



## Middle School Mainstage One Act

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference Middle School One-Act Productions (or a cutting from a longer show) will be presented on the Mainstage in the Bellco Theatre.

As we pilot this program, there is no cost to submit your One Act for screening.

1. **PERFORMANCE TITLE/PLAYWRIGHT** - Directors must secure rights for performing their One-Act or cutting through the appropriate licensing house.
2. **PERFORMANCE TIME** – Maximum performance time is 30 minutes from opening curtain to closing curtain. Each performing group will be allowed a maximum of 10 minutes to set the stage and 5 minutes to strike the stage. Groups that do not use the full allocated set and strike time may not use the extra time as additional performance time.

### BEFORE CONFERENCE: HOW TO HAVE MY ONE ACT SCREENED

Please follow the submission guidelines to submit your show for consideration

- 1) Submit an Intent to Screen by October 1. Middle School shows may not be screened without an Intent to Screen form submitted by the deadline.
- 2) Film the entirety of your performance. The video submitted should be in final performance form (full costumes, makeup, props, etc)
- 3) Film one continuous long shot. No editing is required
- 4) Upload your film and share a link to a folder containing the following:
  - a) Mp4 or .MOV file of your entire performance
  - b) Uploaded script (pdf)
- 5) Email this information to [showcase.cothespians@gmail.com](mailto:showcase.cothespians@gmail.com)
- 6) **Deadline to submit your One Act is November 8 by 5 p.m.**



## **TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS: WHAT CAN THE SPACE ACCOMMODATE**

### **SCENERY, PROPS AND COSTUMES**

- Scenery must be able to fit through a single door and be carried by a single person. Anything bigger will not be allowed.
- Props are those items that are carried onstage by actors. Use of props is acceptable.
- Costumes and makeup are allowed and must be provided by the performing group.

***Due to the limited set and strike time, please limit the number of items you bring.***

### **SOUND AND LIGHTS**

- A general stage wash will be provided.
- A basic sound amplification system and mics (limited number) will be provided and operated from the booth.
- Performing groups will need to provide their own sound cues (if necessary) to Colorado Thespians by the assigned date along with a cued script for sound effects.
- Performing groups will need to provide a liaison or sound cue operator (if required).
- No smoke, haze or pyro effects will be allowed.

## **IF OUR SCHOOL IS CHOSEN: NEXT STEPS**

Schools selected to present their One Act or Cutting on the middle school mainstage will be notified by November 10.

### **PRE-PERFORMANCE**

- Performing groups will be allocated limited rehearsal time or time to space prior to the scheduled performance time. Load in for Middle Schools will happen during SESSION 4 of the Middle School conference.
- Performing specs will be provided to the selected One Act schools prior to conference arrival for preparation in school based rehearsals.



- Performers and directors are not allowed on stage until called to the stage by the stage manager during SESSION 4 of the middle school conference.
- Groups must report to the Bellco at the scheduled load-in time.
- If storage of blocks, costumes, or props is required, please arrange with Ty Eatherton, Registration Coordinator. [register.cothespians@gmail.com](mailto:register.cothespians@gmail.com)

### **LOAD-IN**

- Performing groups must report at the scheduled load-in time.
- Both performing groups will have 15 minutes to move all scenery and props into the stage right wings.
- There will be time for only a partial run of the one act on the Bellco stage (for staging and sound check purposes).

### **SETUP**

- The first performing group will have 10 minutes to set up on stage.
- The second performing group **MUST BE PREPARED** to setup immediately following the strike of the first show.
- There is no extra time during a session to “hunt” for missing performers.

### **STRIKE**

- Each performing group will be allotted 5 minutes to strike and load-out all scenery and props into the stage right wings.
- Everything must be removed from the stage within this time period.
- Load out may not occur until the middle school mainstage event is completed, so please plan transportation back to your school accordingly.

### **QUESTIONS**

- Questions regarding this event should be directed to Alexa Wynschenk-Ring, Critic’s Choice Coordinator, at [showcase.cothespians@gmail.com](mailto:showcase.cothespians@gmail.com)
- Questions about the Bellco space can be directed to Skylar Ely, Tech Director, at [techdirector.cothespians@gmail.com](mailto:techdirector.cothespians@gmail.com)