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## From the Prez...

I can smell OCTAFest in the air. As we get closer to our OCTAFest season, I hope you all are ready for some exciting changes to Conference this year. Kathy Sturm and her team have been busy and I have no doubt you will be in for some great surprises. Please keep your eyes open for Kathy as she will be at each and every regional. She will also be selling conference shirts at the Regionals.

Now onto the business of OCTA. Please try to attend the delegate meeting this year on Saturday morning. We will be discussing some critical changes to this organization. First, we will be talking through a few policy and division name changes that will need to be voted on. The Finance Division will be proposing a name change to be better aligned as to what they do "Fund-raising." We will also have a few items that we have cleaned up from policies to now match the by-laws. We will be at 100% by Conference and all open items will be closed. Second, we will be looking into redistricting and balancing out the regions in OCTA. We will have a few proposals, but this will be the start of these changes. Third, we will be talking about board positions and how we fill the board positions. Since regional representatives are not required to attend the board meetings, we continue to see a decline in attendance at the state board meetings. Many regions are not being represented and losing votes at the state level.

Communication is still a struggle for this group with the issue that no one knows what is going on. I plan on trying some video posts on Facebook to see how that works. However, we still have a population that is not on Facebook. We reach more than 10,000 people through this channel. We have also made some changes with mass e-mails to our members to ensure you do not get unwanted spam. You should now see that we will be BCC people on e-mails so you will not see the entire list of who gets our e-mails. We will also be using Wix to communicate as well from our webpage to help manage communication, so people will have an option to un-subscribe.

Some items I want to make sure you hear from me—please be aware the conference price has gone up this year. Please also note that there is no early bird registration—it's one price for all. I want to make sure you are aware that the price we charge only covers food and very little is left over from the funds. We have just been covering costs of conference each year and we are starting to lose money on the costs of doing business. OCTA as an organization is at a key point in time where we may need to change the way we manage our State Conference. The cost of our portable stage, lights, and sound is close to \$7,000 for the weekend. We are at a point where we need to be in a theater and have fun events at a hotel to avoid some of these costs. We will have a breakdown of costs posted around the hotel this year so you are aware of them and are open to ideas of how to close this gap.

Hope to see you soon!

*Jesse Bernal*

2016-17 OCTA President

### 2016-17 OCTA Dates:

- May 1—Spirit of Community Theatre, Hall of Fame, and scholarship deadline
- May 20—Board meeting—Dublin
- July 15—Board meeting—TBA and all other deadlines

### FESTIVALS

- June 3-4 Central
- June 10-11 NW
- June 17-18 NE
- June 22-24 SW
- July 8 West
- July 9 Southeast
- August 4-5 OCTA, Jr. OCTA Backstage

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**The “Magical” Weekend is coming fast...**

OCTA’s magical weekend of theater in Columbus September 1-4 will soon be upon us. You can call and make your reservations now at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North Worthington at 614-885-1885. Be sure to identify the group you will be with (OCT) to get the \$95 rate. Registrations for Conference will be on the website soon.

Tentative workshops include such things as beer tasting, magic, puppetry, props from everyday items, improv, and ballroom dancing.

On Saturday night of the Conference, the Magic Castle Nightclub will be open for after-hours entertainment, complete with food trucks for those late-night munchies!

The Sunday night banquet will be a sit-down dinner with black, white, silver, or turquoise formal attire (or dressy formal).

A magic show follows the banquet and a lip sync costume contest follows all that. More information on this will be in the mini Call to Conference coming in June.

All theater delegates are invited to attend the annual delegate meeting on Saturday morning at 10:45 a.m. You can attend this meeting even if you are not registered for the Conference.



**AACT Festivals**

Break a leg to Center-Stage Players’ *Acapulco* and The Drama Workshop’s *Unnecessary Farce* as the Ohio contingency performing in Champaign, Illinois on April 28-29 at the Region III AACTFest.

The national festival is June 26-July 1 in Rochester, Minnesota. Check out [www.aact.org/2017](http://www.aact.org/2017) for more information.



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## **Regional Reports**

*(from March meeting)*

**Central Region:** The next Central delegates' meeting will be May 13 at Kenyon College.

**NorthEast Region:** The NE Regional will be held June 18 at Hudson Players.

**Northwest Region:** The next Northwest delegate's meeting is April 8 at the Greek Garden in Findlay.—*Mitchell Antesky*

**Southeast Region:** The Southeast Region met on Saturday, January 28 in Cambridge. The Actor's Guild of Parkersburg will host the Regional Festival on July 9. There are five theaters currently making plans to excerpt. We are expecting to add two new theaters to our Region within the next few months. The next meeting will be March 25 in Parkersburg. —*Joe Balding*

**Southwest Region:** The Southwest delegates met on January 23 and February 28 as part of ACT-Cincinnati. We have one new member and the next meeting will be March 28. The regional will be held June 22, 23, 24 at Miami University-Hamilton. —*Ray Lebowski*

**West Region:** The 2017 regional festival will be July 8 in Troy. The next meeting is March 25 in Xenia. —*Christi Thomas*



**Welcome new member theaters:**  
**Perrysburg Musical Theatre (Northwest)**  
**Central Ohio Family Theatre (Central)**  
**Hilliard Arts Council (Central)**  
**River City Players (Southeast)**  
**Apple City Players (Southeast)**

## **Division Reports**

*(from March meeting)*

**Programming:** Kathy Sturm shared much information about the State Conference with the entire Board. This included info on registration, t-shirts, tentative schedule, workshops, and costs. More info will be shared in the coming months.

Regional OCTAFest packets were distributed to the Regional Reps and were reviewed by Joe Barton. These are to be delivered to all member theatres, hopefully with accompanying instructions. Most of the festival responders are in place, with 3 or 4 still pending confirmation.

OCTA Fest, Jr. will be held at Owens Community College, Perrysburg. If enough groups apply to participate, excerpts will be presented on Friday, Aug. 4 and Saturday, Aug. 5. Times are being set aside for workshops for students and adults. Information packets, including application forms, are included in the OCTA Fest packets. Initial application deadline is June 15. Excerpt rules have been updated to reflect specific issues for OCTA Fest, Jr.

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## **Programming Division cont'd:**

Guide/Respondent program has had a few more requests. Remember each theatre is entitled to use this service (for regular season shows and/or excerpts) twice a year with no cost to the theatre. Contact Mitch Antesky to schedule a guide or responder.

State Tech Competition entry forms are available on the OCTA website. Theatres are encouraged to recognize and honor their behind-the-scenes workers by nominating them for State awards. If insufficient entries are received, this program may be terminated. Reps are asked to survey their member theatres regarding this award program.

**Finance:** The Bluetooth Credit card reader has arrived which will enable OCTA to be compliant with the new Chip Enabled Cards. This will enhance overall security while processing all credit cards whether they have a chip or not. Harley will revise the instructions on how to use for Regionals and State Conference.

Items have been narrowed down to be purchased for the Logo items at Regionals and State Conference. New items include: Zippered Portfolios, Ceramic Coffee Mugs, Wine Stopper/ Opener, Canvas Business Attaché and a Long Sleeve button down the front Dress Shirt. We will also be purchasing some Conference specific novelties to be used as souvenirs.

To enable these purchases, a bank issued debit card has been issued to Harley with the Logo Merchandise balance on it. Items will start being purchased this weekend to make sure they will be ready for sale for Regionals.

Harley raised \$500 in a private fundraiser to establish a Memorial Scholarship in Kelsey Sandmann's memory. The motion was made and seconded by finance to await final approval by the Board. This Scholarship will follow the requirements of OCTA Scholarship Applications and is Harley's hope that it will be continued every year. This year we are excited to announce that we will have a total of five \$500 Scholarships available.

Patron letters will be going out on April 1 and it is noted that there are no changes this year to the Patron Program. Anyone will be able to purchase a table for a MAXIMUM OF 8 people at the State Conference Banquet for \$250, and will receive Exclusive Seating. As an added benefit, will then have the same table reserved for the Excerpt Awards Breakfast. As a reminder, ALL FUNDS COLLECTED WILL BENEFIT THE PATRON PROGRAM.

A sign-up sheet will be going around at the July Board meeting for Silent Auction and Logo Table volunteers.

Board Members and Regional Reps will again this year receive a \$10 discount on FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS ONLY. ALL registrations MUST be paid directly to Aara by the JULY 15TH BOARD MEETING. ANY Board Member or Regional Rep registration not paid by this meeting will not receive the discount.

**MMPR:** Division Chair Michelle Johnson reported OCTA has received five new Theatre Member applications which were subsequently approved by the Board. Division members are also working on the Resource Directory which will be condensed and listed on the website.

The division is still working on refining workshop topics for OCTA BackStage which will happen in August in conjunction with OCTA Jr. at Owens Community College in Perrysburg. Learn about what it's like to get to the professional stage, do voice overs, or books on tape. You will also learn how to "get butts in your seats!" Plus, everything you've always wanted to know about OCTA.

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# Callboard

Callboard items should be sent to the Cuelines Editor Christi Thomas and Webmaster Michelle Johnson for publication.

The April issue has postings through summer.

## Central Region

04/27-04/30	<i>The Fantasticks</i>	Chillicothe Civic Theatre	855-723-3768
04/28-05/07	<i>Wally's Café</i>	Roundtown Players	740-474-5856
05/05-05/21	<i>The Scarlet Pimpernel</i>	LTOB	614-875-3919
05/05-05/21	<i>Trevor</i>	Curtain Players	614-360-1000
05/11-05/14	<i>Sister Act</i>	Imagine Productions	614-398-1110
05/11-05/21	<i>Maternal Instincts</i>	Eclipse Theatre Company	614-881-0382
05/12-05/20	<i>Skits, Bits &amp; Halfwits</i>	Mansfield Playhouse	419-522-2883
05/12-05/21	<i>24th Annual Putnam..</i>	Bucyrus Little Theatre	419-562-0731
05/18-05/28	<i>Kiss Me Kate</i>	Licking County Players	740-349-2287
05/19-05/27	<i>Sordid Lives</i>	Portsmouth Little Theatre	740-353-7034
06/09-06/18	<i>The Little Mermaid</i>	Mansfield Playhouse	419-522-2883
06/09-06/18	<i>Dixie Swim Club</i>	Out of the Box Comm Theatre	614-992-2930
06/16-06-25	<i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	Galion Community Theatre	419-468-2662
07/07-07/16	<i>Bye Bye Birdie</i>	MTV Arts	740-501-8589
07/13-07/16	<i>Snow White and...</i>	Bucyrus Little Theatre	419-562-0731
07/13-07/23	<i>Seussical</i>	Licking County Players	740-349-2287
07/14-07/23	<i>Annie</i>	Pickerington Community Theatre	614-508-0036
08/10-08/13	<i>Best Little Whorehouse</i>	Imagine Productions	614-398-1110
08/17-08/27	<i>The Paris Letter</i>	Eclipse Theatre Company	614-881-0382
08/17-08/27	<i>Rumors</i>	Licking County Players	740-349-2287
08/18-08/20	<i>Radio Mystery Theatre</i>	Out of the Box Comm Theatre	614-992-2930

## NorthEast Region

04/14-04/22	<i>Charlie &amp; The Chocolate Factory</i>	Theatre 8:15	330-896-0339
04/20-05/07	<i>Don't Dress for Dinner</i>	Workshop Players	440-988-5613
04/14-04/22	<i>Charlie &amp; The Chocolate Factory</i>	Theatre 8:15	330-896-0339
04/18-05/20	<i>Brigadoon</i>	Aurora Community Theatre	330-562-1818
04/21-05/06	<i>Steel Magnolias</i>	Olde Towne Hall Theatre	440-327-2909
04/21-05/09	<i>Sex with Strangers</i>	Chagrin Valley Little Theatre	440-247-8955
05/04-05/06	<i>Love, Loss, and What I Wore</i>	Wolf Creek Players	330-825-3814
05/05-05/13	<i>Here on the Flightpath</i>	Theatre 8:15	330-896-0339
05/05-05/20	<i>On the 20th Century</i>	Hudson Players	330-655-8522
05/05-05/21	<i>Deathtrap</i>	Trumbull New Theatre	330-652-1103
06/02-06/11	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	Brecksville Theatre on the Square	440-526-6436
06/02-06/11	<i>The Spitfire Grill</i>	Carnation City Players	330-821-8712
06/02-06/24	<i>Drop Dead</i>	Chagrin Valley Little Theatre	440-247-8955
06/30-07/15	<i>Grease</i>	Aurora Community Theatre	330-562-1818
07/21-08/19	<i>Avenue Q</i>	Chagrin Valley Little Theatre	440-247-8955

## Northwest Region

04/20-04/29	<i>Boeing Boeing</i>	Fort Findlay Playhouse	567-525-3636
04/21-04/29	<i>Forever Plaid</i>	Oregon Community Theatre	419-691-1398
04/22-05/06	<i>Farce of Nature</i>	Off-Stage Productions	419-605-6708
04/27-04/30	<i>Oliver!</i>	Fort Defiance Players	419-782-7529
04/28-04/30	<i>Fiddler on the Roof</i>	Waterville Playshop	419-270-1204
04/28-05/07	<i>The Dixie Swim Club</i>	Black Swamp Players	
04/28-05/07	<i>Game Show</i>	Genoa Civic Theatre	419-855-3103
05/05-05/13	<i>Honky Tonk Angels</i>	Archbold Community Theatre	419-264-5717
05/05-05/13	<i>Company</i>	Bellevue Society for the Arts	419-484-2787
05/05-05/14	<i>All in the Timing</i>	Harlequins	419-621-1311



05/11-05/19	<i>Cyrano</i>	Village Players	419-472-6817
05/12-05/20	<i>Looking</i>	Fort Findlay Playhouse	567-525-3636
05/12-05/21	<i>Scotland Road</i>	Ritz Players	419-448-8544
05/12-05/21	<i>The Red Velvet Cake Wars</i>	WCCT	419-636-6400
05/12-05/21	<i>Plaza Suite</i>	Amil Tellers of Dramatics	800-944-1441
05/12-05/21	<i>Mary Poppins</i>	Fremont Community Theatre	419-332-0695
05/12-05/21	<i>The Female Odd Couple</i>	Playmakers Civic Theatre	419-734-5044
05/18-05/21	<i>Sister Act</i>	3B Productions	419-865-5533
06/02-06/18	<i>A Funny Thing Happened...</i>	Toledo Rep	419-243-9277
06/22-06/25	<i>Our Town</i>	Fort Defiance Players	419-782-7529

### **Southeast Region**

04/14-04/29	<i>The Giver</i>	Mid-Ohio Valley Players	740-374-9434
04/21-05/06	<i>Company</i>	Actors Guild of Parkersburg	304-485-1300
04/21-05/06	<i>The Man Who Came to Dinner</i>	Little Theatre of Tus Cty	330-343-4012
05/05-05/14	<i>James and the Giant Peach, Jr.</i>	Zane Trace Players	740-453-8481
05/05-05/21	<i>Forever Plaid</i>	Coshocton Footlight Players	740-622-2959
05/11-05/14	<i>The Dixie Swim Club</i>	Athenian Berean Community Players	740-753-1924
05/12-05/14	<i>Wizard Of Oz</i>	Hope Players Inc.	740-461-0710
06/09-06/18	<i>The Producers</i>	Zanesville Community Theatre	740-455-6487
06/09-06/18	<i>Around the World in 80 Days</i>	Actors Guild of Parkersburg	304-485-1300
06/09-06/24	<i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i>	Mid-Ohio Valley Players	740-374-9434
06/16-06/25	<i>If a Man Answers</i>	Cambridge Performing Arts Centre	740-261-4304
06/18	<i>Trip to Bountiful</i>	Athenian Berean Community Players	740-753-1924
06/23-07/08	<i>Chitty Chitty Bang Bang</i>	Little Theatre of Tuscarawas County	330-343-4012
07/14-07/23	<i>Blythe Spirit</i>	Zanesville Community Theatre	740-455-6487
07/28-08/12	<i>Big Fish</i>	Actors Guild of Parkersburg	304-485-1300
08/04-08/13	<i>Bye Bye Birdie</i>	Zane Trace Players	740-453-8481

### **Southwest Region**

04/21 - 04/29	<i>Don't Talk to the Actors</i>	Village Players	859-392-0500
04/21 - 04/29	<i>A Murder Is Announced</i>	Tri-County Players	513-471-2030
04/21 - 04/29	<i>The 39 Steps</i>	Milford Theatre Guild	513-575-9351
04/27 - 04/30	<i>Damn Yankees</i>	Greater Hamilton	513-737-7529
04/28 - 05/06	<i>The Civil War</i>	Showbiz Players	859-957-1940
04/28 - 05/14	<i>Always, Patsy Cline</i>	Drama Workshop	513-598-8303
04/28 - 05/14	<i>DollHouse</i>	Mariemont Players	513-684-1236
05/04 - 05/20	<i>All Shook Up</i>	Footlighters, Inc.	859-652-3849
05/05 - 05/13	<i>It Doesn't Get any Deeper Than This</i>	CenterStage Players	513-588-4910
05/05 - 05/20	<i>The Savannah Sipping Society</i>	Sunset Players	513-588-4988
05/12 - 05/20	<i>Born Yesterday</i>	Beechmont Players	513-233-2468
05/12 - 05/20	<i>Shrek</i>	Cinti. Music Theatre	513-621-2787
05/12 - 05/21	<i>I Love You, You're Perfect...</i>	Loveland Stage Co.	513-443-4572
05/13 - 05/21	<i>All My Sons</i>	Stagecrafters	513-909-6918
05/19 - 05/28	<i>25<sup>th</sup> Ann. Putnam Co. Spelling Bee</i>	Fairfield Footlighters	513-867-5348

### **West Region**

04/28-05/07	<i>Vanya, Sonia, Masha, &amp; Spike</i>	Beavercreek CT	937-429-4737
05/05-05/13	<i>Things my Mother Taught Me</i>	Troy Civic Theatre	937-339-7700
05/05-05/21	<i>Ragtime</i>	Dayton Playhouse	937-424-8477
05/12-05/28	<i>Wonder of the World</i>	Dayton Theatre Guild	937-278-5993
05/24-06/04	<i>The (female) Odd Couple</i>	Xenia Area Comm Theatre	937-372-0516
06/16-06/25	<i>Bonnie &amp; Clyde, the musical</i>	BCT	937-429-4737

***If your theater listing is incorrect or does not appear here...please be sure to send your season information to your Regional Rep for accurate information in the next issue.***