

Hello!

Many of you may have seen an advertisement for “Thespian Nation Live” from the EdTA home office. This event was created for states that do NOT hold their own qualifying IE events and/or state conferences. Here in Nevada we are holding our very own qualifying regional festival and state conference.

Much like last year, Nevada's Thespys will qualify at our regional level conference. This year we are combining North, South and Rural regionals into ONE Virtual festival! Don't worry though, we are still qualifying ALL superior ranked Thespys from all regions for ITF AND we are still inviting the top 10% from EACH region to audition for our state showcase!

Since we are going virtual for regional, we have combined the north and south registration sites. This will also make state registration much easier and less cumbersome scheduling when the time comes. For those of you in the south, all I ask is that you go into the registration site and check your school's information to make sure it is accurate and updated. Make sure that you can log in. You should also add any new students to the data base before we open the IE (Thespy) registration.

As a refresher, here are some instructions. Go to

<https://nevada-south.cothespians.net/>

Note: If you are a school from northern/rural Nevada you must re-register as a new school at this URL. We are combining URLs to ease in scheduling and registration.

If your school has logged in for other conferences, use the same login and password as before.

Please be sure you update your own information in the account section

**** NOTE**, If you don't remember your password, you will need to reset your password in order to save any changes you make to your account. Be sure to hit “save” to save any changes then

****** go into the “Directory” click “add students” and update any student information you need to update. To update student information, click on the little pencil to the right. Here you can update email information, cell phone, t-shirt size etc. Please be sure ALL EMAILS are correct and what a student will log into the conference with.

****** You can also delete past students by clicking on the red X

****** save any changes and hit “back” each time to take you back to the main screen

- **If you are a new troupe director of an existing troupe, new to a school, or can't remember your log in or email from last year, email nvthespians@gmail.com and I'll reset your login and password for you. DO NOT TRY TO START A NEW ACCOUNT.**

IF YOUR SCHOOL HAS NEVER BEEN TO A CONFERENCE email me and I will check to see if I have any existing records for your school if not, I will send you registration instructions for your school.

TO REGISTER NEW STUDENTS IN THE SYSTEM (In the data base). You will need their name, cell phone number, email address and graduation year

- Go to “Directory” and add students by going to the +sign in the upper right-hand corner of the “Directory” page

* If you get a message saying the email is already taken, email me... that means that your student has been registered in the past so they exist in the data base and I will need to reset their information to be with your school.

* Fill out all the information under “add student” and click submit.

Get all of this done as soon as you can, this sets up your data base in the registration system and will make your conference registrations much easier. The next step will be to register each student for the regional festival and the individual events and then upload their videos. When we are ready for that step, I will send you a separate email with instructions.

This will get you going. **The ABSOLUTE deadline for regional registration and all recorded Thespy submissions will be January 12th.** We CANNOT take late registrations or submissions, so please plan accordingly.

For information on the Thespy’s events, rules, regulations and rubrics go to:

<https://www.schooltheatre.org/viewdocument/national-individual-3>

The only difference between the ITS rules and Nevada’s rules is that in Nevada we allow **two Thespy submissions per student** plus they are also allowed to perform in a short play and/or radio play.

Radio plays and short plays are two different categories. A student can be involved in both. Only short plays will be considered for the ITF Chapter Select Showcase... however, we will highlight the top radio plays at state conference in virtual performances throughout the conference. And it is my understanding that any radio play can submit for performance at ITF.

Finally there will be a regional awards celebration for all on January 22nd at 6pm. The celebration will be a virtual celebration announcing the top 10% Thespys from each region invited to audition for the state showcase as well as announcing all qualifiers for ITF!

I know this is a lot... but many of you have been asking. If you have any questions or problems, please email nvthespians@gmail.com Please pass this information along to anyone who I may have forgotten. Information on registering for Thespy events will be coming soon.