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2020 Iowa Junior Thespian Festival Guide

Saturday, March 28

Waukee High School
Waukee, Iowa

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UNDER THE SEA: ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

The 2020 Iowa Junior Thespian Festival is a great chance for middle school students to participate in theatre activities and learn from some outstanding theatre artists. Join us for an exciting day that will be filled with performances, workshops, and time to meet students from across the state of Iowa.

Register Online

This registration packet contains information to help you and your students to enjoy the 2020 Iowa Junior Thespian Festival. Registration for the 2020 Festival is being conducted online. Beginning **January 13, 2020** you will be able to register your students at www.iowaThespians.org. Simply go to the Iowa Thespian website, click on the Junior Thespian Festival page, and follow the easy step-by-step instructions to register. You will find it helpful to review the contents of this packet before you begin the online registration process and keep it handy for reference.

Although your registration is not due until **March 13**, you should begin the registration process today! On our website, www.iowaThespians.org, you will find all the forms that students will need to complete and return to you to be submitted with your online registration. It is highly recommended that you print these forms for potential students so they may return them to you in a timely manner. An explanation of each of these forms can be found below.

We also suggest that you share the information in this packet with all of your students that will be attending the Festival. Having students read through this packet will give them a great idea what the Festival is all about.

What To Return

When you've completed the online registration, you have a few items that you will need to mail to the Iowa Thespian Treasurer. Be sure to include...

- Festival Consent Form (printed from the Iowa Thespian website – one for each student)
- **One check only** for registration fees. Check should be made payable to "**IOWA THESPIANS.**" No purchase orders will be accepted.

Mail registration materials and payment to:

Michael Hunter
Iowa Thespian Treasurer
Grinnell High School
1333 Sunset Street
Grinnell, Iowa 50112

You are not officially registered until your online registration form has been submitted, all of your fees have been paid, and ALL of your students' consent forms have been received via mail.

DEADLINES

The registration deadline is a "post-marked" by deadline of **March 13, 2020**. Registrations received after the deadline of **March 13, 2020** will not be valid.

General Information

Who Can Attend

Middle school students, their teachers, and chaperones are welcome at the 2020 Iowa Junior Thespian Festival. Please encourage all middle school students that are interested in theatre to attend Festival. The Iowa Junior Thespian Festival is an excellent opportunity for students of all backgrounds and experiences to view and enjoy outstanding theatre activities.

Please plan an appropriate number of chaperones for the size of your delegation. We recommend you register one chaperone for every 8-10 students. All chaperones should plan to participate and accompany students throughout the Festival day. This will help ensure a successful, smooth and enjoyable Festival for all!

Teacher Responsibilities

All students MUST have a designated lead teacher or chaperone that is on-site throughout festival. Registration must be submitted by the school, and the school must designate the lead teacher or chaperone responsible for a school's delegates. The school will need to determine if a non-teacher or director (i.e. parent) may be designated as the school's lead chaperone. Students will be representing their school at the festival, so schools will determine if the lead chaperone is prepared to supervise students at festival.

All chaperones have a responsibility to help ensure all students have a safe and educational experience at Festival. Please monitor your own students. Please contact Festival officials if there are issues with **ANY** student throughout the Festival. Together, we will be able to provide students the very best opportunity for learning!

Schedule Overview

Saturday, March 28

9:00 – 9:30 AM	Registration
9:30 - 9:40 AM	Opening Ceremonies
9:45 - 10:25 AM	Workshop #1
10:30 - 11:10 AM	Workshop #2
11:15 - 11:55 AM	Workshop #3
11:55 - 12:30 PM	Lunch (Provided)
12:30 - 1:10 PM	Workshop #4
1:15 - 1:55 PM	Workshop #5
2:00 - 2:40 PM	Workshop #6
2:45 - 3:30 PM	Showcase & Closing Ceremony

Festival Fees

Registration Fees

The basic registration cost per person includes...

- Official 2020 Iowa Junior Thespian Festival T-Shirt
- Performances and workshops from outstanding theatre artists
- Lunch

Basic Per Person Costs

Teachers and Chaperones.....	\$00.00
Students.....	\$30.00

All registration forms and fees **MUST** be completed and included in **ONE** mailing. Incomplete registration packets will be returned to the teacher for completion. **No refunds will be awarded for schools and/or students that cancel after the registration deadline.**

Festival Consent Forms

All students are required to submit a completed Festival Consent Form. These forms are available for download on the Iowa Thespian website: www.iowaThespians.org. Please print one of these forms for EACH student that will be attending Festival. These forms MUST be mailed to Michael Hunter, Iowa Thespian Treasurer, with festival payment. **TEACHERS SHOULD MAKE AND KEEP A COPY OF EACH STUDENTS' HEALTH FORM.** You should be prepared to carry a copy of each students' health form throughout the weekend of Festival. This is for your own protection with regard to liabilities.

Works-In-Progress Showcase

The Works-In-Progress Showcase provides an opportunity for every interested school to perform at Junior Thespian Festival! Participating schools will have 10 minutes to perform anything of your choice. Performance options include an acting scene, song, dance, readers theatre, or anything in between. You could have a duet, small ensemble, or large group participate, with or without scripts. Costumes, props, or lights will not be used, but you may use provided acting boxes to help with the performance. The auditorium's sound system may also be used if you have music in your performance. Your performance does not have to be a finished product, it could be a "work-in-progress" – something that your school is preparing for an upcoming performance. The goal is for students and teachers to see what other schools are working on in a fun and supportive environment. Schools will be able to indicate their interest in participating in the showcase on their online registration.

Security Information

Please be sure all students are aware of the Festival security rules and discuss with your chaperones. We recommend that you do not register a student if you have doubts about his or her ability to abide by these rules. If everyone is aware of the Festival rules in advance, we should be able to maintain a positive environment for all students at Festival!

General Security Information

Students are expected to hold themselves and their classmates accountable for their behavior. Festival staff and teachers reserve the right to pull disruptive students from workshops and activities at any point. In addition, Festival officials will handle security responsibilities during the Festival. All teachers and chaperones will have the responsibility to properly supervise their own students, as well as to **promptly notify Festival officials of any security concerns from any delegation.**

Festival staff will help facilitate activities and passing time. They are able to provide help and answer questions. Please pay attention to directions from these individuals as they are there to help get all students where they need to be in a timely and organized manner.

Festival Attendance

All students are required to attend the events scheduled during the Festival. Students need to attend all workshops and other Festival opportunities. Students should not leave the Waukee High School campus without approval from their teachers.

During performances and workshops, the use of cameras and recording devices are prohibited. All students should TURN OFF CELL PHONES during performances. Please respect all performers and performances and monitor those around you!

Students are the guests of Waukee High School and Festival officials. Respect for other guests, Waukee staff and students, and Festival staff is expected of all Festival participants. Excessive noise, improper language, and reckless behavior will not be tolerated.

Waukee High School and Festival officials are not responsible for loss or breakage of personal effects, money or valuables. Keep this policy in mind when you consider what to bring to Festival.

Violations

Students violating Festival security rules and regulations will meet with their teacher and Festival staff. Violations may result in the student losing Festival privileges, and may include removal from Festival depending on the severity of the offense. If a student is sent home from Festival for any reason, the Festival will not be financially responsible for the costs incurred.

Miscellany

Programs

Each student will receive a printed program at the Festival. The day's schedule will be included in the program, so it is important that all students hang on to the program throughout the day.

Badges

Each student will receive an identification badge that must be worn for admission to all Festival activities. The spelling of names on the badges will appear as submitted on the online Festival Registration Form.

2020 Iowa Junior Thespian Festival Assistance Directory

Please contact any of the following Festival staff members with questions.

Festival Co-Chair: Aaron Dean	Dubuque	adean@dbqschools.org
Festival Co-Chair: Steph DeLacy	Davenport	stephanie.delacy@gmail.com
Festival Host: Sarah Schaefer	Waukee	sschaefer@waukeeschools.org
Venue Coordinator: Nate Jorgensen	Waukee	njorgensen@waukeeschools.org
Tech Coordinator: Kate Baumgartner	Grinnell	kate.baumgartner@grinnell-k12.org