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Celebrate Theatre!!



to enhance their theatre skills were a popular part of the event.

The fourteenth 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 2004 Theatre Festival was hosted by UW-Whitewater on November 18, 19 and 20, 2004.

The 2004 theatre extravaganza opened on Thursday evening with a terrific Showcase performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's rollicking operetta *"The Pirates of Penzance."* This outstanding production was performed by Dominican High School, Whitefish Bay, and directed by Jeff Schaetzke.

Friday's Showcase production was *Of Thee I Sing*. This classic Pulitzer Prize winning show was directed by Steve Nibbe and performed by talented students from Verona Area High School. Special applause goes out to ALL involved in these outstanding productions.

Friday and Saturday offered a number of interesting and educational workshops which covered a wide variety of theatre topics including: Character Auditioning, Musical Improv, Hip-Hop Funk Dance, Improv Comedy, Safe Swordplay and the always popular Tech Olympics. These and many other "hands-on" opportunities for students, teachers and directors

EXIT STAGE RIGHT!

In the September 1991 issue of the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association NEWSLETTER, it stated "The WHSFA Board of Control is pleased to announce that J. Peter Shaw...has accepted the position of Assistant to the Executive Director, effective August 15."

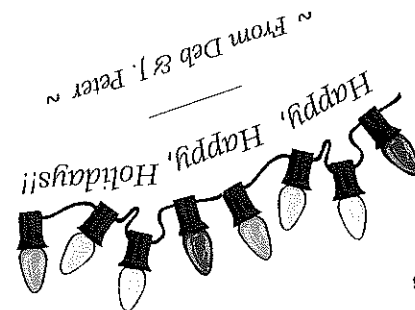
The fourteen years that have followed, particularly after being appointed Executive Director, have provided me with endless opportunities to continue to promote debate, speech and theatre activities for the students in our Wisconsin schools, as well as enthusiastically advocate the programming efforts of WHSFA.

I have often said that "when what I am doing is no longer fun, I will retire." Easier said than done - as the "fun," the enthusiasm and my interest in "doing what is best for the students," has not wavered. But I have decided that my tenure with this wonderfully stimulating and gratifying position must come to an end, thus I am announcing that I will retire at the end of June, 2005.

Each state festival throughout the 2004-2005 year will be the last for me to oversee as Executive Director. I have greatly enjoyed working with the large "cast and crew" of the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association, but it is now time to **EXIT - STAGE RIGHT!**

(See Position Vacancy Announcement in this issue and at the WHSFA website: www.whsfa.org)

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WHSFA STATE THEATRE FESTIVAL

Forty-nine productions were chosen to perform at the State Theatre Festival on November 19-20, 2004 at UW-Whitewater. All areas of the State were represented. The schools, plays, playwrights, and directors are:

SCHOOL	TITLE/PLAYWRIGHT
Adams-Friendship	The Potman Spoke Sooth/David Fulk
Algoma	Open to Interpretation/Ken Bradbury
Appleton North	The Tempest/William Shakespeare
Boyceville	Smile/David Campton
Brookfield East	The Unknown Soldier/Warren Frost
Burlington	The Yellow Boat/David Saar
Cedarburg	13 Plays in 30 Minutes/various playwrights
De Forest	Merry Wives of Windsor/adapted by C. Jeffries & J. Knight
De Pere	Your Life Is a Feature Film/Alan Minieri
West DePere	Hamlette/Allison Williams
Drummond	Darla's Dream/Robert Wilkins
Eagle River Northland Pines	Blues/Jerome McDonough
Germantown	Two Fools Who Gained a Measure of Wisdom/Tim Kelly
Green Bay West	A Midsummer Night's Dream/William Shakespeare
Greenfield Whitnall	Two Rooms/Lee Blessing
Hudson	Bad Company/Teresa Huffstetler
Kenosha Bradford	Wasp/Steve Martin
Kenosha Tremper	In the Details/Carey Kelly
Kewaunee	Mother's Day/Kate Aspengren
Lake Geneva Badger	The Phone Will Explode At the Tone/Lindsay Price
Luxemburg-Casco	Smile/David Campton
Manitowoc Lincoln	When Shakespeare's Ladies Meet/Charles George
Maple Northwestern	Much Ado About Shakespeare/adp. from William Shakespeare
Mequon Homestead	David and Lisa/James Reach
Middleton	The Fish Story/Tim Kochenderfer
Montello	Wings/Linda J. Barnes
Mosinee	Up the Down Staircase/Christopher Sergel
Muscoda Riverdale	More Aesop's (Oh So Slightly) Altered Fables/Kim Esop Wylie
New Berlin West	Shaharazad/Nat Willkomm
Oshkosh West	The Cop and the Anthem/from O'Henry by Mark Buccia
Owen-Withee	The Insanity of Mary Girard/Lanie Robertson
Peshigo	Check, Please/Jonathan Rand
Pewaukee	Relative Strangers/Sheri Wilner
Plymouth	Dragon Of the Winds/Carson Wright
Pulaski	The Day Before/original by the cast
Reedsburg	Nice People Dancing To Good Country Music/Lee Blessing
Seymour	Fine Dining/Burton Bumgarner
Shawano	Stonehenge/Ann A. Maas
Shorewood	Art/Yasmina Reza
Superior	The Laramie Project/Moises Kaufman
Viroqua Youth Initiative	Chamber Music/Arthur Kopit
Waterford Union	Governing Alice/C. Denby Swanson
Waukesha Catholic Memorial	Judith Guest's Ordinary People/Nancy Gilsenan
Waukesha North	Sunday, Sunday/Sandra Asher
Waukesha South	Soap Opera/John Kirkpatrick
Waukesha West	Making Nice/Alan Haehnel
Waunakee	Jane Eyre: Life at Lowood/Robert Johanson
Waupaca	Our Rotten Town/Dutton Foster
Wauwatosa West	A Bird of Prey/Jim Grimsley

DIRECTOR
Tom Wetzol
Loos/Nell/Christman
Ron Parker
Steven Renfree
Linda Aeppler
Nat Miller
Ann Johnson
Janis Williams
Sue Voskamp
Jane Johnson
K Rowe/R Young
Dave Strong
Lynn Leider
K Miller/E Hinz-Radue
Loni Farchione
Craig Lewis/Sue Dahl
Rob Vanderloop
J. D. Fountain III
Peter Geissler
Laura-Nicole Musolf
Marcianna Hansen
Bill Hansen
P Luostari/A Watt
Clare McCain
L Sharpe/P Motliff
Mary E. Hart
Michael Sherfinski
Chris Simonson
K Bruce/E Bruce
Lisa H. Hutchinson
Jeff Scheuer
Sharon Sanderson
Jan Donahou
Herb Stoltzenberg
Amy Tubbs
Jeff Herschleb
Deb Finn
Drew Wimmer
Barb Gensler
Gary Banker
Edmund Nix
TrudiAnne Thom
Christopher Andacht
Robb Smith
Kit Donahue
Marie Brink
R Braun/E Schmidt
Monica Reeves
Julie King

PRESORTED STANDARD
PERMIT NO. 14
EVANSVILLE, WI 53536

2004 WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL
APRIL 15-16, 2005

Postcards have been 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 January 1, 2005, contact the State Office for assignment to an available Saturday time.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2ND SEMESTER

- January 1, 2005**
Latest date for WHSFA State Qualifying Debate
- January 21-22, 2005**
WHSFA State Debate (UW-Oshkosh) (2 - Speaker & 4 - Speaker + LD)
- February 12, 2005**
Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level Division - Level I
- March 5, 2005**
Latest date for WHSFA Subdistrict Speech
- March 5, 2005**
Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level Division - Level II
- March 19, 2005**
Latest date for WHSFA District Speech
- March 27, 2005**
Easter
- April 15-16, 2005**
WHSFA State Speech (UW-Madison)

ALL STATE AWARDS - 2004		
Adams-Friendship	Kenosha Tremper	Peshtigo
Algoma	Kewaunee	Pewaukee
Boyceville	Lake Geneva Badger	Plymouth
Brookfield East	Luxemburg-Casco	Pulaski
De Pere	Manitowoc Lincoln	Seymour
West De Pere	Maple Northwestern	Shawano
Drummond	Mequon Homestead	Viroqua Youth Initiative
Northland Pines, Eagle River	Montello	Waterford Union
Germantown	Mosinee	Waukesha North
Green Bay West	Muscoda Riverdale	Waukesha South
Hudson	New Berlin West	Waupaca
Kenosha Bradford	Oshkosh West	

OUTSTANDING DIRECTING AWARDS - 2004		
Six directors earned the "Outstanding Directing" award at the 2004 State Theatre Festival. The individuals recognized are:		
SCHOOL	PLAY TITLE	DIRECTOR
Burlington	<i>The Yellow Boat</i>	Nat Miller
De Forest	<i>Merry Wives of Windsor</i>	Janis Williams
Pulaski	<i>The Day Before</i>	Amy Tubbs
Reedsburg	<i>Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music</i>	Jeff Herschleb
Waukesha Catholic Memorial	<i>Ordinary People</i>	Chris Andacht
Wauwatosa West	<i>A Bird Of Prey</i>	Julie King

VOTE FOR DEBATE TOPIC

A reminder to Debate Coaches - be sure to return your ballot marked with your choice for 2005-2006 Debate topic either: **(Civil Liberties)** or **(Federal Elections)**. **Ballots should be returned to the State Office no later than December 20th).** The nationally selected topic will be announced on the website.

WHSFA REMEMBERING

■ **20 YEARS AGO – SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 1984**
Current members of the Theatre Advisory Committee are: Sec. 1, Ellwyn Hendrickson, Menomonie High School; Sec. 2, Donald Voermans, Oconto Falls High School; Sec. 3, Ken Beatty, Richland Center High School; Sec. 4, Mercedes Chalmers, Whitefish Bay High School; Sec. 5, Pat Barlow, Lake Geneva Badger High School.

■ **15 YEARS AGO – SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 1989**
The Association extends congratulations to Rhinelander High School for their first place finish in the National Competition of the American Bar Association's "Mock Trial" competition. The team, coached by high school teachers Kathy Vick Martini, assisted by Mike Roe and attorney coach Ann Munninghoff garnered a first place finish in Wisconsin competition, which qualified them for the National meet, held this year in Louisville, Kentucky. Students from Rhinelander High School who earned this honor were Jeff Nelson, Brad Schmidt, Matt Hansen, Eric Martini, Mike Fortier, Mary Paulson, Kristen Johnson and Renee Johnson.

■ **10 YEARS AGO – SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 1994**
We welcome five new members to the WHSFA Board of Control: Roxi Wakeen, a teacher from Baldwin-Woodville High School, is the new Section I Chair. Roxi also serves on the WHSFA Speech Advisory Committee. She will represent teachers/coaches from Districts 1, 3 and 4. John Culbertson, a teacher from Waterloo High School, is the newly elected Section III Chair. John will be representing teachers/coaches from Districts 7, 8 and 10. Lee Bjurquist is the new District 3 Chair. He is the District Administrator of the Colfax School District. John Olig, Principal, Pittsville High School, is the newly appointed District 5 Chair. The new District 10 Chair is Sam Jonas, Administrative Assistant at Lancaster High School

■ **5 YEARS AGO – SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER, 1999**
Of the forty-seven school at the 1999 WHSFA State Theatre Festival, nine were recognized for exemplary theatrical skills by receiving the "Critic's Choice" award. The schools awarded were: Appleton North, Brookfield Central, Greenfield Whitnall, Kenosha Bradford, Mequon Homestead, Oshkosh West, Viroqua Youth Initiative, Waunakee and Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln.

WHSFA State Theatre Festival November 19 - 20, 2004 UW-Whitewater		
OUTSTANDING ACTING AWARDS - 2004		
Many actors/ensembles met the criteria and received Outstanding Acting award plaques at the 2004 WHSFA State Theatre Festival. The award recipients are:		
SCHOOL	PLAY TITLE	ACTOR/CHARACTER
Burlington	<i>The Yellow Boat</i>	Ensemble
Cedarburg	<i>13 Plays In 30 Minutes</i>	Ensemble
De Forest	<i>Merry Wives of Windsor</i>	Eddie Neve (Sir John Falstaff)
West De Pere	<i>Hamlette</i>	Michael Knaapen (Laertes/Ophelia)
Eagle River Northland Pines	<i>Blues</i>	Hannah Long (Juanita)
Whitnall – Greenfield	<i>Two Rooms</i>	Mandi Hawk (Lainie Wells)
Kenosha Bradford	<i>Wasp</i>	Ensemble
Mequon Homestead	<i>David and Lisa</i>	Kathy Sue Holtorf (Lisa)Matt Mills (David)
Middleton	<i>The Fish Story</i>	Ensemble
Oshkosh West	<i>The Cop and the Anthem</i>	Connor Slowe (Lemuel T. Thwackbusher)
Owen-Withee	<i>The Insanity of Mary Girard</i>	Ajissa Kulinski (Mary Girard)Ensemble
Plymouth	<i>Dragon Of the Winds</i>	Ensemble
Pulaski	<i>The Day Before</i>	Ensemble
Reedsburg	<i>Nice People Dancing To Good Country Music</i>	Ensemble
Superior	<i>The Laramie Project</i>	Ensemble
Waukesha Catholic Memorial	<i>Ordinary People</i>	Nick Inzeo (Conrad Jarrett)
		Kate Andacht (Jeannine Pratt)
		Robyn Schneider (Karen Aldrich)
		Courtney Hopper (Dr. Berger)
		Ensemble
		Jessica Paulsen (Anna)
		Katie Brink (Barbara)
		Ensemble
		Ensemble
Waukesha North	<i>Sunday, Sunday</i>	
Waukesha West	<i>Making Nice</i>	
Waunakee	<i>Jane Eyre: Life At Lowood</i>	
Wauwatosa West	<i>A Bird Of Prey</i>	

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POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Full-time professional position involving significant travel, weekend and evening work.

- QUALIFICATIONS:**
- Education:** Minimum of a bachelor's degree.
 - Experience:** Employment in education including experience in teaching, co-curricular activities, and administrative or management positions, or equivalency.
 - Salary:** \$45,000 - \$65,000 (commensurate with qualifications and experience). Benefits negotiable.

- APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** Applicants are requested to submit
- A personal letter of application (include personal educational philosophy, goals and other pertinent information)
 - A resume
 - Three letters of recommendation

Direct all correspondence and application material to: Mr. Charlie Krupa
WHSFA Personnel Committee Chairman
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APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 7, 2005 • **STARTING DATE:** July 1, 2005

Detailed information about the WHSFA, including a position description of Executive Director, is available on our website at www.whsfa.org.

CRITIC'S
CHOICE AWARDS
- 2004 -

Of the forty-nine schools at the 2004 WHSFA State Theatre Festival, fourteen were recognized for exemplary theatrical skills by receiving the *Critic's Choice* award. The schools awarded were:

- Appleton North
- Burlington
- Cedarburg
- De Forest
- Whitnall, Greenfield
- Middleton
- Owen-Withee
- Reedsburg
- Shorewood
- Superior
- Waukesha Catholic Memorial
- Waukesha West
- Waunakee
- Wauwatosa West

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!

Workshop sites, dates, times and a registration form may be found on the WHSFA website: www.whsfa.org, or you may call the State Office at 608/882-6004 for more information.

The Mission of the
Wisconsin High School
Forensic Association is:

To provide an opportunity for students in the schools of Wisconsin to enhance communication skills through participation in Theatre, Debate and Speech activities;

To promote and encourage cooperation among various communication organizations within Wisconsin;

To provide a forum for development of standards, skills and materials for participation in all forensic activities.