

Bayview Glen

INDEPENDENT : SCHOOL

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Dear Drama Colleagues,

Bayview Glen is delighted to be hosting this year's CIS Ontario Drama Festival (CISDF 2018). We are pleased to formally invite you and your students to join us at The George Ignatieff Theatre at Trinity College, University of Toronto, for the two-day festival on Thursday April 26th & Friday April 27th from 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. respectively.

What is the CISDF?

The Conference of Independent Schools of Ontario Drama Festival is an exciting two-day event for students studying drama and for their teachers. Over the two-day festival, students will engage in four interactive, educational, fun and applicable workshop sessions delivered by theatre industry professionals, and have the opportunity to perform a 20-minute piece on the main stage for professional adjudication. The festival can accommodate 14 performances. With an audience comprised of festival performers/participants, the performance atmosphere is wonderfully celebratory and fosters an empowering environment where students are encouraged to explore and challenge their dramatic range.

In addition to providing your students with this outstanding learning/performance opportunity, this is a great PD opportunity for yourself as a Drama educator. Take this occasion to connect with your Drama colleagues from other CIS schools and sit in on any of the wide variety of specialty workshops being offered for the students.

How do I register my school to attend?

There are two options for attending the festival:

1. **Attend as Performers** - this means that you would like to present a piece for performance and professional adjudication at the festival. Each piece must not exceed a 20-minute run time.
2. **Attend as Participants** - if you and your students are not interested in presenting a piece for performance but would like to take advantage of all the great workshops and the opportunity to be an active audience member and enjoy the performances, then this is the option for you.

Fees: The entry fee for the festival is \$1,800.00. This fee assumes the enrolment of 12 students plus one drama educator. Schools who wish to bring additional people are asked to pay an additional \$60.00 per student and \$50.00 per adult.

The entry fee of \$1,800.00 includes:

- An opportunity to perform for a very appreciative audience of peers
- An opportunity to learn about the technical side of theatre working alongside theatre professionals in a professional theatre

- A professional adjudication of your group's performance by Autumn Smith, Education and Audience Development Manager, Canadian Stage
- A variety of drama based workshops
- All meals and snacks during the festival event
- An opportunity to enjoy and provide feedback of all the festival performances

To guarantee your place in CISDF 2018, please register as soon as possible. Since your place as a school is confirmed on a "first come, first served" basis be sure to send your registration in no later than Friday, January 19th, 2018.

Follow-up information about performance order, workshops, accommodation options for out of town schools, technical information and schedule will be sent out in February 2018.

Whether this is your first time or have attended the festival annually for years, this year's festival is going to be brilliant! We look forward to seeing you and your students in April. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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