | The Scheme Of The Driftless Shifter | Ensemble |
| Plymouth | Tales Of Chelm | Ensemble |
| Pulaski | Yearbook | Ensemble |
| Rhineland | The Drive-In | Ryan Grant (Rob) |
| | | Ensemble |
| Superior Senior | The Actor's Nightmare | Tyler Christian (George) |
| Sussex-Hamilton | The Insanity Of Mary Girard | Shannon O'Connell (Mary Girard) |
| Tomahawk | A Rose For Emily | Renee Raasch (Emily Grierson) |
| Viroqua | All The World's A Stage | Nic Brown (Antony) |
| | | Maxx Miller (The Modern Student) |
| Waukesha North | The Actor's Nightmare | Casey Van Dam (George Spelvin) |
| Waukesha West | The Death And Life Of Larry Benson | Katie Bickel (Freda Benson) |
| | | Matt Werlein (The Boy) |
| | | Ty Toepfer (Sam Benson) |
| | | Ensemble |
| Waunakee | Making Nice | Ensemble |
| Waupaca | A Midsummer Night's Dream | Laura Schroeder (Helena) |
| | | Natalie McPeak (Puck) |
| | | Ensemble |
| Wauwatosa West | Baby | Chris Perez (Baby) |
| | | Brandon DeShayzer (Grandpa) |
| Whitefish Bay/Dominican | The Crucible | Aaron Schmidt (Proctor) |
| | | Ensemble |

LOST AND FOUND - THEATRE FESTIVAL

Two jackets, a teal/green shirt, a white blouse, a disposable camera, three hats, and a camera? case were turned in to WHSFA at the State Theatre Festival in Whitewater. To claim, please call the State Office at 608/882-6004.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2ND SEMESTER

January 13, 2001

Latest date for WHSFA State Qualifying Debate

January 25, 26, 27, 2001

WHSFA State Debate (UW-Oshkosh)
(2 - Speaker & 4 - Speaker)

February 10, 2001

Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level Division - Level I

February 24, 2001

Latest date for WHSFA Subdistrict Speech

March 3, 2001

Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level Division - Level II

March 10, 2001

Latest date for WHSFA District Speech

April 6-7, 2001

WHSFA State Speech (UW-Madison)

April 15, 2001

Easter

May 3-4, 2001

WHSFA Board of Control Meeting
(WI Dells)

CRITIC'S CHOICE AWARDS - 2000

Of the fifty-one schools at the WHSFA State Theatre Festival, ten were recognized for exemplary theatrical skills by receiving the "Critics Choice" award.

The schools awarded were:

Appleton North
Appleton West
Cedarburg
Kenosha Bradford
Medford
New Berlin West
Niagara
Oshkosh West
Waukesha West
Whitefish Dominican

WHSFA STATE THEATRE FESTIVAL

Fifty-one productions were chosen to perform at the State Theatre Festival on November 17-18, 2000 at UW-Whitewater. All areas of the state were represented. The school, play title and playwright, as well as the director are:

| SCHOOL | TITLE/PLAYWRIGHT | DIRECTOR |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Adams-Friendship | Bathers/James I. Schempp | Tom Wetzel |
| Algoma | The Stolen Prince/Dan Tothoroh | David Loos |
| Appleton North | The Fifteen Minute Hamlet/Tom Stoppard | Ron Parker |
| Appleton West | Bury The Dead/Irwin Shaw | Michael Daehn |
| Ashland | Ludlow Fair/Lanford Wilson | Jan Lee |
| Ashwaubenon | Making Nice/Alan Haehnel | Brenda Brayko |
| Augusta | Crying Out/Matthew L. Hunt | Susan Maenner |
| Brookfield East | The Elevator/Herbert Gardner | Linda Aepler |
| Burlington | Working/Studs Terkel | J. Lee/S. Deans |
| Cedarburg | A Piece Of My Heart/Shirley Lauro | Ann Johnson |
| DeForest | ... And Stuff/Peter Dee | Jan Williams |
| Delavan-Darien | High Window/Verne Powers | Karen Combs |
| Eagle River Northland Pines | Making Nice/Alan Haehnel | Judith Wainwright |
| Elmwood | The Effect Of Gamma Rays On Man In The Moon Marigolds/Paul Zindel | Keith Lorasch |
| Florence | Lepers/Robert G. Barone | Joe Walsh |
| Freedom | DUI=DOA/Dan Roberts | Lori McNamara Greenfield |
| Whitnall | The Comedy Of Errors/Wm. Shakespeare adp:Cecil Pickett | Jym L. Clarke |
| Iola-Scandinavia | Sometimes I Wake Up In The Middle Of The Night/ Students of the Walden Theatre | Jennifer Kopecky |
| Kenosha Bradford | The Mystery Of Edwin Drood/Rupert Holmes | Holly Stanfield/Nick Sturino |
| Kenosha Tremper | The Insanity Of Mary Girard/Lanie Robertson | Angela Vitosky |
| Kewaunee | Voices From The High School/Peter Dee | Peter Geissler |
| Loyal | Games/Peter Filichia | Richard Hoffman |
| Luxemburg-Casco | The True Story Of Cinderella/Richard Conlon | Pamela Fierst |
| Manitowoc Lincoln | Land Slides/Jessica Leader | Bill Hansen |
| Marquette Catholic Central Medford | Of Poems, Youth and Spring/John Logan The Tibetan Book Of The Dead or How Not To Do It Again/ Jean-Claude van Itallie | M. Bragonier/C.Bentgen |
| Mequon Homestead | A Midsummer Night's Dream/Wm. Shakespeare | Douglas Robertson |
| Middleton | The Whole Shebang/Rick Orloff | Clare McCain |
| Montello | The Valiant/H. Hall, R. Middlemoss | Pat Motill/Lynda Sharpe |
| Mosinee | Reduced For Quick Sale/Kent R. Brown | Chris Mason |
| Mukwonago | Bernice Bobs Her Hair/D.D. Brooke | Michael Sherfinski |
| New Berlin West | The Dead Wife/Don Nigro | Diana Heagle |
| Niagara | A Bird Of Prey/Jim Grimsley | Erinne Bruce |
| Oshkosh West | The Grapes Of Wrath/Frank Galati | T. Grippen/G.Potter/T.Sauld |
| Owen-Withee | The Boy Who Was Asked To Turn Blue/Ev Miller | Tom Lynch |
| Peshigo | The Scheme Of The Driftless Shifter/Carolyn Lane | Deb Lulloff/Jeffrey Scheuer |
| Plymouth | Tales Of Chelm/Arnold Perl | S. Sanderson/S. Zuehlis |
| Pulaski | Yearbook/Sтивен Fendrich | Herb Stollenberg |
| Rhineland | The Drive-In/Richard Heilesen | Amy Tubbs |
| Shawano | Words, Words, Words/David Ives | Michael Cupp |
| Superior Senior | The Actor's Nightmare/Christopher Durang | Drew Wimmer |
| Sussex Hamilton | The Insanity Of Mary Girard/Lanie Robertson | Joy Bashara-Ingram |
| Tomahawk | A Rose For Emily/Joseph Robinette | Mark Schueter |
| Viroqua | All The World's A Stage/Wm. Shakespeare adp: Mary Schaller | M.Balda/L.Vandenberg |
| Waukesha North | The Actor's Nightmare/Christopher Durang | Sherry Getter |
| Waukesha West | The Death And Life Of Larry Benson/Reginald Rose | Sarah Zsohar |
| Waunakee | Making Nice/Allan Haehnel | C. Malone/C.Atkinson |
| Waupaca | A Midsummer Night's Dream/Wm. Shakespeare | Rick Braun/Laura Shucha |
| Wauwatosa West | Baby/Conrad Davidson | Monica Reeves |
| West De Pere | The Strength Of Our Spirit/Cynthia Mercati | Thomas Kluberianz |
| Whitefish Bay/Dominican | The Crucible/Arthur Miller | Jane Johnson |
| | | Jeff Schaeetzke |

CONGRATULATIONS - BRAVO!!

WHSFA REMEMBERING

20 YEARS AGO - DECEMBER 1980

The WHSFA Statewide Theatre Advisory Group will meet for the first time ever at some point during the 1980 State Theatre Festival. The body was created by the Board of Control at its May 1980 meeting, and consists of one theatre director from a high school in each of the WHSFA Districts. Members of the Statewide Theatre Advisory Group for 1980-81 are: Claire McCain (Kenosha District); Joy Bashara (Superior District); Bob Hanson (Stevens Point District); Ralph Lohse (Milwaukee District); Pat Barlow (Whitewater District); Marvalene Butterbrodt (Eau Claire District); Linda Dossier (River Falls District); David Loos (Green Bay District); Roger Harris (La Crosse District); Tom Lynch (Oshkosh District); Pat Rassman (Platteville District).

15 Years Ago - December 1985

Some familiar and some not so familiar faces will be in the Warren Jenkins Theatre at Stevens Point on December 6 - 7, 1985, viewing the plays chosen to be presented at the State One-Act Theatre Festival. Sharing their expertise with us will be; David Bussa - Ripon, Tom Goltry - Platteville, Elywn Hendrickson - Menomonie, Arthur Hopper - Stevens Point, Virginia Newcomb - Whitewater, and J. Peter Shaw - Evansville.

10 Years Ago - December 1990

A Special thanks to Dr. Larry Weiss who served as the first WHSFA Junior Division Advisor. WHSFA has accepted Larry's resignation from his Advisory position and we wish him well in his new position as Curriculum Coordinator for the Hartford School District.

5 Years Ago - December 1995

WHSFA 100th Anniversary - District/Sectional Chairs, Advisors, Advisory Committee members and the State Office will work to promote celebratory events as much as possible during the 1995-96 school year - 100 years of serving students!

VOTE FOR DEBATE TOPIC

A reminder to Debate Coaches - be sure to return your ballot marked with your choice for 2001-2002 Debate topic either: **(Weapons of Mass Destruction)** or **(World Hunger)**. Ballots should be returned to the State Office no later than December 31st. The nationally selected topic will be announced in the next WHSFA NEWSLETTER.