

Maryland Community Theater Festival Association
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Dear Festival Participant:

The 2011 Maryland State Theater Festival will be held at the Three Notch Theatre, 21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park, MD on January 14 and 15, 2011. The awards banquet will be held on January 16, 2011.

We need to receive your entry forms and fee no later than December 1, 2010. Technical forms should be forwarded to your technical rep immediately so they can be filled out and returned no later than December 15, 2010. We plan to hold a tech meeting in December (TBA) at the Three Notch Theatre in Lexington Park. We suggest that you send your stage manager and/or tech director to this meeting. We would appreciate your tech forms by December 15, 2010 so that our Festival Stage Manager and Technical Director and the Facility Coordinator can begin to prepare for your entry into the 2011 Festival.

We can only allow one production per group for Festival 2011 – there can be no showcase performances. We will focus on two productions from producing groups again in 2012 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 used during a play or music performed live during a production. The only way you can use music during a play is by showing proof of permission. We did learn earlier this year that music used during the scene change was covered by the ASCAP license.

All participants (director, cast and crew) should keep in mind that the Eastern States Theater Association's Regional Theater Festival will be held in Pennsylvania in the spring of 2011 and the National Festival will be held at Geneva Theatre Center in Rochester, New York on June 20-26, 2011. More about these Festivals will be available in January 2011.

Should you have questions, please contact me at ginger1940s@comcast.net or call me on my cell at 301 751-2736.

We look forward to your participation in our 2011 Maryland State Theater Festival. **Visit our website for complete festival details and forms: www.mctfa.org**

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors, MCTFA
Cindy Johnson
Festival Chair
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