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## OUTSTANDING DIRECTOR AWARDS

Twenty-four directors earned the "Outstanding Directing" award at the 1999 State Theatre Festival. The individuals recognized are:

SCHOOL	TITLE/PLAYWRIGHT	DIRECTOR
Algoma	The Complete History of America, Abridged	David Loos
Appleton North	Romeo and Juliet	Kate Christman
Brookfield Central	As You Like It	Ron Parker
Cedarburg	The Rude Mechanicals	L. Thomas Lueck
Clayton	Alice Thru the Looking Glass	Ann Johnson
Florence	To Burn a Witch	Laura Lundy
Freedom	Tall Tales	Joe Walsh
Greenfield Whitnall	Mr. Flannery's Ocean	James Wooldridge
Kenosha Bradford	Into the Woods	Jym Clark
Kenosha Tremper	Scapinol	Holly Stanfield
Maple Northwestern	Twelfth Night	Angela Vitosky
Mequon Homestead	Man of La Mancha	Pat Luostari
Mosinee	The Marvelous Playbill	Sandy Jipson
Mukwonago	Early Frost	Clare McCain
Oshkosh West	And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson	Michael Sherfinski
Platteville	Normal People	Diana Heagle
Rosholt	Clippings	Tom Lynch
Viroqua Youth Initiative	Tongues	Mike Willis
Waunakee	Tall Tales	Nina Cass
Waupun	The Murder of Lidice	Eddy Nix
Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln	Bang, Bang, You're Dead	Rick Braun
		Laura Shucha
		Alan Wallisch
		Ted Moskonas

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2ND SEMESTER

**January 15 -**  
Latest date for WHSFA State Qualifying Debate

**January 27, 28, 29 -**  
WHSFA State Debate (UW-Oshkosh)  
(2-Speaker & 4-Speaker)

**February 12 -**  
Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level Division - Level I

**March 4 -**  
Latest date for WHSFA Subdistrict Speech

**March 4 -**  
Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level Division - Level II

**March 18 -**  
Latest date for WHSFA District Speech

**April 14-15 -**  
WHSFA State Speech (UW-Madison)

**April 23 -**  
Easter

**May 4-5 -**  
WHSFA Board of Control Meeting (Neenah)

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## Celebrate Theatre!!!

The ninth 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 1999 Theatre Festival was hosted by UW-LaCrosse on November 18, 19 and 20, 1999.

The 1999 theatre extravaganza opened on Thursday evening with a stellar Showcase performance of *Working*, based on the book by Studs Terkel and adapted by Stephen Schwartz and Nina Faso. This outstanding production, which was presented at the Edinburgh International Festival in Scotland last August, was performed by Shorewood High School and directed by Barbara Gensler.

Friday's Showcase production was *The Wizard of Oz*, by L. Frank Baum, presented at 4:00 and 7:30 p.m. to large appreciative audiences. This beloved classic was directed by Dan Lee and performed by LaCrosse Logan High School. Special applause to ALL involved in both wonderful productions.

Friday and Saturday offered a number of interesting and educational workshops which covered a wide variety of theatre topics including: Bringing to Life a One Person Show, Developing a Character, Hands On With Sound, Safe Stage Combat, Preparing Auditions and Trauma Makeup for the Stage and Screen. These and many other "hands-on" opportunities for students, teachers and directors to enhance their theatre skills were a popular part of the event.

Forty-seven (47) selected high schools were invited to showcase their one-act productions at the 1999 State Festival and performed both Friday and Saturday in the Toland and Valhalla theatres. These plays were representative of

the outstanding theatre work being done across the state by dedicated students and directors. (Listing on page 2)

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 Port-O-Call exhibit area.

Special commendations go to Ruthann Benson (Associate Dean), Joe Anderson, Lisa Newkirk-Reimeler, Craig Rosen, Ron Stoffregen and William T. Clow (Chair) of the UW LaCrosse School of Arts and Communication, Department of Theatre Arts - and to a wonderful group of UW-LaCrosse students, all of whose many efforts made the 1999 Festival a smashing success! Bravo!!

Total attendance at the 1999 Theatre Festival was over 1,900 participants. Make plans now to attend the tenth annual Wisconsin High School Forensic Theatre Festival, to be hosted by UW-Whitewater on November 16, 17 and 18, 2000.

## 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

Tomahawk HS .....	December 18, 1999 (Saturday) .....	9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Reedsburg HS .....	January 8, 2000 (Saturday) .....	8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Lancaster HS .....	January 8, 2000 (Saturday) .....	8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Kiel HS .....	January 11, 2000 (Tuesday) .....	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Rib Lake HS .....	January 19, 2000 (Wednesday) .....	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Brookfield East HS .....	January 20, 2000 (Thursday) .....	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Blackhawk HS (South Wayne) .....	January 22, 2000 (Saturday) .....	9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Abundant Life School (Madison) ..	January 25, 2000 (Tuesday) .....	5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Bowler HS .....	January 26, 2000 (Wednesday) .....	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## CRITICS CHOICE AWARDS 1999

Of the forty-seven schools at the WHSFA State Theatre Festival, nine were recognized for exemplary theatrical skills by receiving the "**Critics Choice**" award. The schools awarded were:

Appleton North  
Brookfield Central  
Greenfield Whitnall  
Kenosha Bradford  
Mequon Homestead  
Oshkosh West  
Viroqua Youth Initiative  
Waunakee  
Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln

## WHSFA STATE THEATRE FESTIVAL

Forty-seven productions were chosen to perform at the State Theatre Festival on November 19-20, 1999 at UW-LaCrosse. All areas of the state were represented. The school, play little and playwright, as well as the director are:

SCHOOL	TITLE/PLAYWRIGHT	DIRECTOR
Algoma	The Complete History Of America, Abridged Long, Martin, Tichenor	David Loos/Kate Christman
Appleton North	Romeo and Juliet/William Shakespeare	Ron Parker
Augusta	The Taming of LaRue/L. R. Karcz	Sue Maenner
Bay Port	The Edge of the Nest/Steven Murray	Julie Robinson/Carrie Tanck
Beloit Turner	Take Five/Westley M. Pederson	Dana Bull-Beckley
Bonduel	Next/Rand Higbee	Mary Hoppe
Boyceville	Interview/Jean-Claude Van Italle	Steven Renfree
Brookfield Central	As You Like It/William Shakespeare	L. Thomas Lueck
Cedarburg	The Rude Mechanicals/Ed Graczyk	Ann Johnson
Clayton	Alice Thru the Looking Glass/William J. Springer	Laura Lundy
DeForest	Voices/Richard Lortz	Janis Williams
Eagle River N. Pines	Two Horns and a Tale/Mary W. Schaller	Judith Walnwright
Elmwood	All I really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten/Ernest Zulla	Keith Lorasch
Florence	To Burn a Witch/James L. Bray	Joe Walsh
Freedom	Tall Tales/Robert Schenkkan	James Wooldridge
Germantown	The Scheme of the Driftless Shifter/Carolyn Lane	Lynn Leider
Greenfield Whitnall	Mr. Flannery's Ocean/Lewis John Carlino	Jym Clark
Hudson	Winning Season/Er Miller	Craig Lewis/Sheila Muttally
Iola-Scandinavia	That's Acute Bunny/Donald Lowry	Jennifer Kopecky
Kenosha Bradford	Into the Woods/James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim	Holly Stanfield
Kenosha Tremper	Scapinol/Frank Dunlop and Jim Dale	Angela Vitosky
Kewaunee	Once Upon a Playground/Jack Frakes	Peter Geissler
Loyal	The Scheme of the Driftless Shifter/Carolyn Lane	Richard Hoffmann
Luxemburg-Casco	Overtones/Alice Gerstenberg	Pam Fierst
Manawa Little Wolf	The Great Pandemonium/Pat Cook	Karyn Pamperin
Maple Northwestern	Twelfth Night/William Shakespear	Pat Luostari/Sandy Jipson
Marathon	The Courtiers/John Nolan	Renee Radlinger
Medford	Outrageous: Make Up and Italian Rum Cake/Jules Tasca	Douglas Robertson
Mequon Homestead	Man of La Mancha/Dale Wasserman	Clare McCain
Middleton	Game/Barry Meehan	Pat Motliff
Mosinee	The Marvelous Playbill/Tim Kelly	Michael Sherfinski
Mukwonago	Early Frost/Douglas Parkhirst	Diana Heagle
New Berlin West	Forward to the Right, A Play of Joan of Arc/Lily Ann Green	Kathleen Bruce/Erinne Bruce
Niagara	Something's Rotten in the State of Denmark/Joseph Wallace	Tracey Willinski
Oshkosh West	And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson/Jim Leonard, Jr.	Tom Lynch
Peshigo	Alice/Jerome McDonough	Sharon Sanderson
Platteville	Normal People/Mike Willis	Mike Willis
Prairie Farm	I Never Saw Another Butterfly/Celeste Raspanli	Kate Hearsh
Rosholt	Clippings/Den Fuson	Nina Cass
Tomahawk	Jack, the Ark and the Aardvark/Earl Reimer	Michele Balda
Viroqua	All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten/Ernest Zulla	Sherry Getter
Viroqua Youth Initiative	Tongues/Sam Shepard and Joseph Chaikin	Eddy Nix
Waunakee	Tall Tales/Robert Schenkkan	Rick Braun/Laura Shucha
Waupaca	Four Little Words/Edward Finnegan	Monica Reeves
Waupun	The Murder of Lidice/Edna St. Vincent Millay	Allan Wallisch
Wisconsin Dells	Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music/Lee Blessing	Jeff Herschleb/Dale Muetlier
WI Rapids Lincoln	Bang, Bang, You're Dead/William Mastroiome	Ted Moskonas

## CONGRATULATIONS - BRAVO!!

### 1999 Theatre Festival



Brookfield East High School



Mequon Homestead High School

## LOST AND FOUND

The only article turned in to WHSFA at the State Theatre Festival in La Crosse was an article of clothing with a name tag - Aaron Park! To claim, please call the State Office at 608/882-6004.

## WIAA DIRECTORY

The WHSFA State Office has a limited number of copies of the 1999-2000 WIAA Member Directory, which includes the Speech, Theatre and Debate coaches of all schools that returned information. To purchase an extra copy @ \$10.00 each, please call the State Office at 608/882-6004. Corrections received will be listed in the next WHSFA Newsletter.

## 2000 WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL

April 14-15, 2000 UW-Madison

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 20, 1999, contact the State Office for assignment to an available Saturday time period.

## THEATRE T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

If you were unable to purchase a "Celebrate Theatre" 1999 t-shirt at State Theatre Festival - **WE HAVE SOME AVAILABLE!!** XL OR XXL only - \$10.00 each. Call the State Office at 608/882-6004. We will mail - 1st called, 1st served - while supply lasts!

## VOTE FOR DEBATE TOPIC

A reminder to Debate Coaches - be sure to return your ballot marked with your choice for the 2000-2001 Debate topic. 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.

## OUTSTANDING ACTING AWARDS

Fifty-nine actors met the criteria and received "Outstanding Acting" award plaques at the 1999 WHSFA State Theatre Festival. The award recipients are:

SCHOOL	PLAY TITLE	ACTOR/CHARACTER
Appleton North	Romeo and Juliet	Cory Chisel (Romeo) Katherine Fordney (Juliet) Timothy Peck (Benvolio)
Beloit Turner	Take Five	Shannon Alba (Sharon Cane) Jim Ramsey (Alex Cane) Mia Niebruegge (Rosaland)
Brookfield Central	As You Like It	John Bobek (Orlando) Ben Kream (Touchstone) Derek Bathemer (Jaques)
Cedarburg	The Rude Mechanicals	Tess Romeis (Robin Goodfellow) Chad Hamblin (Peter Quince) Jarrod Smith (Nick Bottom)
DeForest	Voices	Robert Henert (Robert Williams) Sarah Hirsch (Claire Williams) Andy Damos (Will O'Wisp)
Eagle River Northland Pines	Two Horns and a Tale	Sam Gromoll (Zippy) Jessica Edwards (Ruth Hannah Smith) Heather Friberg (Mary Abigail Gentry)
Florence	To Burn a Witch	Erin Anderson (Dame Stanley) Michelle Van Schyndel (Adult Mary Anne Rowen)
Freedom	Tall Tales	Bret Valentine (J.T. Wells) Jonathan Stone (Mr. Flannery) Megan Clark (Maug)
Greenfield Whitnall	Mr. Flannery's Ocean	Katie Neal (Mrs. Klapington) Katie Olson (Coach Jensen) Mario Green (Prince)
Hudson	Winning Season	Matt Hoganson (Prince) Craig Harff (Scapino) Cassie Meyer (Maid)
Kenosha Bradford	Into the Woods	Bethany Gries (Pompington) Stacy Braun (Marigold) Susan Walter (Petunia)
Kenosha Tremper	Scapinol	Adam Helbach (Sir Toby Belch)
Loyal	The Scheme of the Driftless Shifter	Dennis Flood (Ben) Chad Schlotthauer (Don Quixote/Cervantes)
Maple Northwestern	Twelfth Night	Jeremy Wetherald (Sancho)
Medford	Outrageous: Make Up & Italian Rum Cake	Cait Satchell (Aldonza/Dulcinea)
Mequon Homestead	Man of La Mancha	Demetri Saites (Dr. Carasco)
Middleton	Game	Ken Urso (Player)
Mosinee	The Marvelous Playbill	Peter Theis (Chanfalla)
Mukwonago	Early Frost	Jeni Weis (Louise)
New Berlin West	Forward to the Right - A Play of Joan of Arc	Nick Scheeler (John Grey) Amanda DePons (Joan d'Arc)
Oshkosh West	And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson	Kim Palmer (Elizabeth Ann Willow)
Peshigo	Alice	Angie Biernasz (Alice)
Platteville	Normal People	Leslie Kies (Amanda) Dave Sagehorn (Kyle)
Rosholt	Clippings	Katie Schoofs (Shae) Joe Kluck (Nate)
Waunakee	Tall Tales	Lauren Marshall (Young Mary Anne Rowen) Jon Riley (J.T. Wells) Stefanie Dickens (Lottie Rowen)
Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln	Bang, Bang, You're Dead	Tyler Bakken (Tommy Jackson) David Gibbons (Josh) Patrick Gear (Michael) Laura Holterman (Katie) Chad Brandt (Matt) Dana Wood (Emily) Tracy Marie Johnson (Jesse)

## CONGRATULATIONS

Ron Steinhorst, New London High School forensics coach, has become a fourth Diamond coach in the National Forensic league (NFL). Congratulations, Ron, for a job well done - bravo!

## WHSFA REMEMBERING

### 15 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 1984

The Theatre Advisory Committee of WHSFA will meet on Friday, November 30, 1984. Current members are Ellwyn Hendrickson (Menomonie H.S.), Donald Voermans (Oconto Falls H.S.), Ken Beatty, (Richland Center H.S.), Mercedes Chalmers (Whitefish Bay H.S.) and Pat Barlow (Lake Geneva H.S.)

### 10 YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 1989

As a result of recent elections for the various Advisory Committee positions, the following individuals emerged as members for two year terms, 1989-91:

#### Theatre

Section II  
Ted Moskonas, Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln H.S.  
Section IV  
Sue Luterbach, Milwaukee St. Joan Antida H.S.

#### Debate

Section I  
Sue Segelstrom, St. Croix Falls High H.S.  
Section III  
Jeff Steward, DeForest H.S.  
Section V  
Doris Sexton, West Bend H.S.

#### Speech

Section II  
Chris Verges, Wausaukee H.S.  
Section IV  
Clare McCain, Mequon Homestead H.S.

### 5 YEARS AGO - DECEMBER 1994

Of the thirty-seven schools at the 1994 Theatre Festival, thirteen were recognized for exemplary theatrical skills by receiving the "Critics Choice" award. The schools awarded were Appleton West, Brookfield Central, Brookfield East, Greenfield Whitnall, Kenosha Tremper, Luxemburg-Casco, Mequon Homestead, Middleton, Mukwonago, New Berlin West, Platteville, Viroqua and Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln.

### 1 YEAR AGO - DECEMBER 1998

Fifty-four (54) selected high schools were invited to showcase their one-act productions at the 1998 State Festival and performed both Friday and Saturday in the Festival and Barnett theatres at UW-Whitewater. These plays were representative of the outstanding theatre work being done across the state by dedicated students and directors.