Early Bird Registration extended to August 4

2018 Call to Conference

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As we celebrate **OCTA's 65th anniversary**, everyone needs to dig out your white t-shirts, saddle shoes, and poodle skirts and come to the 2018 OCTA Conference in Columbus, hosted by the Southeast and West Regions.

Registration opens at 6:30 pm on Friday.

From the excerpts, two will be chosen to go on to the Region III AACT festival next April. And, wow, do we have a terrific list of excerpts for you this year. Some classic and some brand new and original. See the schedule on page 4. You won't want to miss any of these.

OCTA Board members and Regional Reps have been assigned as **OCTA Ambassadors** to those theaters who will be bringing their excerpts to Conference so we can make everything move smoothly on Saturday and Sunday. Built into the schedule is "green room" time prior to the excerpts in Salons E & F.

All OCTA Delegates are invited to the **annual meeting** on Saturday night for dinner at 5 pm in the Buckeye Room. You do not need to be registered for the Conference to attend the meeting; but it would be helpful to let Aara know you are coming so we have enough food for everyone. There will be Board members to be voted on plus a redistricting proposal and amendments to the Code of Regulations if we decide on new redistricting provisions.

Starting out on Friday evening will be a **Welcome Party**, with pizza and 50's dance lessons. Plus North-East is holding their own welcome party at 10:30 pm in Salons B & C. The dancing continues into Saturday and Sunday culminating with a **Sock Hop** on Sunday evening after the Banquet. This is also the time for the costume contest. Come as your favorite Rock Star or Rock Group.

We love to welcome **First-timers** and the Southeast Regional Reps have plans so they have an enjoyable Conference and make plans to come back next year.

OCTA ROCKS!!

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You have until August 11 to make your reservations

Crowne Plaza Columbus North
6500 Doubletree Avenue
Columbus, OH 43229

614-885-1885

(don't forget to mention OCTA)

Hotel Rate: $98 plus tax

There is a bar in the lobby.
Pool will be open until 3 am.
Hotel parking is free!

We need you for the OCTA Board

There are six 3-year, one 2-year, and two 1-year terms to be filled on the OCTA Board this year. Anyone interested should check out the website www.OCTA1953.org to get a Board Candidate packet so you can complete the form and submit it to Dawna Kornick or Aara Wise prior to August 15.

Meals included The price of your registration includes the delegate dinner on Saturday (if you're a theater delegate), the Sunday evening Banquet/Buffet, and the Monday awards brunch, if you register by August 21. Now that's a deal.

Weekend Raffle Drawings

Everyone who registers for Conference is registered for drawings to be held at various times throughout the weekend.

Need not be present to win, EXCEPT GRAND PRIZE @ Awards Brunch. GRAND PRIZE is $65 in Silver Dollars (to commemorate OCTA's 65th anniversary).

There are other chances to get your name registered throughout the weekend and you can also bring back the Record from the Reveal at last year's conference for an additional entry.

This Photo by

Workshops & roundtables!

The Committee is still working to bring some of the best workshop presenters in the State to help with all your theatrical needs.

Liz Maxson will be helping with the 50's dance lessons on Friday evening and then on Saturday and Sunday mornings will be holding ZUMBA classes to get everyone moving before the excerpts start. At noon, she will also be doing beginning dance classes on the 1950's with such dances as The Bop, Calypso, The Mashed Potato, and The Bunny Hop.

Other workshops tentatively set up so far include, on **Saturday** morning: Regional Rep/Delegate training (due to the possibility of redistricting); Roundtable for Stage Managers; and Roundtable for Board Members. Then from noon until 2 pm: AACT Workshop/Roundtable; Lighting; Leveling Up: cost effective ways to enhance your theater's experience; Building, renovating, or rehabbing your theatre? Ask the Architect; Costuming; plus MTI Workshops. During the dinner break from 5-7 pm: How to Write a Play and How to get your Play produced and published; Sound Effects; and AACT Workshop/ Roundtable.

On **Sunday** morning, more ZUMBA classes with a Techies Roundtable; then from noon until 2 pm: Costuming; Sound Effects; Lighting; Leveling Up; Ask the Architect; How to Write a Play; and How to get your Play produced.

We're also hoping to bring back the guy who did an AWESOME workshop on props last year, along with a yoga instructor.

Patron Donations—with the decrease in grant funds, OCTA loves their Patrons. Donations are tax deductible and get you a few perks at Conference. With donations of Curtain Raiser ($25+) and Bravo! ($100+), you get a reserved seat for the excerpts. The Standing Ovation level of $250+ gets you two reserved seats and one reserved (8-top) table at the Sunday banquet.

You Too Can Be a Rock Star—Rock Stars can be from any era of Rock music. Winners will be based on appearance, attitude, and creativity, but not on musical performance. Judging will be done during the Sunday night sock hop, and will be done while contestants promenade around the dance floor, and will be selected from the following categories:

*Best Female Group of Rock Stars *Best Male Group of Rock Stars
*Best Rock Group with Males & Females *Best Female Rock Star *Best Male Rock Star
*Best Rock Costume in Special Category by Judge's Choice

WELCOME NEW MEMBER THEATRES

Act 2 Productions (NW)

Brookville Community Theatre (W)

Merit Theatre Company (SW)

2018 Conference
Excerpt Schedule

Saturday

10 am *The Underpants* ● Chagrin Valley Little Theatre
11 am *Escanaba in da Moonlight* ● Troy Civic Theatre
2 pm *Wendy Darling* ● Curtain Players
3 pm *A Life* ● Actors Collaborative Toledo
4 pm *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* ● LTTC
7 pm *The Last Five Years* ● Cutting Edge Theatre Co
8 pm *Tomorrow Morning* ● Western Reserve Playhouse
9 pm *Around the World in 80 Days* ● Mariemont Players

Sunday

9 am *Savannah Sipping* ● Coshocton Footlight Players
10 am *Tribes* ● CenterStage Players
11 am *Jekyll and Hyde* ● Footlighters, Inc.
2 pm *Hands on a Hardbody* ● Perrysburg Musical Theatre Company
3 pm *Glass* ● Eclipse Theatre Company
4 pm *Great American Trailer Park Musical* ● Van Wert Civic Theatre

Late Nights

On Saturday night, be sure to look in your Conference program so you don't miss the Tech-A-Palooza (need teams of 4); Kamikaze Shakespeare; MTI Sing-a-long; Rock & Roll Trivia; Broadway Win, Lose or Draw; or any of the card or board games.

On Sunday night, after the banquet, Sock Hop, and Costume Contest; you'll find more late night activities including Trivia, MTI Sing-a-long; a Euchre Tournament; and more card and board games.

The Fundraising Division is hoping to have lots of theme-related silent auction baskets this year. Regions, theaters, and individuals may bring baskets and items for the silent auction. So check out the Cardinal Room at Conference for all the fun items for sale.

The OCTA Board held 50/50 raffles at all their meetings this year which resulted in two $100 gift cards that will be raffled off at Conference. Everyone is getting into the act.

Also check out the logo items in the Capital Room to see all the new stuff for sale this year.

You'll also learn about the new online store that OCTA is working on.

Also, don't forget your cash or plastic to make your Patron donation. This helps OCTA with the scholarships every year along with a few other minor expenses.

We always need your help!

To register for Conference, go to www.OCTA1953.org and use the online registration form. Early bird registration has been extended to August 4.

OHIO COMMUNITY THEATRE ASSOCIATION
2018 OCTA CONFERENCE "*OCTA ROCKS*" (AUG. 31 – SEPT. 3)
******NON-CAST/CREW REGISTRATION DEADLINE AUGUST 21, 2018******

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 6500 Doubletree Avenue Columbus, OH 43229 PHONE: 614-885-1885
Room reservation deadline is Friday, August 11, 2018 **ROOM RATE: $98 + taxes and fees**

The hotel is wheelchair accessible. Deadline to request the following services is August 11, 2018
Sign language interpreter Audio description Large print program

PRE-REGISTRATION COMPLETE (includes two meals, excerpts, workshops & entertainment)

Early Bird - BEFORE August 4	**$105.00 _____**
August 5 - 21	**$120.00 _____**

I will be attending the Monday Morning Breakfast _____YES _____NO (*Catering information only; NO REFUNDS)*

After August 21, at the Door Registration is $120.00 (No Meals) for Complete and $70.00 (No Meals) Daily

PRE-REGISTRATION DAILY (includes one day of excerpts, & workshops only; NO MEALS)
(circle one) I'm coming: SAT SUN

Early Bird - BEFORE August 1	**$60.00 _____**
August 2-15	**$70.00 _____**

CONFERENCE LOGO SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRT: ordering and payment deadline is August 21, 2018.

Please Circle Size: S M L XL @ $10.00 ea. 2X 3X 4X 5X @ $13.00 ea. $_____

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

OCTA PATRON DONATION (OPTIONAL) $_____

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION TOTAL (Including registration, t-shirt order, & donation) $_____

NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED FOR MAIL-IN REGISTRATION
PLEASE USE OUR ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR ALL CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS

CANCELLATION and RETURNED CHECK POLICY

Registration refund, minus a $10.00 administration charge, will be made for cancellations received on or before August 21, 2018. NO REFUNDS will be made for cancellations after August 21, 2018. 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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