

GRANDSTREET THEATRE GEARS UP TO HOST THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN THEATRE ASSOCIATION'S FESTIVAL

**FEBRUARY 10 – 13, 2010
IN HELENA, MONTANA**

Greetings from Helena, MT!

This is the busy time of year for our theatre. All the craziness of kicking off a new season, starting classes, making great "play" for the community – we always love a good "shot in the arm" to remind me what it's all about. For us, it will be happening in February, and I hope you can join us!

Grandstreet Theatre in Helena, MT is excited to be host for the **2010 Rocky Mountain Theatre Association's Festival**. For four days in February, Grandstreet brings together RMTA member organizations from across the West, to join in a celebration of work & play!

Many of you may have attended the Festival in past years. We are planning an exciting schedule full of:

- **PERFORMANCES** from RMTA Member theatres & schools.
- Intensive, inspirational **WORKSHOPS** focusing on all areas of theatre production, design & practice.
- **COMPETITIONS**, including the hugely popular "Tech Olympics."
- **REGIONAL AUDITIONS** for year-round & summer theatres.
- **PORTFOLIO REVIEWS & INTERVIEWS** for technical employment.
- **NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES & FUN GALORE!**

We are introducing something new this year as well: Special evening "**Cocktail Hours.**" As always, the Festival is a chance to meet vendors & catch up on the latest in theatre technology & products. Grandstreet & our Vendor sponsors will host a series of evening meet-and-greets: Intimate, casual gatherings where we can discover more about the companies that help make theatre work, while celebrating our common love of all things theatre.

Read on to find out more about the 2010 RMTA Festival! We've got a lot to do here in Helena before then, but we can guarantee a great time. See you in February!

Yours sincerely,

The staff at Grandstreet Theatre

Tom Cordingley, Marianne Adams, Stephen Alexander, Katie Sorensen & Cody Doll



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is the third time that **Grandstreet Theatre** will be hosting the RMTA Festival. Any theatre that takes on this task will know that it's no easy job. But truly, the joy of bringing together old & new theatre friends for four days in February makes it all worthwhile!



One of the most exciting things about the 2010 RMTA Festival is that, at long last, we're catching up with the 21st century! For the first time, RMTA is organizing the Festival in an **all-electronic format**. A lot of RMTA members are working together to make registration easy for you, our members.

How easy is it? Stop by our website and find out! **The web address is www.rmta.net**. The site, designed by Scott Kadera of Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO, has all the information that you need to become a member, register, find out the latest news on the Festival, and how to get involved with all things RMTA! Included on the site:

- Registration
- Membership information
- Entry forms for the Play competition and presentations
- Audition & employment opportunities
- Information about Helena, MT, including how to get here & how to plan your trip
- Forms of all shapes & sizes, to help you get the most out of the Festival

RMTA is determined to make your membership convenient, comprehensive & worthwhile. We are always looking for more members & more ways that we can serve our member theatre. Please let me know how you like our new format, any suggestions you might have, and especially...if you'd like to help us move forward with this online venture.

We will be publishing schedules soon. Don't forget to look at the deadlines for showcasing your theatre's plays, competitions, workshop presentations & auditions. Until next time, **let's keep playing!**

Marianne Adams, RMTA President (2009-10)
Director of Education, Grandstreet Theatre, Helena MT

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Find out all about the RMTA Festival 2010, Feb. 10-13, at www.rmta.net

RMTA REGISTRATION

MEMBERSHIP & FESTIVAL REGISTRATION

RMTA has made registration quicker and easier, by posting the form online. You can quickly become a member of RTMA, renew your membership, and register for the 2010 Festival at the following link:

WWW.RMTA.NET/FORMS/REGISTRATION_2010.PDF

All the fees for Membership & Festival registration are listed on the form. We have also included a copy of the form on the last page of this newsletter. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- **All organizations, students and individuals registering for the 2010 Theatre Festival** must pay RMTA annual membership dues in addition to the conference fee.
- You can receive an **early registration discount** for the Festival if your payment is postmarked on or before January 15, 2010.
- If you wish to participate in the **University/College Auditions & Employment Auditions**, the additional fee is only \$5.

Don't worry – we are always here to help you with the registration, if you would like to talk it through. Simply call or email our **RMTA Festival Registrar**:

Katie Sorensen

406.442.4270

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RMTA ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERS

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Barbizon Light of The Rockies, Denver, CO
BYU - Idaho, Rexburg, ID
Cast of Characters, Columbus, MT
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St. Vrain Valley High School, Longmont, CO
Theatrics-Encore, Salt Lake City, UT
Trinidad State Junior College, Trinidad, CO
Uninta County School District, Evanston, WY
Utah State University, Logan, UT
Virginia City Players, Virginia City, MT
Weber State College, Ogden, UT
Westminster College, Salt Lake City, UT
Westside Players. Pocatello. ID

FLASHBACK FEATURE

A CHORUS LINE

Book by James Kirkwood & Nicholas Dante

Music by Marvin Hamlisch

Lyrics by Edward Kleban

Directed by Marilyn A. Hetzel

Presented by

**METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE OF
DENVER THEATRE PROGRAM**

One of the 2009 Rocky Mountain Theatre Association Regional Showcase winners, held in Durango, CO, January 2009.

**READ ON TO FIND HOW YOUR THEATRE CAN
ENTER A SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE!**



RMTA FESTIVAL COMPETITIONS

Each year, the Rocky Mountain Theatre Association holds a series of competitions for outstanding work in the theatre. Cash awards are given to the winners of the competitions, and the awards can be used for any purpose.

Got a play that you are proud of? Been working on a great monologue or scene? Want to show off your latest design? Bring them along to the Festival, and turn that golden talent into something to bank on!

In the acting competition, prizes are given to individuals for solo performance & for working with another actor in a performance (partner award). New plays are also recognized at different levels, depending on the length of the script.

High School/Youth Acting Competition

Acting Award: \$250
Acting Partner: \$50

College/University Acting Competition

Acting Award: \$500
Acting Partner: \$100

Community Theatre Acting Competition

Acting Award: \$500
Acting Partner: \$100

Musical Theatre Competition

Musical Theatre Award: \$500
Musical Theatre Partner: \$100

Design Competition

Design Award: \$500

Playwriting Competition

Full Length: \$500
One-Act: \$150
Short Plays: \$100

For more information about these competitions, and all you need to know about the 2010 Festival in Helena, MT, visit WWW.RMTA.NET.

2010 RMTA FESTIVAL DEADLINES

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Register by **January 15, 2010** to save \$10 per registration!

WWW.RMTA.NET/FORMS/REGISTRATION_2010.PDF

APPLICATION DEADLINES (BY DATE)

RMTA PLAYWRITING COMPETITION

Postmarked by date **DECEMBER 1, 2009**

Entry forms & guidelines can be found at:

WWW.RMTA.NET/FORMS/PLAYWRITING_COMP_2010.PDF

2010 REGIONAL SHOWCASE COMPETITION

Entry form should be postmarked at least one month before production date. All participating entries must be performed by **DECEMBER 7, 2009** to be considered.

Contact your RMTA State Representative for details, and download the form at:

WWW.RMTA.NET/FORMS/PRODUCTION_ENTRY_2010.PDF

TECH OLYMPICS TEAM ENTRIES

Participation deadline: **DECEMBER 10, 2009**

WWW.RMTA.NET/FORMS/TECH_OLYMPICS_2010.PDF

RMTA FESTIVAL CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & PRESENTERS

The classes, workshops & special presenters for the Festival will be determined by **DECEMBER 15, 2009**. If you are interested in presenting a lecture, class or workshop please, download the form at:

WWW.RMTA.NET/FORMS/PRESENTER_APPLICATION_2010.PDF

EXHIBITOR/VENDOR REGISTRATION

Application Deadline: **DECEMBER 15, 2009**

WWW.RMTA.NET/FORMS/EXHIBITION_SPACE.PDF

MUSICAL THEATRE COMPETITION

Application Deadline: **JANUARY 22, 2010**

WWW.RMTA.NET/FORMS/EXHIBITION_SPACE.PDF

RMTA COMPETITIONS: ACTING & DESIGN

For guidelines & nomination process, visit:

WWW.RMTA.NET/FESTIVAL/FORMS.PHP

TELL US WHAT YOU KNOW!

PRESENTERS WANTED FOR THE 2010 RMTA FESTIVAL

Where would we be without education? Classes & workshops are one of the special highlights of the RMTA Festival. Tell us about your latest discoveries in acting or directing; share how new science is affecting the arts; or lead movement/improv based workshop. Just about any theatre topic can be addressed.

If you would like to be a presenter or class/workshop leader, please visit the RMTA website & download the guidelines & registration form: WWW.RMTA.NET/FORMS/PRESENTER_APPLICATION_2010.PDF

WHERE TO STAY IN HELENA



HOLIDAY INN

22 N Last Chance Gulch, Helena, MT 59601
406.443.2200, or toll free:
800.HOLIDAY (800.465.4329)

The Holiday Inn is just a couple of blocks from the theatre & is our "Conference Hotel." Many workshops and registration will be held here.

MENTION "RMTA" FOR THESE RATES:

\$87 flat rate
Room rates will be held until Jan 26, 2010

BUDGET INN EXPRESS

524 N. Last Chance Gulch
406.442.0600

Single, 1 bed: \$43.80 Double, 1 bed: \$49.15
Double, 2 beds: \$54.50 Three/quarter occupancy: 2 beds \$64.15

GREAT NORTHERN BEST WESTERN

931 N. Last Chance Gulch
406.457.5500

One of Helena's deluxe accommodations, the train-themed Great Northern stands at the former terminus of the Great Northern railway, in the Great Northern Town Center. **Mention Grandstreet Theatre and RMTA for the following rates:**

Single: \$105
Double: \$115



SANDERS BED AND BREAKFAST

328 N Ewing, Helena, MT 59601
406.442.3309

Single: \$115.00 Double: \$130.00 (includes breakfast)

This is a lovely place to stay, and within walking distance of Grandstreet and the Holiday Inn Conference centers.

WINGATE BY WYNDHAM

2007 N Oakes, Helena, MT 59601
406.449.3000

Airport shuttle, free breakfast & wireless internet, and swimming pool.

Room rate: \$89



CONGRATULATIONS!

RMTA's 2009 AWARD WINNERS!

A special Curtain Call round of applause for all the participants in 2009's RMTA competitions, held in Durango, CO.

ACTING & TECHNICAL AWARDS

- COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ACTING AWARD: **JOSE ZUNIGA**
Sponsored by the Terry & Linda Stevinson Family
- COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ACTING PARTNER AWARD: **DANIELLE HAWKINS**
Sponsored by Harry & Donna Jenkins, Morrison, CO
- COMMUNITY THEATRE ACTING AWARD: **PERRY LEWIS**
Co-sponsored by Tom & Lisa Cordingly and Westside Players, Pocatello, ID
- COMMUNITY THEATRE ACTING PARTNER AWARD: **JACOB SMITH**
Sponsored by Cheyenne Little Theatre Players, Inc., Cheyenne, WY
- DESIGN AWARD: **CHARLES FORD**
In Memory of Anna Thompson, anonymous sponsor
- MUSICAL THEATRE AWARD: **AMANDA HARTMAN**
Co-sponsored by the Opera Shop, Denver, CO and the Terry & Linda Stevinson Family
- MUSICAL THEATRE PARTNER AWARD: **BEN COWHICK**
Sponsored by Harry & Donna Jenkins, Morrison, CO
- OUTSTANDING TECHNICIAN AWARD: **DAVID TRUDEAU**
Sponsored by Harry & Donna Jenkins, Morrison, CO
- TECH OLYMPICS: **RED ROCKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
Team included **Cody Sanford, Jean Egdorf, Silas Howard & Matt McDonald**
- YOUTH ACTING AWARD: **KRISTEN INGMAN**
Sponsored by Grandstreet Theatre School, Helena, MT
- YOUTH ACTING PARTNER AWARD: **SARAH YEAKEL**
Sponsored by Grandstreet Theatre School, Helena, MT

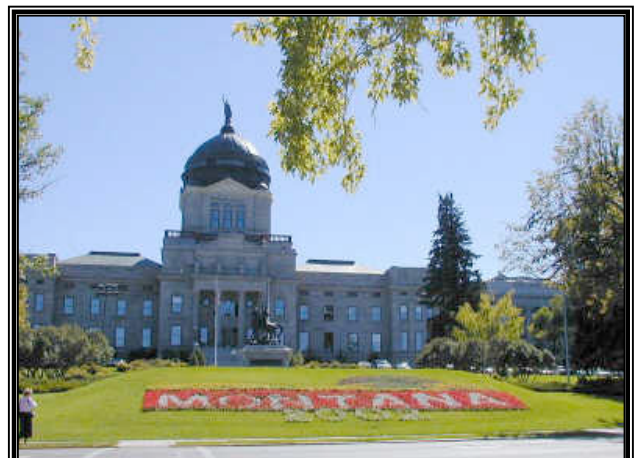
PLAYWRITING AWARDS

- FULL LENGTH: **DONALD FRIED**
- ONE-ACT: **AMY HOLLON**
- SHORT PLAY: **JUANITA POPE**
Play awards sponsored by playwright Steven Dietz

**REMEMBER TO VISIT THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN
THEATRE ASSOCIATION'S WEBSITE:**

www.RMTA.net

**ALL YOU NEED TO REGISTER & JOIN US FOR
RMTA'S 2010 FESTIVAL IN HELENA, MT!**



**BUILT IN 1902, THE CAPITOL BUILDING IN HELENA,
MT IS A NOBLE CENTERPIECE OF A BEAUTIFUL CITY.
JOIN US AT THE 2010 RMTA FESTIVAL, AND DISCOVER
"THE QUEEN CITY OF THE ROCKIES" FOR YOURSELF!**



Rocky Mountain Theatre Association

COLORADO

IDAHO

MONTANA

UTAH

WYOMING

Rocky Mountain Theatre Festival 2010 REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Phone Numbers: Day: _____ Eve: _____

Name of Institution: _____

Your Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

AREA OF INTEREST:

(Check only one)

- Youth Theatre _____
- Prof. Theatre _____
- Comm. Theatre _____
- Dance _____
- Auditor _____
- Faculty _____
- Student _____
- High School _____
- Design _____
- Acting _____
- Directing _____

If a student: Jr. High High School College/University; year of graduation _____

Please Check Items Below:

RMTA MEMBERSHIP DUES:

All organizations, students and individuals registering for the theatre Festival must pay RMTA annual membership dues in addition to the conference fee. Organizational members should pay Organization dues directly to the RMTA Treasurer. (Access www.rmta.net for Organization Membership Form and contact information.)

- Individual: \$25
- Student: \$20

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES:

NOTE: You may take the early registration discount of \$10 if your payment is postmarked on or before **January 15, 2010**.

	Early Reg.	Late Reg.
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$45	\$55
<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$35	\$45
<input type="checkbox"/> One Day Only	\$25	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Audition Fee	\$5	\$5

- University/College Auditions
 - Employment Auditions (Not open to high school students)
- (Send completed Audition Application to address on form.)

FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE

Send completed registration form along with payment in full (dues and registration) to:

RMTA Theatre Festival Registration
 Registrar: Katie Sorensen
 Grandstreet Theatre
 P.O. Box 1258
 Helena, MT 59624

**Make check or money order payable to:
Grandstreet Theatre**

Questions?

Contact: Katie Sorensen at:
406 442-4270
Itsakt4u@yahoo.com

TOTAL PAYMENT DUE WITH REGISTRATION FORM (NO REFUNDS.)

RMTA Membership Dues: \$ _____
 Registration Fee: \$ _____
 Audition Fee: (type) _____ \$ _____
 Processing fee \$ 5.00
 TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

Manner of payment:

- Check/Money Order # _____
- Cash (On-site registration ONLY)
- Voucher (P.O. must accompany registration form)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Audition #: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Fees Paid: (A) _____ (R) _____ (M) _____