

COLORADO STATE

THESPIAN CONFERENCE

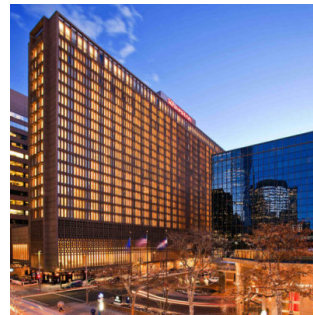
Dec. 12-14, 2019

Come be a part of this year's most exciting high school theatre event: The 2019 Colorado State Thespian conference. Castle View High School's Troupe 7117 has a fantastic tradition of attending and competing in individual theatrical events and senior auditions for top colleges and universities from across the country. Read through the following description of the conference and sign the permission forms, include your payment and you are on your way to this year's statewide festival of theatre!



Thespian Conference 2019

High School Theatre, alive and well in the Rocky Mountain Region, announcing the 2017 Colorado State Thespian Conference. Once again the Colorado State Thespian Society will be hosting their annual high school theatre conference, on December 12-14, 2019 at the Colorado Convention Center, in the heart of the Denver Performing Arts community. Here is a brief list of frequently asked questions (FAQ) that will assist you in registering and attending the State High School Theatre Conference. High Schools from the three state region are invited to attend, Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico and we would like to encourage new schools from these areas to join us and share the excitement of high school theatre.



Colorado Thespians has negotiated special hotel rates with several prominent chains. Our preferred hotel for the 2019 conference is the Sheraton Denver Downtown hotel. This property will host all of the judges and guest artists as well as students. Most host hotels have agreed to four students per double room.

Please note that the Sheraton and other hotels will have other guests in and on the hotel property. If students are disrespectful or loud, individual schools can be charged for the refunded amount extended to the disgruntled guest. Denver curfew is strict and students should be careful not to leave the hotel property after 11 p.m. in the evening. The Sheraton is located two blocks from the convention center and on the 16th Street Mall, which has numerous dining experiences.

Frequently Asked Questions about the Colorado State Thespian Conference

Who attends the Conference? Do you have to be a Thespian to attend the conference? Over 5,600 of Colorado/Wyoming/New Mexico's most dedicated high school theatre students in grades 9 to 12th grade. The conference is open to all theatre students, the only event that is limited to Thespian members is the Senior University Auditions. Castle View thespians have first preference for attendance.

How do we register for the Conference?

The Colorado State Thespian Conference registration is all on-line, your troupe will receive several postcard reminders for the Conference and registration deadlines. Registering on-line will be done by the troupe director starting September 1.

Why should you attend?

Last year over 70 Colleges, Conservatories and Universities dedicated to the service of the academic theatre community offered over \$1,000,000 worth of scholarships to students in attendance. Besides college auditioning experience, students have the opportunity to train with some of the countries leading professionals in Acting, Directing, Playwriting, and Technical Theatre. The conference also affords students the opportunity to watch professional theatrical productions and main stage presentations produced by area high school and university theatre programs.

How much does the conference cost?

The conference registration fee is \$120 per student, sponsors and chaperones are \$30. The registration fee covers the cost of admission to the conference and all of the student workshops and performances. The registration fee does not cover the cost of your hotel room or food. There are numerous area restaurants where troupes usually go to partake of their meals. If students sign up for performing a Colorado Individual Event Showcase there is a \$25 fee per student in each CIES, *limit of two performances allowed.* This does not include One Acts or Improv Frenzy.

Total costs for this trip, not including food, IE registration, or senior auditions, will be \$285. .

What is the conference deadline and how do you make changes to your registration after you have registered on-line?

The deadline for the conference is November 10th, this is the cut off date for Senior University Auditions and Colorado Individual Events Showcase. You can register after that date but you will be charged a late registration fee of \$150 per student, but you cannot be able to participate in Colorado Individual Events Showcase or Senior University Auditions. If you need to make changes to your on-line registration, you can log back into your account with your email login and your password, there is no charge to drop students, as long as those changes are made prior to November 10, 2019.

Is there supervision at the conference and what is the charge for additional Sponsors or Chaperones?

Schools attending are required to provide chaperones to supervise their own group and the Colorado State Thespian Society provides security in and around the Colorado Convention Center and the Hyatt Regency. Schools are strongly recommended to bring one sponsor per twelve students attending the conference. Parent volunteers are encouraged to attend along with the troupe director and advisors.

What time should our school arrive and depart from the Colorado State Thespian Conference?

Registration will be open from 9 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday. We will leave Castle View on Thursday morning, Dec. 10 to arrive by 10:30 am. Opening conference workshops will start at 2:30 on Thursday afternoon. Opening ceremonies begin on Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. and closing ceremonies will conclude at approximately 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

How many events can a troupe register for: Improv Frenzy, One Acts, Auditions and IE's?

Students cannot participate in more than two Individual Events, to allow for plenty of opportunities for other students in attendance. We will do everything in our power to avoid conflicts with the Senior University Auditions. Schools are limited to one Improv Frenzy group and/or One Act session (30 minutes), however, they may perform as many One Acts within the 30 minute time block as they desire.

How are schools or individuals selected for the Showcase Presentation on Saturday?

Participants are adjudicated by the National guest adjudicators, which select the top performances in any given category for presentation to the whole contingency. Students selected must receive three superior ratings from the judges. One Acts will not be included in the showcase due to time constraints.

How can I sign up for Senior University Auditions?

Eligibility: Colorado State Thespians offers this opportunity for senior thespians to audition for over thirty Universities, Colleges and Conservatories from across the nation. Any senior Thespian with a declared theatre major, with at least a 2.75 G.P.A. may apply to audition by completing the application form and returning it along with the \$40 audition fee paid by November 10th. All students who audition must be registered for the conference and be members of their Thespian troupe.

Students should follow the link on the scholarship audition page and sign up within the Thespian Point Tracker web site. The Colorado Individual Events and University Scholarships are filled on a first-come-first-serve basis, we are limited by space, time restraints, and adjudicators. Sponsors are encouraged to tell their students to register early.

Audition Requirements: All auditions will be a maximum of two minutes including the time to introduce yourself by name only. All auditions are monologue presentations. Choose one audition category listed at the bottom of the application form. If you exceed the two-minute time limit, the timekeeper will call "time." The audition space is approximately 12' by 8' with general white light. The use of one straight back chair will be available. You may not use additional set pieces or hand props. Costumes are not appropriate.

PERMISSION FORMS AND IE SIGN-UPS WILL BE HANDED OUT AT THE NEXT THESPIAN MEETING – PLAN TO SIGN UP EARLY THIS YEAR AS MANY SPOTS (ONE ACTS, IES, SENIOR AUDITIONS, ETC.) FILL UP QUICKLY!!

For general questions on Conference 2019, please contact Mr. Scott at rascott@dcsdk12.org or via phone at (303) 387-9117. Thanks!

Colorado State Thespians

Sample Conference Schedule

Thursday

9:30 a.m.	Meet in Theatre Lobby after 1st Period/Load Bus CVHS
10:30 a.m.	Arrive in Denver Lunch (in small groups) around hotel/16 th Street
10:45 a.m.	Pick up Registration Badges/Tour of Convention Center
12:15 p.m.	Lunch Break 16 th Street Mall Shops and Restaurants (as a big group)
1:30 p.m.	Check into Hotel to get settled and change (if needed)
2:30 to 3:45 p.m.	Workshop Session CO Convention Center (see list of options online – cothespians.com)
4:00 – 5:15 p.m.	Workshop Session CO Convention Center (see list of options online – cothespians.com)
5:15 to 6:45 p.m.	Return to Hotel to Clean Up Hyatt Hotel – Convention Center Dinner Break 16 th Street Mall Shops and Restaurants (in small groups)
6:45 p.m.	Meet at Convention Center Lobby BellCo Theatre, Convention Center
7:30 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies CO Convention Center Welcome from Colorado State Board Opening Performance
8:30 p.m.	Main Stage Performance CO Convention Center
10:45 p.m.	Return to Hotel Hyatt Hotel – Convention Center
11:30 p.m.	Curfew (Lights out)

Friday

6:30 a.m.	Wake Up/Breakfast On Your Own Hyatt Hotel – Convention Center
8:00 a.m.	Meet in Hotel Lobby & Walk as group to Convention Center One Act Group Head to Room 603 for setup
8:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Workshop Session/IE Competitions CO Convention Center
10:00 – 11:15 a.m.	Workshop Session/IE Competitions CO Convention Center
11:20 p.m.	Check in at designated meeting space CO Convention Center
11:25 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.	Lunch Break 16 th Street Mall Shops and Restaurants (in small groups)
12:40 p.m.	Remote Check In for afternoon CO Convention Center
12:45 – 2:00 p.m.	Workshop Session/IE Competitions CO Convention Center
2:15 – 3:40 p.m.	Workshop Session/IE Competitions CO Convention Center
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.	Workshop Session/IE Competitions CO Convention Center
5:05 p.m.	Meet in Convention Center Lobby/Walk Back to Hotel to clean up
5:30 p.m.	Meet in Hotel Lobby to Walk to Troupe Dinner Hyatt Hotel
6:55 p.m.	Head back to Convention Center
7:15 p.m.	Find seats in BellCo Theatre
8:00 p.m.	Main Stage Performance CO Convention Center
After Performance	Dance Four Seasons Ballroom – CO Convention Center Call Backs for Main Stage Performances
12:00 a.m.	Denver Curfew (Lights out)

Saturday

6:30 a.m.	Wake Up/Breakfast on your Own
7:45 a.m.	Meet in Lobby/Check-out of Hotel
8:00 a.m.	Carry Bags to Convention Center/Head to Workshops
8:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Workshop Session/Tech Challenge CO Convention Center
10:00 – 11:15 a.m.	Workshop Session/Tech Challenge CO Convention Center
11:20 a.m.	Check in at designated meeting space CO Convention Center
11:25 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Lunch Break 16 th Street Mall (in small groups – mix and mingle; thespian board meeting)
12:30 p.m.	Meet at Convention Center Lobby BellCo Theatre, Convention Center Troupe Pictures!!
1:00 p.m.	Closing Ceremonies CO Convention Center Critic's Choice Showcase and Senior University Winners Conference Video
3:30 p.m.	Bus Pick Up at Hyatt (entire group)
4:30 to 5:00 p.m.	Pick Up at School CVHS

For a full schedule of ThesCon events
go to <https://cothescon.net/thescon-schedule/>