



THE OHIO COMMUNITY THEATRE ASSOCIATION



You are cordially invited to:

OCTA Seasons of Love!

August 30th -September 2nd, 2019 to, Perrysburg, Ohio



Please join us for a fun filled weekend and spend time with your loved ones as we take a quick journey through 6 holidays and experience all those Seasons Of Love. Events begin on Friday night with St. Patrick's Day and a regional pub crawl loaded with all the luck of the Irish you would expect. Be sure to have your team of 4 to 6 ready for a scavenger hunt to help you make some new friends and familiarize yourself with the hotels.

Excerpts start on Saturday morning at Owens Performing Arts Center with a Red, White, and Blue theme followed by an evening filled with Halloween fun and festivities. Enjoy workshops throughout the day at Owens Performing Arts Center with excerpts from all 6 OCTA Regions. Get ready for the MTI Sing-A-Longs and the ever popular Team Trivia events.

On Sunday be ready to meet Santa and all his helpers, followed by a New Years celebration. Continue to enjoy workshops throughout the day at Owens Performing Arts Center including 2 from OCTA Jr. Be sure to pull out your ball gown and tux for Sunday night's banquet along with a toast at midnight to bring in the New Year. We will conclude the conference with awards at Monday's Valentine's brunch. *Please join us for a weekend you will not soon forget!*

Love is Love is Love is Love,

Jesse Bernal & Michelle Johnson
Conference Co-Chairs



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These are two of the newest hotels OCTA has ever used. Nestled in the upscale Levis Commons development they offering shopping, dining and entertainment with easy accessibility to I-80, I-90, I-75 and I-475. a 9,800 sq. ft. ballroom, five additional meeting rooms as well as an outdoor patio, complimentary wireless internet access throughout the hotels and all meeting rooms. This year you have two options for hotel.

These properties are located next door to each other. The Home2 Suites offers complimentary continental breakfast. Home2 Suites has larger rooms with kitchen and living room space.

The Hilton Garden Inn Bar and Grill serves breakfast & dinner. The pavilion lounge, Indoor pool and whirlpool, Workout facility and Stay Fit Kit available, both hotels offer a 24-hour Pavilion Pantry convenience mart, Complimentary 24-hour business center, and complimentary parking. Please do not wait to book your room as the hotels will sell out of rooms. You won't want to miss this fun-filled weekend!



OCTA Jr. Back at State Conference

For the past several years, OCTA has been sponsoring a state-wide youth theater festival, OCTA, Jr., with the top two groups having the honor of showcasing their work at State Conference. This year's winners will be part of the normal schedule and will be responded to on Sunday afternoon.

These young people have entertained us with outstanding work. If you have not seen them, be sure to attend Sunday's excerpts so you can see



for yourself the great theater that Ohio kids are capable of producing. Youth are the future of our theaters—as participants and audience. Let's let them know OCTA supports and appreciates them!

OCTA, Jr. will be held at the Owens Performing Arts Center, Perrysburg, OH on August 3rd. Even if your theater is not participating, come be an audience member and see some of the best youth theater around. Then catch the top two shows again at Conference!

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*\$25+ gets you one reserved seat during State Conference performance excerpts

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THE HELP OF
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Please consider becoming
a patron and/or
donating to the silent
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conference

Thank you!!

Donate to the Silent Auction

All proceeds support

OCTA

Donation Ideas

- *Theater Memorabilia
- *Food/wine baskets
- *Season tickets to your theater
- *Art work and jewelry
- *Spa and beauty items

Please no garage sale items

Donations should be dropped off
@ Owens on Saturday morning
(around 7:30am-10am)



Don't forget the Daily Themes!

This year, we want to integrate the theme, OCTA Seasons of Love, with costuming throughout the weekend. There will be holiday bead necklaces rewarded for those wishing to participate both casually and for those who want to go all out.

The person who can gather the most beads by the end of the weekend will win the grand prize. REMEMBER, the costume cops will be everywhere throughout the weekend offering necklaces to those who wear their best Seasonal styles!!!

Friday We will start with the theme of St. Patrick's Day. Wear Green as much as you can find. Bring fun props and anything else that will make you feel that Irish cheer.

Saturday the theme will be Red, White, and Blue. Wear your best patriotic flare wear and bring along those flags to wave.

If you would like to participate bring food for a tailgate party at noon. Also on Saturday evening the theme will change to Halloween. Anything goes here so grab that costume you have laying around and change on the Dinner Break! We want to see all those crazy costumes at the theater and hotel.

Sunday the theme will be Happy Holidays. Ugly Holiday sweater/t-shirts are welcome. Bring some of your holiday decorations to make your seat in the theater a little more festive. I know you have a stocking you could hang on your seat! In the evening we will make a change to New Year's Eve attire. Wear that fancy dress or tux and be ready to ring in the new year at midnight.

Monday the theme will be Valentine's Day. Wear red, pink, hearts, anything to show your love for theater!

What else will be at Owens?

Besides the season inspired costumes being worn during the weekend, be sure to check out the Costume Design exhibit to see how others have costumed their shows during the year. There will also be past Hall of Fame inductees information available to peruse along with set designs and newsletters and brochures. Be sure to frequent the Commercial Booths as they could be helpful with your future productions.

Conference T-Shirts!

Don't forget to order or buy your t-shirt at regionals for conference this year. T-shirts are black crew neck with white print. You will not want to pass this shirt up! Order yours today from the OCTA store located on the Octa Registration form. Prices start at \$12.



We have Contests and Competitions!

Pot Of Gold– On Friday night we will start with a team scavenger hunt. You will need a team of 4-6 people and a camera phone. There is a list of items you will have to take photos of with your team around the hotels. So be on the look out for clues and make sure you are ready to meet some new friends!

Team Trivia—This will be held both Saturday and Sunday night at the hotel. You need to find a team of 6 players for 5-10 rounds of fun! Each round will be 10 questions. Are you ready to take on that other team?

Halloween Costume Contest– On Saturday night we will have our first costume contest. Everything goes! Bring out those costumes from your closets and be ready to show them off! We will be giving prizes for multiple categories: Most Creative, Best Group, Best Costume, Most Original, Scariest, Most Entertaining. Show us what you've got!

White Elephant Gift Exchange– On Sunday from 1:00-2:00 PM at Owens. We will have a gift exchange; however, you have to make your gift in under an hour and be ready for the fun to begin. Let your creative juices flow. Who doesn't love that homemade gift of Love!

Holiday Karaoke– On Sunday sing your Favorite Holiday Song in the lobby at Owens. Sing a group number or join in the holiday sing-a-long.

New Year's Baby— This will be held Sunday night in the ballroom at 12:15AM. Be ready to bring those costumes to be crowned the biggest baby of OCTA, the one and only Mother Time or the one and only Father Time. Are you the biggest Baby?

Valentine's Day Box Competition– On Monday morning bring your Valentine's Day boxes for a chance to win \$50.00 off next year's state conference registration. Don't forget those valentines to fill up your friends boxes. The best way to end the conference is by telling someone you love them!

Getting Ready for the 2020-2021 OCTA Board

There are six 3-year terms to be filled on the OCTA Board this year. Board Candidates should contact Mille Butts (email: octa1953@gmail.com) to request a Board Candidate packet, complete the form, and submit it prior to August 15.



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The New Year's Eve Ball will be held immediately following the banquet on Sunday evening. DJ will be provided. Jesse Bernal & Misty Modica promise to have the ballroom transformed into a New York New Year's Eve! After dinner we will start the evening off with the OCTA "New Years Baby" costume contest so be ready to get into your best OCTA baby attire. We will have a champagne toast at midnight so be back in the ballroom by 11:45PM to be ready for the count. Plan to sing and dance the night away!

Attention First Timers

If this is your first Conference, a Meet and Greet will be held on Friday 9:00PM— 10PM and Saturday 11:00PM— 11:45PM at Hilton Garden Inn. Meet other First timers and get your First Timer Gift!

Find out what to do and ask questions or give suggestions on what we can do better!



Friday Night St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl !

On Friday Evening, there will be a regional sponsored Pub Crawl. Grab your passport to fun and collect your golden coins for a chance to win a weekend perk. Don't miss this chance to meet others from around the state and have some fun roaming the 2 hotels. The pub rooms will have mixed themes so don't fret if you do not drink you will still have an option to participate. Come on! The Irish don't drink all the time!

MTI Sing-A-Long

An OCTA favorite returns with MTI Sing-A-Long on both Saturday and Sunday evenings. Drink tickets are offered to those that sing and see what MTI has to offer!

What are the Workshops?

We have workshops not 1 but many! All workshop will be held at Owens Performing Arts Center and will be in the early morning before excerpts and during the lunch break. Don't worry if you want lunch you can order it in. Just be sure to do it in the morning before 10AM at the registration desk. Look for the most current information at: www.octa1953.org

Look for the OCTA State Festival Workshop Page.

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2019 OCTA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

(August 30 - September 2, 2019)

(Please use online form at <http://bit.ly/OCTA2019>)

NAME: _____ NAME FOR BADGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ E-MAIL: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ THEATRE AFFILIATION: _____

I receive the OCTA Newsletter *CUELINES* -- Yes ☐ No ☐ 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 ☐

CANCELLATION

NO REFUNDS will be made for cancellations after August 16, 2019. Refunds will be mailed after the close of the conference. **NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE FEATURED REGISTRATION PACKAGE.**

• FULL REGISTRATION – (2 meals, excerpts, regular workshops & entertainment)		\$130.00	_____
• NO MEAL - REGISTRATION - (excerpts, regular workshops & entertainment)		\$90.00	_____
• THEATER PASS-DAILY – (excerpts, regular workshops)	I'm coming - SAT SUN (Circle One)	\$60.00	_____
• FUN PASS – (Hotel entertainment only)	I'm coming - SAT SUN (Circle One)	\$10.00	_____
• EXCERPT ONLY – (Single excerpt)		\$30.00	_____
• EXTENDED WORKSHOP – Responder's Workshop, (2 day workshop)		\$25.00	_____

{At the door registration rate will be \$120.00 no meals/ \$65 Single Day with no meals/ \$30 Excerpt Only}

Shirt ordering and payment deadline is **August 7, 2019**. Please circle size:

Black "OCTA Seasons of Love": S M L XL @ \$12 2X 3X 4X 5X @ \$14. _____

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Room reservation deadline is August 9, 2019.

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