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CELEBRATE THEATRE!!

The sixth annual Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival, "Celebrate Theatre!" produced by the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association, UW-Madison Department of Continuing Education in the Arts and the Alliance for Wisconsin Theatre Education was a tremendous success! This outstanding 1996 Theatre Festival was successfully hosted by UW-Whitewater on November 21-22-23, 1996.

The '96 theatre extravaganza opened on Thursday evening with two stellar Showcase performances - *Noises Off* directed by Diane Powell, produced by Kettle Moraine High School and *American Evidence* directed by Kevin Schwartz, produced by Milwaukee Pius XI High School.

The big, bold Broadway hit *42nd Street* was the Festival Showcase performance on Friday evening. Verona High School did this special performance especially for 1996 Theatre Festival participants. This stunning production, directed by Steven Nibbe, was performed in the Young Auditorium to a very appreciative audience of over one thousand! Special applause to ALL involved!

Numerous workshops covering a wide variety of theatre topics including: creating a character, effective make up, computer uses in the theatre, stage combat, stage dialects, auditions - what

to expect and many other "hands-on" opportunities for students, teachers and directors to enhance their theatre skills were available all day Friday and Saturday. Special kudos to Harv Thompson for his many special organizational efforts!

Forty-five (45) selected high school plays that were invited to showcase their productions at the 1996 State Festival as representation of outstanding theatre work being done across the state performed at both the Barnett and Festival theatres on Friday and Saturday. (see related articles)

Growing in scope at the '96 Festival was the involvement of many state colleges and universities. Several schools set up exhibit tables and had personnel available to talk with interested students.

Special commendations to Marshall Anderson, Steve Chene, Tom Colwin, Charles "Skip" Grover of the UW-Whitewater Theatre and Dance Department and a wonderful group of UW-Whitewater Students - your many efforts made the 1996 Festival a smashing success!! Bravo!

The 1996 Theater festival total attendance was over 1,500 participants. Make plans NOW for you and your students to participate in the seventh annual WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE FESTIVAL to be hosted by UW-STEVENS POINT on NOVEMBER 20, 21, AND 22, 1997.

WHSFA SPEECH ADJUDICATION

Speech Adjudication Workshops continue during the 2nd semester. A reminder that this school year, **all judges at District level must be WHSFA certified!** Each school must also provide a WHSFA certified judge 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 do not receive registration materials or you wish to host an Adjudicator Workshop - call the State Office at 608-882-6004

Tomahawk High School -
January 9, 1997 (Thursday)
4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Lancaster High School -
January 11, 1997 (Saturday)
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Onalaska High School -
January 14, 1997 (Tuesday)
4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

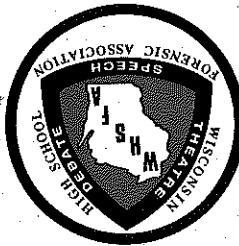
New Glarus High School -
January 15, 1997 (Wednesday)
4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

James Madison H.S. - Milwaukee -
January 16, 1997 (Thursday)
4:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Alma Center-Lincoln High School -
January 16, 1997 (Thursday)
4:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Horicon High School -
February 5, 1997 (Wednesday)
4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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Happy Holidays from
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WHSFA DEBATE ASSIGNMENTS - 1997 STATE QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

DATE: January 7, 1997 (12:00 p.m.)

Hosts: Roxi Wakeen/Cheryl Starr **Site:** UW-Eau Claire
Send ER Form to:
Roxi Wakeen -- 2660 County Road - D -- Woodville, WI 54028
Telephone: 715/698-2622

Eau Claire Memorial	St. Croix Falls
LaCrosse Central	Wausau East
LaCrosse Logan	Wausau West
Merrill	Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln
Rhineland	" " Eastville

DATE: January 4, 1997

Host: Michael Biddick **Site:** Madison Memorial High School
Send ER Form to: Michael Biddick -- Madison Memorial High School
-- 201 S. Gammon Road -- Madison, WI 53717
Telephone: 608/829-4000

DeForest	Madison LaFollette
Janesville Craig	Madison Memorial
Janesville Parker	Monona Grove
Juneau Dodgeand	Mukwonago
Madison East	

DATE: January 4, 1997

Host: Ken Sajdak **Site:** Waukesha South High School
Send ER Form to: Ken Sajdak -- Waukesha South High School
-- 401 East Roberta -- Waukesha, WI 53186
Telephone: 414/521-8959

Appleton North	Milwaukee Pius XI
Appleton West	Milwaukee Washington
Brown Deer	Neenah
Cedarburg	New Berlin West
Fond du Lac Goodrich	Pewaukee
Glendale Nicolet	Slinger
Greendale	South Milwaukee
Kaukauna	Waukesha South
Mequon Homestead	Wauwatosa East
Milwaukee Bayview	West Allis Nathan Hale
Milwaukee Juneau	West Bend East
Milwaukee King	West Bend West
Milwaukee Marshall	

Eligibility - Registration (ER) forms have been mailed to all schools registered above. Please mail the E-R form to the host at your assigned site ASAP. Notify the State Office if you are planning to enter a State Qualifying Debate Tournament, but are not listed above.

OUTSTANDING ACTING AWARDS

Fifty actors met the criteria and received an "Outstanding Acting" award at State Theatre - 1996. The award recipients are:

SCHOOL	PLAY TITLE	ACTOR/CHARACTER
Algoma	Greater Tuna	Jesse Rye (Petey Fisk) Ryan Vandervest (Yippy) Jenny Flack (Bertha Bumiller)
Appleton West Brookfield Central	Little Red Riding Hood Song Of Singapore	Paul Richard (Father) John Blick (Freddy S. Lyne) Kristen Piefer (Rose) Chantel Richardson (Claire) David Greer (Robert)
Brookfield East	Voices	Jenny Kraschewski (Sarah) Elizabeth Mainstock (Miss Hockenschmoss) Carrie Debulski (Mrs. Mellencamp)
Burlington	Competition Piece	Adam Tracy (Jeremiah)
Hudson Iola-Scandinavia Kenosha Tremper LaCrosse Logan	Country Gothic French Toast Antigone Graceland	Seth Lengkeek (Stoney Jones) Therese Valkenaar (Antigone) Katie Diana (Bev Davies) Sarah Goldstein (Rootie Mallert)
Luxemburg-Casco Marinette Mequon Homestead	Of Poems, Youth And Spring Voices From The High School For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf Crying Out	Stephanie Runke (Susan) Matt Zimmerman (Jerry/Bo) Janice Walbrink (Lady In Orange) Jen Washington (Lady In Red) Amanda Hanlon (Lonely Girl, Older Sister, Sally, C5) David Meldman (Pusher, Guy 2, C11) Rachelle Street (Wild One) Kimberly Swiderski (Constant Twitting)
Middleton	Cagebirds	Adam Theiss (Joe) Jessica Nievinski (Maggie) Nathan Bistis (Steve)
Montello	The Shadowbox	David Hoth (James Whitcomb Riley) Jackie Swanson (Mrs. Riley)
Mosinee	Ride A Blue Horse	Ben Nankee (Mitch Grieland) Alicia Fehlauer (Marge Dorsett) Ross Koepsel (Louie) Cory Nicklaus (German Man) Phyllis Treige (Emilia) Aaton Berg (Minstrel) Leif Posey (George)
Mukwonago	The Whole Shebang	Keith Biesack (Person Of Consequence) Grant Worth (Akaky Akayevich) Melissa Everard (Anna/Sonya) Jason Grooms (Kevin) Mike Marx (Bill) Nick Bisco (Brian) Mary Kay Maas (Kate) Betsey Ward (Nancy) Patrick Miller (Creon) Alyssa Brummer (Amanda Prynnie) Jontue Austin (Ensemble) Ryan Grube (Ensemble) Dawn Krzykowski (Ensemble) Doug Swanson (Ensemble)
Muscoda Riverdale	Dope	
Oshkosh West Peshigo Platteville Pulaski	The Haunted Carousel Othello VII In Search Of The Golden Tear	
Stevens Point	The Overcoat	
Waukesha South	Personal Effects	
Waunakee	Moon Of Ourselves Alone	
Waupun West Salem WI Rapids Lincoln	Antigone Private Lives School House Rock-Live!	

CRITICS CHOICE AWARDS

Of the forty-five schools at the Theatre Festival, eleven were recognized for exemplary theatrical skills by receiving the "Critics Choice" award. The schools awarded were:

- Brookfield Central
- Brookfield East
- Kenosha Tremper
- Marinette
- Mequon Homestead
- Middleton
- Mosinee
- Port Washington
- Superior
- Waunakee
- WI Rapids Lincoln

NEW LOCATION

The WHSFA office will be in a new location beginning January 1, 1996. Our new address is:

WHSFA
10 East Main Street
Evanville, WI 53536
Telephone: (608) 882-6004
Fax: (608) 882-6661

The move is only a half block - but the gained space is significant!

SPEECH FESTIVAL SCHEDULING PROGRAM

A computer scheduling program is again available to WHSFA member schools. This program will be restricted for use to schedule only WHSFA Subdistrict/District festivals. A program is also available for Level I and II festivals for Middle Level Division member schools. If hosting a WHSFA festival and need the program, please contact the State Office.

VOTE FOR DEBATE TOPIC

A reminder to Debate Coaches - be sure to return your ballot marked with your choice for the 1997-1998 Debate topic. Ballots should be returned to the State Office no later than January 6th. The nationally selected topic will be announced in the next WHSFA NEWSLETTER.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2ND SEMESTER

January 11 - Latest date for WHSFA District Debate

January 23, 24, 25 - WHSFA State Debate (UW-Oshkosh) (2-Speaker & 4-Speaker)

February 15 - Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level Division - Level I

March 1 - Latest date for WHSFA Subdistrict Speech

March 8 - Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level Division - Level II

March 15 - Latest date for WHSFA District Speech

March 30 - Easter

April 11, 12 - WHSFA State Speech (UW-Madison)

May 1, 2 - WHSFA Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point)

1997 STATE SPEECH

April 11-12, 1997 UW-Madison
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 6, 1997, contact the State Office for assignment to an available Saturday time period.

STATE THEATRE FESTIVAL

Forty-five productions were chosen to perform at the State Theatre Festival on November 22-23, 1996 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
Algoma	Greater Tuna/Williams, Sears, Howard	David Loos
Appleton West	Little Red Riding Hood/Adapt. Michael Daehn	Michael Daehn
Bay Port	Crush/Rand Higbe	Julie Robinson/Nancy Lange
Brookfield Central	Song of Singapore/Allan Katz	Thomas Thoney
Brookfield East	Voices/Richard Lortz	Linda Aeppler
Burlington	Competition Piece/John S. Wells	Suzanne Deans/Kevin Fay
Eagle River Northland Pines	The Magic Flute/June Walker Rogers	Judith Wainwright
Edgar	Crying Out/Matthew L. Hunt	Richard Guenther
Fort Atkinson	The Still Alarm/George Kaufman	Nancy Becker
Germantown	The Importance of Being Earnest/ Oscar Wilde	Lynn Leider
Greenfield Whitnall	The Inner Circle/Patricia Loughrey	Rebecca DiPietrantonio
Hudson	Country Gothic/Tim Kelly	Craig Lewis/Sheila Mullally
Iola-Scandinavia	French Toast/Donald Payton	Jennifer Kopecky
Kenosha Tremper	Antigone/Jean Anouilh	Ron Parker
LaCrosse Logan	Graceland/Ellen Byron	Dan Lee
Luxemburg-Casco	Of Poems, Youth and Spring/John Logan	Pam Fierst
Marinette	Voices from the High School/Peter Dee	Maria Bragonier/David Johnson
Medford	The White House Murder Case/Jules Feiffer	Douglas Robertson
Mequon Homestead	For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf/N. Shange	Clare McCain and Mary Sharon Gregory
Middleton	Crying Out/Matthew Hunt	Patrick Motiff/Lynda Sharpe
Montello	Cagebirds/David Compton	Barclay Hesselberg
Mosinee	The Shadowbox/Michael Christofer	Michael Sherfinski
Mukwonago	Ride A Blue Horse/Aurand Harris	Diana Heagle
Muscoda Riverdale	The Whole Shebang/Pat Cook	Chris Simonson
Niagara	Wings/Linda J. Barnes	Thomas P. Little
Oshkosh West	Dope/Maryat Lee	Tom Lynch
Owen-Withee	The Little Toy Dog/Ramon Delgado	Debra Lulloff/Ann Franke
Peshigo	The Haunted Carousel/Ruth Angell Purkey	Sharon Sanderson
Platteville	Othello VII/William Shakespeare	Mike Willis
Plymouth	Class Action/Brad Slight	Herb Stoltenberg
Port Washington	A Child's Christmas in Wales/Adapt.R. Lohse	Ralph Lohse
Prairie Farm	Impromptu/Tad Mose	Kate Hearth
Pulaski	In Search Of The Golden Tear/Betty Havens	Amy Tubbs
Richland Center	The Masque of Beauty and the Beast/M. Brill	Ken Beatty/Jan Maodush
Stevens Point Area	The Overcoat/Tim Kelly	Dena Mercer
Superior Senior	Alice in Wonderland/Lewis Carroll	Jennifer McInnes
Viroqua	Working/Studs Terkel	Sherry Getter
Waukesha North	The Girl Who Was Asked To Turn Blue/E. Miller	Robert Rammelt
Waukesha South	Personal Effects/John McNamara	Gregory Carpenter
Waukesha West	Women Must Weep/Mary Orr	Theresa Buehler
Waunakee	Moon Of Ourselves Alone/John Jakes	Rick Braun
Waupun	Antigone/Sophocles	Alan Wallisch
West De Pere	When Shakespeare's Ladies Meet/C. George	Jane Johnson
West Salem	Private Lives/Noel Coward	Myrna Daugherty
Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln	School House Rock-Live!/Ferguson,Hall,Keating	Ted Moskonas



Congratulations - Bravo!!



WHSFA MIDDLE LEVEL FESTIVAL SITES

Level I and Level II festivals will be held January - March 1997.
More sites are needed!!

Please consider hosting a Festival. The Association reimburses you for expenses incurred while hosting a Festival. Please call the State Office (608) 882-6004, if you are willing to serve as host.

OUTSTANDING DIRECTING AWARDS

Seventeen directors earned the "Outstanding Directing" award for the 1996 State Theatre Festival. The individuals recognized are:

SCHOOL	PLAY TITLE	DIRECTOR
Brookfield Central	Song Of Singapore	Thomas Thoney
Brookfield East	Voices	Linda Aeppler
Kenosha Tremper	Antigone	Ron Parker
LaCrosse Logan	Graceland	Wells Pollock
Marinette	Voices From The High School	Maria Bragonier
Mequon Homestead	For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf Crying Out	Clare McCain/ Mary Sharon Gregory
Middleton	The Shadowbox	Patrick Motiff
Mosinee	The Little Toy Dog	Michael Sherfinski
Owen-Withee	Othello VII	Debra Lulloff/Ann Franke
Platteville	A Child's Christmas In Wales	Mike Willis
Port Washington	Alice In Wonderland	Ralph Lohse
Superior	Antigone	Jennifer McInnes
Waupun	School House Rock-Live!	Alan Wallisch
WI Rapids Lincoln		Ted Moskonas/Kathleen Bartelt