

Middle School & Youth Theatre Festival

Overview

As the only Middle School/Youth Theatre organization in Florida that is associated with both professional and amateur theatre organizations and individuals, FTC can provide a unique and safe venue where Middle School and Youth Theatre students can interact with and observe members of the total theatre community.

FTC invites you to perform a one-act in the Middle School/Youth Theatre One-Act Play Festival at Florida Theatre Conference! Attending the Conference allows your students to move seamlessly from performing a one-act to participating in a multitude of exciting classroom-based workshops, and watching organized, full-scale theatre performances.

Guidelines

- Youth Theatre and Middle School Festival groups will receive a 45-minute maximum for a performance of their choosing.
- Load-in, load-out, and tech time are not included in this time limit. Your organization will have 10 minutes for load-in, 30 minutes for tech setup in the space, and 10 minutes for load-out.
 - Additional time may be allotted for un/loading vehicles and clearing the backstage areas.
- Youth Theatre and Middle School Festival groups will receive a 15-minute response from respondents immediately following their load-out from the performance space.

Venue & Tech Information

- Venue
 - All performance groups will perform in the Theatre Winter Haven Small Stage
 - Please find the dimensions for the Small Stage and accompanying photos [HERE](#)
- Available Stage Tech:
 - Please find the Tech Information Packet with lighting plot and lighting magic sheet [HERE](#)
 - A Theatre Winter Haven technician will be able to offer support with lighting and sound if needed.
 - A selection of 10 rehearsal cubes, 20 chairs, and a folding table will be available for each performance group.



Material Selection

- Youth Theatre and Middle School Festival groups are encouraged to select titles or devise an original piece ranging from 30-40 minutes in order to stay within the maximum time allotted.
- Participating groups may also choose to pair two 10-minute plays or consider devising a series of short vignette scenes when preparing for the one-act festival.
- Participating groups that typically perform a full-length MTI KIDS or JR musical should think about selecting the best musical numbers and scenes from their production for response. Licensing for producing the full musical must be paid before performing at FTC's One-Act Festival.

Workshops & Awards

- **Award Ceremony** – an award Ceremony will take place after the festival. The ceremony will include an address from the one-act festival chairs, the distribution of physical awards and certificates, and photographs of the winners.
- **Workshop Offerings** – a multitude of exciting classroom-based workshops will be available for students to attend.