



Mississippi State Fair Youth Drama Festival

The Mississippi State Fair Drama Festival will be held on Monday, October 10, 2011 at the Mississippi Trade Mart during the Mississippi State Fair. The festival will consist of a 10 Minute Play Competition and Monologue & Scene Partner Competitions. Competitions are open to all public, private, home school and parochial school students in grades 5 through 12. Through participation in Drama Festival, students gain valuable performance and production experience.

Overview of Festival Rules for the 10 Minute Play Competition

- Entrants must pay an entry fee of \$50.00 to present their 10 minute play.
- Entrants may be from a school, community group or individual entrant.
- A play selected for entry may be an original work or from a published play.
- No entry may exceed 10-minute running time, plus 5-minute set-up, and 5-minute strike.
- A cutting of a musical or a play is not permitted unless the publisher grants specific written permission for the play to be performed with a cutting. Incidental music, background music, and songs which occur in the text of a non-musical play are permitted. Dance is permitted if it occurs in the text of the musical or non-musical play. Interpretive movement, with or without music, is also permitted if it occurs in the text of a non-musical play.
- The playing area is a pre-lit 18x40 foot raised stage with a backdrop.
- There will be no curtains, blackouts, spotlights or specials available.
- You may present your piece with or without set. Sets must be loaded onto a raised stage.
- You may bring live musicians, but set up of musicians and instruments must be included in the five minute load in time.
- If sound is on CD, a technician must sit with the sound operator and run the CD player. Volumes and controls will be handled by the on-site technician.
- You may present your piece with or without costumes.
- Your group is responsible for obtaining permission from the publisher or author for the performance of its entry and for paying all applicable royalty fees. Permission to perform a cutting of a longer work must also be obtained from the publisher. Proof of permission to perform and payment of royalty must be submitted.

All entry forms or organizations purchase order must be postmarked by September 30, 2011. Any entry postmarked after this date will be subject to a \$20.00 late fee.

For more information or questions, contact the State Fair Drama Festival via email at StateFairDramaFestival@gmail.com

Mississippi State Fair Monologue & Scene Partner Competition

Attention actors! The Mississippi State Fair is offering a competition to let you demonstrate your talents with a monologue and/or scene during the Mississippi State Fair Drama Festival.

Eligibility:

Students in grades 5–12 are eligible to enter the competition. You may compete in a maximum of six categories including: Contemporary Dramatic Monologue, Contemporary Comedic Monologue, Classical Dramatic Monologue, Classical Comedic Monologue, Dramatic Scene and Comedic Scene.

Rules and Information:

- There may be a maximum of five students per scene.
- Monologues should not exceed **three minutes** and scenes should not exceed **five minutes**.
- Before your monologue or scene, you will be allowed to set the stage; five straight-backed chairs, and two small tables will be provided. No additional set pieces, special lighting or sound will be permitted.
- Hand props are permitted, but must be provided by the actors.
- Costumes are permitted, but not required.
- Judges will be theatre professionals.
- Judges will not give oral critiques, but written critiques are available.

Judging Criteria:

- The emphasis during the monologues and scenes is on presentation and performance.
- Applicants will be judged on the basis of the actors' ability to demonstrate concentration, control of material, flexibility and versatility of voice, movement and expression. Actors should pursue strong, clear objectives and make varied and specific acting choices.
- Actors should give evidence of knowing the meaning, importance and place of their scene in the context of the whole play.
- Actors should be prepared to answer any questions from the judges about their scene.

Prizes:

Winning monologues and scenes will receive a trophy and cash prize during the Awards Presentation at the culmination of The Mississippi State Fair Drama Festival.

Entry Process and Fee:

Students must complete and submit Monologue Entry Forms and/or Scene Partner Entry Forms. **There is a \$15.00 non-refundable fee per entry.**

Entry Deadlines:

Monologue Entry Forms and Scene Partner Entry Forms must be postmarked by **September 30, 2011** and sent to the address listed on the form. Entries postmarked after that date will be subject to a \$ 20 late fee.

Competition Dates and Location:

The Monologue and Scene Partner Competitions will be held on Monday, October 10, 2011 at the Mississippi Trade Mart on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds.



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SCHEDULE AND AWARDS

REGISTRATION

Registration for 10 Minute Play Competition & Monologue and Scene Partner Competitions:
9:00 – 10:00am at the Mississippi Trade Mart Building

10 MINUTE PLAY COMPETITION

10:00am – 6:30pm at the Mississippi Trade Mart Building

MONOLOGUE & SCENE PARTNER COMPETITIONS

Will run simultaneous with 10 Minute Play Competition
10:00am – 6:30pm at the Mississippi Trade Mart Building

AWARDS PRESENTATION

7:30pm at the Mississippi Trade Mart Building

AWARDS STRUCTURE

10 Minute Play Best Production – Trophy & \$300.00 Cash Prize
10 Minute Play Runner-Up Best Production – Trophy & \$100.00 Cash Prize
Best Actor – Trophy & \$50.00 Cash Prize
Best Actress – Trophy & \$50.00 Cash Prize
Best Supporting Actress – Trophy & \$25.00 Cash Prize
Best Supporting Actor – Trophy & \$25.00 Cash Prize
Best Comedic Monologue – \$50.00 Cash Prize
Runner-Up Comedic Monologue - \$25.00 Cash Prize
Best Dramatic Monologue – \$50.00 Cash Prize
Runner-Up Dramatic Monologue - \$25.00 Cash Prize
Best Scene – \$100.00 Cash Prize
Runner-Up Scene - \$50.00 Cash Prize
Awards of Excellence – Medallions

