



# CUELINES

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## OCTA, Jr takes the Stage

### LIP SYNC CONTEST

A new twist on an old favorite! Solo, duo, groups, any configuration you can think of. Pick a song, then design a lip sync routine to WOW audiences.

(No real singing ability necessary!)  
Costumes required.

Soon we will have developed, with the help of our DJ, a list of songs from which everyone can pick.

The twist? They all will somehow relate to MAGIC! ONLY SONGS FROM THE PROVIDED PLAY-LIST WILL BE ALLOWED.

We know there are the possibility of duplicate numbers, but each group will have put their own spin on it.

Sync Battle on Spike TV ain't got nothin' on us! GET YOUR MAGIC ON!!

The Ohio Community Theatre Association is proud to announce “The Magic Starts Here: OCTA, Jr. 2017,” our annual youth theatre showcase. Plan to join the magic on Saturday, August 5, at the beautiful Owens Community College Center for Fine and Performing Arts in Rossford, Ohio. Six Ohio Youth theatre programs are scheduled to showcase a season from the 2016-17 season, and for just \$10 you can be a part of this exciting day. Responders Dan Maloney (SW), DeAnne Bryll (SW), and Dotty DeWulf (NW) will talk with each of the groups following their performances to provide constructive feedback for continued growth in our strong Ohio community theatre culture.

Participating theatres include: 3B Productions (*The Wiz*), Wadsworth Footlighters (*Disney's Peter Pan, Jr*), The Toledo Rep (*Hairspray*), Licking County Players (*Seussical*), Horizon Youth Theatre (*The Great Cross Country Race*), and The Tiffin Ritz (One-Acts). Watch OCTA's Facebook page and webpage for further updates and final schedule.

## OCTA Board positions open

This has been a particularly difficult year for our organization. We've lost several board members due to illness/death, relocation and work schedules. WE NEED YOU! At publication time, there are TEN open positions for the Board of Directors. This is a crucial issue for OCTA. In the upcoming two years the Board will look at two major potential changes within the organization: 1) the possibility of redistricting the states' six regions to better utilize resources and personnel, and 2) reorganizing conference responsibilities so that the Board takes over the “business” of conference and the hosting regions/groups develop the plans for social events that make each conference individual and fun!

If you are willing to serve on the Board of Directors to assist OCTA in rebuilding a strong program, please contact Immediate Past President Dawna Kornick, Secretary John Falkenbach, or Administrative Assistant Aara Wise to obtain an interest packet. You'll be asked to attend the Delegates' Meeting on Saturday, September 2 at the Crowne Plaza North Columbus Worthington during the 2017 State Conference. Your duties would begin on Labor Day 2017. There are six 3-year terms, two 2-year terms, and two 1-year terms open.

*Michelle Johnson*

2nd Vice-President, MM/PR

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

It’s almost time to meet up with all your favorite OCTA friends and you don’t want to miss out on the fun at *The Magic Show*. Yes, there will be some different things going on, but it is all in the spirit of providing a weekend of fantastic excerpts and inspiring workshops. Even though OCTA, Jr will not be performing on Friday night, you will want to be there for a jam-packed evening! There will be beer tasting and wine tasting, a professional psychic medium answering your questions, and welcoming hospitality from some of the regions.

This year we will be offering the opportunity for your family and friends to see those performances they might have missed, or just want to see again. Anyone can purchase a ticket to see a block of excerpts: Saturday will have three blocks; Sunday will have two. The wristband will only allow your admittance for the session that was purchased. The first session on Saturday has only two excerpts and will cost \$20. All other sessions will have three excerpts and cost \$30. These wristbands will not grant admission to any of the workshops or entertainment. Wristbands may be purchased at the registration desk.

Saturday and Sunday will be filled with excerpts and workshops. Of course, the fun doesn’t end when the excerpts are over! Saturday evening we will be setting up the Magic Pavilion, complete with DJ and dance floor, as well as entertainment provided by the husband-wife team of Jason and Stacy Alan, doing tabletop magic and mentalism. Just outside the doors of the pavilion will be food trucks to help you tame those late-night cravings without having to leave the premises! Sunday evening will be nothing but MAGICAL! The banquet is a plated dinner, so be sure and select your entrée when you register. Sunday evening is a special night for everyone involved, and a night to celebrate—let’s make it elegant! The dress code is formal—no jeans, or shorts—DRESS UP!! We would like the colors of conference to shine through, so black, white, silver, purple and turquoise should be your choice. And after a wonderful dinner, the lights will be lowered and the incomparable magician, Drew Murray, will be performing his full stage show. After a short break, the stage will be turned over to all of you who have ever wanted to prove your groove—LIP SYNC COSTUME BATTLE! Yes, this is the costume contest amped up to create that MAGIC moment!



The Ohio Community Theatre Association is proud to be associated with:



## Regional Reports

(from July meeting)

**Central Region:** Central Region held their annual Regional festival on June 3 at Kenyon College. There were three theatres excerpting: Curtain Players with *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*; Licking County Players with *Empty Nest*, an original production; and Little Theatre off Broadway with *Love Sex and the IRS*. Curtain Players was the invitee with Licking County Players as the alternate. Lunch was provided by AVI food service and coordinated by Megan Evans who also helped coordinate with Kenyon College; major props and a huge THANK YOU to Megan! —*Jeremy Furlong*



**NorthEast Region:** The NE regional festival was held at Hudson Players on June 18 with six theatres presenting excerpts. Invitees are *Words Words Words* from Aurora Community Theatre, and *Barefoot In the Park* from Trumbull New Theatre, with alternate *On the Flight Path* from Theatre 8:15. We had a well-attended workshop presented by Harley Antesky on "Theatre in a Day." Our delegates met and elected new regional reps: returning Autumn Riddler with new reps Ben Gavitt and Tammy Carder. —*Sue Snyder*

**Northwest Region:** The Northwest Region held their annual festival June 10-11 at the Owens Community College Center for Fine and Performing Arts Center in Perrysburg. It was the first year of a 3-year commitment to host the festival at this state of the art facility. Seven theatres participated with overall attendance totaling nearly 250. Invitees were *The Minister's Wife* from Fort Findlay Playhouse, *Cabaret* from first-year member Cutting Edge Theatre Company of Sylvania, and the invited alternate was *Fiddler on the Roof* from Waterville Playshop. Many topics were discussed at the annual delegate meeting for improvements in future years regarding, festival planning, gaining non-competing theatre involvement, attendance at the festival by non-participating theatres, and rates of admission. Nine regional reps were elected and are going to work in teams of veterans and "newbies" to get coverage to all our current 26 theatres. —*Mitchell Antesky*

**Southeast Region:** The SE Region delegates met on Sunday, July 9, 2017, during the SE Regional Festival hosted by The Actors Guild of Parkersburg, West Virginia. *Forever Plaid* presented by The Footlight Players of Coshocton was selected as the invitee to OCTA State Conference and *A Trip To Bountiful* produced by The ABC Players of Nelsonville was chosen as Alternate. The Spirit of Community Theatre Award was given to Billie Harmon in recognition of her decades of service to community theatre in the SE Region and her commitment to the state OCTA organization. New regional reps for 2017-18 are Sally Holmes, Jane Mancini and Billie Harmon. The next delegates meeting will be held during State Conference —*Joe Balding*

**Southwest Region:** The Southwest regional convention took place at its usual haunt, Parrish Auditorium at Miami University-Hamilton, on June 23-24. There were nine excerpts presented. The excerpts chosen to represent the region are: Footlighters Inc.'s *Side Show*, The Drama Workshop's *Always...Patsy Cline*, and the alternate, *Love/Sick*, by The Village Players. —*Ray Lebowski*

**West Region:** The 2017 West Regional was held on July 8 hosted by Troy Civic Theatre with five theaters excerpting and 90 attendees. Dayton Theatre Guild's excerpt of *The Last Lifeboat* will represent the West at the Annual Conference in Columbus with Beaver Creek Community Theatre's *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike* as the alternate. Gerri Nichols from TCT received the Spirit of Community Theatre Award and Niccole Amersdorfer from TCT has agreed to be a second Regional Rep for the West Region for the next year. —*Christi Thomas*

**OHIO COMMUNITY THEATRE ASSOCIATION  
 2017 OCTA CONFERENCE "THE MAGIC SHOW" (SEPTEMBER 1-4)  
 \*\*\*CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE AUGUST 25, 2017\*\*\***



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

THEATRE AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_ This is my first State OCTA Conference: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

I will be my theatre's voting delegate at the Annual Meeting on Saturday to elect new Board Members: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

\*\*\* HOTEL INFORMATION \*\*\*

Crowne Plaza Columbus North-Worthington 6500 Doubletree Avenue Columbus, OH 43229  
 614-885-1885 Room reservation deadline is Friday, August 11, 2017 ROOM RATE: \$95 + taxes and fees.

FULL REGISTRATION (includes two meals, excerpts, workshops & entertainment) \$120.00 \_\_\_\_\_

The Sunday night banquet will be a plated dinner. Please indicate your entrée choice:

- \_\_\_\_\_ ROASTED PRIME RIB  
 Dry Rubbed Prime Rib of Beef Slow Roasted served with Au Jus and Creamy Horseradish Sauce
- \_\_\_\_\_ PANSEARED ATLANTIC SALMON  
 A Fresh Catch Salmon on a Bed of Wilted Baby Spinach with a Balsamic Vinaigrette and Toasted Pine Nuts
- \_\_\_\_\_ BISTRO CHICKEN  
 Boneless Chicken Stuffed with Asparagus and Fontina Cheese, Wrapped with Prosciutto served with Sage Demi
- \_\_\_\_\_ VEGETARIAN OPTION  
 Chef's Choice (Usually a Pasta Primavera type dish)

I will be attending the Monday Morning Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO (Catering information only; NO REFUNDS)

"LEARN TO BE A RESPONDER" WORKSHOP (available with FULL REGISTRATION ONLY) \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

DAILY REGISTRATION (includes one day of excerpts, & workshops only; NO MEALS)

SATURDAY SEPT. 2 \$65.00 \_\_\_\_\_

SUNDAY SEPT. 3 \$65.00 \_\_\_\_\_

10% DISCOUNT FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP (membership card number \_\_\_\_\_) - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OCTA PATRON DONATION (OPTIONAL) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION TOTAL** (Including registration and donation) **\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED FOR MAIL IN REGISTRATION. Checks only.**

**CANCELLATION and RETURNED CHECK POLICY**

Registration refund, minus a \$10.00 administration charge, will be made for cancellations received on or before August 25, 2017. NO REFUNDS will be made for cancellations after August 25, 2017. Refunds will be mailed after the close of the conference. A \$35.00 fee will be charged for all returned checks.

**Make checks payable to OCTA and mail this form with the check to:**

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