

**Maryland Community Theater Festival Association**  
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Dear Festival Participant:

The 2009 Maryland State Theater Festival will be held at the Frederick Cultural Arts Center, 15 W. Patrick Street, Frederick, MD on January 16 and 17, 2009. The awards banquet will be held on January 18, 2009.

We need to receive your entry forms and fee no later than December 1, 2008. Technical forms should be forwarded to your technical rep immediately so they can be filled out and returned no later than December 31, 2008. We plan to hold a tech meeting on Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 1:30 pm at the Cultural Arts Center in Frederick. We suggest that you send your stage manager and/or tech director to this meeting. We would appreciate your tech forms by December 14, 2008 so that our Festival Stage Manager and Technical Director and the Facility Coordinator can begin to prepare for your entry into the 2009 Festival.

We can only allow one production per group this year – there can be no showcase performances. We will focus on two productions from producing groups again in 2010 when the Original Works Festival returns in combination with the ESTA Festival.

This is a National Festival year. We will have a Festival Commissioner assigned to come and watch everything we do in Maryland to ensure that we comply with AACT rules. Any groups using music in their shows **MUST** comply with the AACT rule and show proof of permission to use the music. Those groups who have paid the ASCAP license fee have only paid for the right to use copyrighted pre-show, intermission and post-show music played by means other than live performers, such as CD's and tapes. The license **DOES NOT COVER** recorded music during a play or music performed live. The only way you can use music during a show is by showing proof of permission.

All participants (director, cast and crew) should keep in mind that the Eastern States Theater Association's Regional Theater Festival will be held at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills, Maryland April 17-19, 2009. **AND** the National Festival will be held in Tacoma, Washington June 23-27, 2009. More about these Festivals will be available in January 2009.

Should you have questions, please contact me at [ginger1940s@comcast.net](mailto:ginger1940s@comcast.net) or call me during working hours at 301 843-8600 ext. 5353 or fax me at 301 870-8481.

We look forward to your participation in our 2009 Maryland State Theater Festival. **Visit our website for complete festival details and forms: [www.mctfa.org](http://www.mctfa.org)**

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors, MCTFA  
Cindy Johnson  
Festival Chair  
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