



To Utah Theatre Association Conference Junior High/Middle School Participant:

Welcome to the 2018 *Utah Theatre Association* Conference! We hope that this information will be all you need to register and prepare and help you understand what is available for your students to participate in during the Conference. Please read carefully!

Registration paperwork and submissions will be done online! Our website, www.utahtheatreassociation.org, has all of this information to help you register and has all conference forms and materials as well as a guide to local lodging. Please note that registration **and** payment must be submitted by NOVEMBER 30, 2017. Paying with a credit card can be done over the phone, but a 3.5% + \$.15 finance charge will be added to your total amount.

The 2018 Conference will be held on January 18-20, 2018 at the Davis Conference Center in Layton, Utah and Center Point Legacy Theatre in Centerville, UT. This year's conference theme is "**Drama-Con**".

As a junior high/middle school you can take advantage of the following options for your school regarding the conference:

1. Attend the entire conference with a group of students: all three days and all the events will be open to your group.
 - Registration and check-in will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 18th in the Main Lobby of the Davis Conference Center. The first conference event will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the Conference Center. You will receive a guide for the online schedule, badge, t-shirt and production ticket for each participant in your group at registration.
 - Registration costs for the full conference: \$90 students, \$45 chaperones (teacher goes free with a group). Use the Group Registration Form.
2. Attend the Junior High Conference Special with a group of students: attend Friday events only, including the evening performance.
 - Registration and check-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 19th in the Main Lobby of the Davis Conference Center. The first conference event will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Center. You will receive a guide for the online schedule, badge, t-shirt and production ticket for each participant in your group at registration.
 - Registration costs for this one-day special are \$40.00 per student. Chaperone registration fees are \$25.00 each.
3. Attend the entire conference by yourself: attend all three days alone, sign up for one-day registration, or attend Thursday and Saturday by yourself and bring students with you on Friday only.
 - There is a registration fee if you come by yourself: \$90 for the full weekend, \$40 for one-day. Fill out the Individual Registration Form.
 - If you bring a group of students to the Friday Conference Special then you will not be charged anything for the remainder of the conference events. Use the Junior High Group form and indicate on there if you're attending other events that weekend.

We are making some workshops available to adults only – teachers, student teachers, chaperones, etc. These workshops will be a great opportunity for you to take classes with adults, get to know other teachers, and get away from your students. They will also give you ideas and help you learn how to teach theatre concepts, etc. to your students. Attendance at the Teacher Master Class is highly encouraged for all educators at the conference and is necessary to qualify for full licensure points.

The following information will be found online for you to complete and submit for registration.

- Full Weekend Group registration form. If you are attending the entire conference with a group of students, please use the group registration form online. Please do not use individual registration forms for your students, but rather collect their fees and submit them together on the group form. Please note the cost of conference fees listed on the registration

form: Students \$90.00, Chaperones \$45.00 (teachers bringing students are free). Please direct any questions you may have about registration to Kristi Curtis at registration@utahtheatreassociation.org or 801-402-8068. **Registration forms and monies are due NOVEMBER 30, 2017.** Registrations submitted after this date MUST include an additional \$25.00 late fee per person. No registrations (including additions to your original registration) will be accepted after December 14, 2017. There are no refunds for registration costs.

- **Individual registration form.** If you are attending the conference on your own, or if you have individual students attending the conference without you, please use the individual registration form online. Educators can register for the entire conference or for one-day only. Please note the cost in conference fees listed on the registration form: Students \$90.00, Educators \$90.00 for full conference and \$40.00 for one-day registration. Please direct any questions you may have about registration to Kristi Curtis at registration@utahtheatreassociation.org or 801-402-8068. **Registration and monies are due NOVEMBER 30, 2017.** Registrations submitted after this date MUST include an additional \$25.00 late fee per person. No registrations will be accepted after December 14, 2017. There are no refunds for registration costs.
- **Junior high school group form.** If you are bringing your students to the Friday Conference Special only, please use the junior high school group registration form. Please note the cost of the special one-day conference fees listed on the registration form: Students \$40.00, Chaperones \$25.00 (teachers bringing students are free). Please note that a junior high teacher bringing students on Friday can attend the entire conference and all daily events at no additional charge. Please direct any questions you may have about registration to Kristi Curtis at registration@utahtheatreassociation.org or 801-402-8068. **Registration forms and monies are due NOVEMBER 30, 2017.** Registrations submitted after this date MUST include an additional \$25.00 late fee per person. No registrations (including additions to your original registration) will be accepted after December 14, 2017. There are no refunds for registration costs.

For students interested in participating in the Student Playwriting Contest, you can find all the information and forms on our website. Remind your student playwrights that scripts are due to Wendy Oltmanns from Viewmont High School (801-540-2557) and must be emailed to playwriting@utahtheatreassociation.org by December 8, 2017 to be considered for the Utah Young Playwrights Festival.

There are some changes this year for you to be aware of as you plan for the conference:

- ****We will not be hosting a student lunch.** Due to increased prices in catering we are unable to provide a lunch for the students this year. Please plan accordingly. There will be a small meal provided for the teachers.
- Our theme is very exciting and unique. One element that we have to prepare in advance for is a button exchange. We hope all will participate in trying to collect as many buttons as they can. They can be earned, awarded and traded. Some of these buttons will be for events they are a part of such as volunteering in workshops and some they will be able to purchase at the Scene Shoppe. We'd also love the schools to be involved by creating their own unique buttons. There are many companies that create these buttons for very cheap. A list of these companies will be posted on our website. Then students can trade buttons with students from other schools. It's a great way to bond and get to know other theatre students. We ask that the buttons be small so they can fit on the lanyards we will provide. If you have any questions, please contact us at info@utahtheatreassociation.org.

We are excited for this year's conference and are anxious to have you and your students attend. If you have any further questions, please refer to our "Contact Us" on our website for the appropriate board member listed and you will be contacted as quickly as possible. For help with registration or online support, contact Richie Uminski.

Once we process your registration and payments, you will be receiving a detailed confirmation letter regarding the conference and a more detailed schedule in January via email.

Thank you!

Kristi Curtis

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Guest Artists and bios for this year's conference will be announced on the website as well so make sure you check it out!