

Florida State Junior Thespian Festival 2016

Fact Sheet for Troupe Directors

It's my first year running this Festival, and it's our first year in Orlando. I am sure we are going to have an amazing three days of theater education together. If the process seemed tough, just think how much easier next year will be when we have all the answers much sooner! Below are some facts that might help you plan your weekend with us. I'm looking forward to meeting you.

--James Brendlinger, Florida State Junior Thespian Chairman

Location

All One Acts and Individual Events will be held at Lyman High School, 865 S. Ronald Reagan Blvd., Longwood FL 32750. Closing Ceremony will be held at the Bob Carr Theater, 401 W. Livingston St., Orlando FL 32801.

Parking

On Thursday and Friday before 3pm, you may drop off participants at the Auditorium entrance of Lyman High School, but you must park at the Sanford-Orlando Kennel Club around the corner at 301 Dog Track Road, Longwood FL 32750. Their overflow parking lot is directly across from the back entrance to the school. After 3pm on weekdays and all day on Saturday you may park in any available parking space at Lyman High School or the overflow lot by the Kennel Club.

Checking In

When you first arrive at the Festival, have your group enjoy the food court in front of the auditorium, while you enter through the front doors. You will be directed to the Registration Room. At this time you will receive your badges, programs, t-shirts, any day passes or tickets you ordered, copies of next year's tech theater scripts, and your printed adjudication forms. (By the way, bring some pens—you have to fill out the forms yourself, and you can't save time by printing your own forms in advance because ours are color coded!) This is also a great time to request schedule changes if you have conflicts, turn in Broadway Cares donations, ask questions, etc.

One Acts

If you are presenting a one act, be sure to arrive in time for your Stage Manager meeting and our backstage crew will take great care of you. We can direct you on how to get backstage when we meet you at the Registration Room. There may be heavy school traffic in the morning, so arrive a little early and stay safe 😊

Food

Our menus are on the front page of the website and printed in the program you'll receive at check-in. We have tons of food on sale all the time—and don't miss our food trucks on Saturday night!

Day Passes

If you bought day passes online, just let us know which days you need passes for at check-in. Otherwise, troupe directors (AND ONLY TROUPE DIRECTORS) can buy day passes for \$30 cash at any time during the Festival. Please note that Day Passes do not include t-shirts (which are on sale for ten dollars) or guaranteed admission to Opening and Closing Ceremonies (although if you ordered tickets for those, you may give the tickets to whomever you wish.) DAY PASSES ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE. If we see members of your group sharing a single day pass, your entire troupe may be asked to leave.

The Results Room & Best in Show

On Saturday we will use the Faculty Lunch Room in the Lyman Cafeteria as a Results Room. ONLY TROUPE DIRECTORS MAY ENTER THIS ROOM. You'll be able to pick up your students' adjudication forms and medals here. This is also where we are posting Best in Show announcements for each IE Room.

If your students win Best in Show for their Individual Event, you will need to let us know IMMEDIATELY if they are performing at the Closing Ceremony Saturday night. If they are, please bring them to the Stage Door at the Bob Carr Theater as close to 6pm as possible. (If you are late due to traffic, or because you are responsible for rounding up dozens of pre-teens, don't panic—drive safely, arrive as soon as you can, and the show will go on.) You are welcome to have a chaperone accompany them backstage at the Bob Carr. We will provide pizza, soda, and water in the green room at the Bob Carr, but feel free to bring your own food if that doesn't suit you.

Opening Ceremonies

If you have students performing in the Opening Ceremony, they are to report to the Band Room at 6pm on Friday, and will be busy until about 9:30pm. You are welcome to have a chaperone accompany them backstage if you wish. First Opening Ceremony is at 7:15pm, and Second Opening Ceremony is at 8:30pm. All seats are reserved; do not sit in a seat for which you are not holding the proper ticket.

If you pre-ordered tickets, you will pick them up when you check in. We will ask if you want First or Second seating while supplies last—once one show is full, we will only give tickets for the remaining one. Unfortunately, we are overbooked for both shows—troupes who ordered more than ten tickets will find that they have received fewer

tickets than they requested. Please allow STUDENTS with a few chaperones attend the ceremony if you have to make a choice about who gets to go inside. If you have extra tickets, PLEASE turn them in at registration so that others can request them there.

Because of the number of one act plays coming to the festival this year, we could not offer a third opening ceremony option. Instead, we have a circus tent outside the auditorium where we will be offering AMAZING food and entertainment all evening, as well as some workshop offerings in classrooms during the Opening Ceremony. Please do not let our growing pains ruin your evening—there are so many fun things to do Friday night at Lyman High School! I booked a DJ, a magician, a balloon guy, a hip hop improv group, a Broadway singing group, a live band, a face painter, a pianist, and more! All those years I've spent working at the Orlando Fringe Festival really paid off in finding great Friday night entertainment for you.) I promise you we are actively working toward even better Opening ceremony solutions for next year.

Closing Ceremony

If you pre-ordered Closing Ceremony tickets, you will receive them at check-in. The show starts at 7pm at the Bob Carr Theater and we hope to be done around 9:30pm. You'll want to leave Lyman High School between 5:30-6pm to arrive at the theater in time for the show.

The Bob Carr is a beautiful theater---situated in the middle of a construction site for the exciting new Creative Village. Because of the construction, Livingston Street is actually closed off right in front of the theater.

You can use your GPS to get there, but pay attention to the attached map, and to these notes:

1. As you head East on I-4, you'll use Exit 84A for Colonial Drive.
2. At the bottom of the exit, go straight across Colonial and directly onto Hughey Drive.
3. One block ahead, you can turn RIGHT onto Amelia Street. We have FREE PARKING in the lot at the corner of Amelia and Parramore. OR, you can pay \$10 for one of the parking garages next to the theater.
4. And again—don't panic. Drive safely, stick together, and enjoy an awesome show.



PARKING ALERT

LIVINGSTON ST. IS CLOSED UNTIL MAY 2016.

THERE IS NO ACCESS TO THE BOB CARR THEATER FROM LIVINGSTON ST. DUE TO ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

Primary parking locations are garages CP1 and CP2, accessed from Amelia Street.

CP1: 441 Ron Blocker Avenue, Orlando FL 32801

CP2: 355 Alexander Place, Orlando FL 32801

Accessibility parking is in Lot 5, as well as on the first floors of garages CP1, CP2.

Guest Drop-Off is now located on Alexander Place between Lot 5 and the theater.

