

Changes and New for 2019

Have you attended the festival before? Well, if so, then you should read over what has changed and is being newly introduced for 2019. As a growing organization, NJ Junior Thespians is making an effort to improve all aspects of the festival by streamlining registration, implementing new National EdTA standards, and providing students and teachers with the best opportunity for learning and celebrating theatre.

ATTENDEES

- There are no longer Additional Adults. There is now an Attendee Fee, which is for both students and adults who wish to attend the festival. Attendee Fees are \$25.
- Directors may now choose to bring one assistant with them. Both attend free and receive PDCs.
- Directors are no longer considered chaperones. They now have the ability to create their own schedule and move freely to and from each session.
- The Directors Lounge has been renamed to The Green Room, and will be moved from the Faculty Lounge to a larger Media Center in the building.
- Directors/Assistants are required to attend a Morning Information held in The Green Room.
- Lunchtime will be broken into two parts: 1. Lunch Period (20 minutes), and 2. Activity Period (20 minutes).
- Students will stay in student groups and not be with schools during lunchtime.
- More detailed information about chaperones and student groups has been added to the Festival Info Packet.
- As an effort to decrease travel time, the new festival of events is as follows: Opening Ceremony, Showcase, WS/IEs, WS/IEs, Lunch, WS/IEs, WS/IEs, Showcase, Closing Ceremony.

SHOWCASE

- 4 handheld mics and 2 floor/stage mics will be provided.
- Showcases will be timed this year, and if you go over 10 minutes, you are unable to earn a Certificate of Excellence for participating in the Showcase at Closing Ceremony.
- If Showcase is accepted and you drop out, you forfeit right to reapply for the Showcase the following year.
- All music will be digitally uploaded prior to coming to the festival, and CDs are no longer accepted.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

- The IE fee has been removed to register for IEs.
- The per school student cap has been increased from 12 students to 16 students maximum.
- Entrants will need to print 2 copies of the rubrics to bring for their IE. They must fill out the top part on each copy of the rubric prior to coming to the festival. Entrants will hand their rubrics to the 2 adjudicators in the room immediately before performing their IE. Student rubrics for each area can be found online under the Individual Events tab @ www.njthespians.org.
- Entrants must wear all black professional clothing and black shoes.
- Students may play a role of any gender regardless of the gender with which they identify. It is important to note that all copyright rules are to be enforced; for example, the student cannot change pronouns without the express, written consent from the publisher.
- A small selection of D. M. Larson plays are available to use. For a complete list of acceptable material for IEs, please visit www.njthespians.org/individualevents

REGISTRATION

- There will be 3 parts to Registration. (1. Main School Registration, 2. Optional Showcase Registration, 3. Optional Individual Event Registration.) All parts must be submitted by April 5.
- The address to mail checks has changed. Make checks and/or purchase order payable to NJ Thespians and mail no later than Friday, April 5, 2019 with a printed invoice to: Carolyn Little (NJ Chapter Director) 936 Beachwood Boulevard, Beachwood NJ 08722

QUESTIONS

This guide is not a replacement for the Festival Info Packet. Please read the packet in its entirety prior to completing registration. If you have any questions about the changes and new rules for 2019, do not hesitate to inquire at njthespians@gmail.com.