

WHAT IS THESCON?

THE BASICS WITH DANI HESLIN

LOCATION

- Columbus Georgia Convention and Trade Center is the Main Hub for the workshops, location of the Thescon Dance, the location of the Dining Hall, and the Informational Theater Kiosk Center.



Our Hotel last year/ possible hotel this year:
the Holiday Inn Express and Suites in Phenix City, Alabama

THESCON SCHEDULE

- LATER ON you'll download a super cool fun rad app called Guidebook that will help you plan your entire schedule, provide maps, and give directions to wherever you need to go!
- General examples of activities you will participate in at Thescon:
 - Workshops! This includes random classes such as stage combat or learning how to juggle/balance plates
 - Dance! Swing, general Broadway choreo, Cirque, you name it
 - Acting! Improv, movement, super mind opening kinda classes that make you rethink your existence
 - Supporting other schools by seeing their GHSA One Act Performances! Hook em horns @Addams Family yeet #winning4days
 - THESCON DANCE
 - Visiting cute little coffee shops in your spare time and meeting new pals from all over GA (ps don't eat the beer mac n cheese its not good)
- dancing, movement, vocal, accents, audition process help , improvisation, makeup, costuming, stage management, set design and construction, lighting and sound, team building, and theatre games

SPECIFIC THESCON EVENTS

- Opening Showcase
 - Features the theme of the Conference with a collection of theatrical songs that relate to the theme, all attendees from either Blue/Yellow track, and introduces State Thespian officers
 - Located in the Main performance building
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- Dance
 - Theme = TBA
- Closing Showcase
 - Features selected IE performances, closing numbers, awards, final goodbye to Thescon 2017, induction of new State Thespian Officers, all attendees from either Blue/Yellow track
 - Located in the Main performance building

TRANSPORTATION



IE'S

- IEs or Individual Events give theatre students from around the state opportunities to perform in solo, duet, or group dramatic or musical scenes. Technical IE's allow tech students the opportunity to show what they know and display the work they've done.
- Four performers will be chosen by your officers/troupe directors, perform their piece at the conference, and receive a scoring sheet from their auditors. There is a possibility to perform in the closing showcase as well!
- No more than four performance entries per troupe (Design/Tech unlimited)
- Registration does not open until OCTOBER 1ST, so as we get closer to that date we can have a separate meeting for those of you who are interested, where we will review the rules and regulations for IE's!

FREESTYLE

- If you have a performance piece that runs between 15 and 25 minutes and requires little (if any) technical support, then consider submitting it for our annual Freestyle Festival. This is the perfect showcase for student written works, scene studies, short plays, improv troupes, mime performances, musical theatre dance numbers, puppet shows, and almost anything else that would work well in an intimate setting. We especially hope to showcase student created works.
- ATL has never participated in this before, so feel free to be the first!

TECH CHALLENGE

- The goal of this event is to provide an opportunity for theatre student to exhibit their abilities in the technical production environment. Production skills and collaboration are required to efficiently accomplish each task.
- You enter either as an individual or a team
 - TEAM: Each team member will compete in an individual event – knot tying, light hang/focus, costume quick change, prop shift, and the team will compete together for the drape fold, and leg a platform. Each event will be timed and penalties recorded by the judge. There will be an overall second and first place team as well as a first place for each event.

INDIVIDUAL: Each individual entry that is not part of a team may compete in up to two of the individual competitions – light / hang and focus, costume quick change, and knot tying. Each event will be timed and penalties recorded by the judge. Each event will have a first place winner.

- Entries are not due until DECEMBER 7TH, so let me know if you are interested!

COLLEGE AUDITIONS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Each year Georgia Thespians offers \$24,500 in college scholarships to eleven senior Thespians
- Juniors and Seniors also have an opportunity at conference to audition for colleges and universities from across the nation.
 - In addition, seniors may audition for the twelve Georgia Thespian Scholarships given each year. The twelve Georgia Thespian Scholarships are awarded to seniors who demonstrate talent, leadership, and exemplary work and involvement within their Thespian Troupes. Seniors may audition for these scholarships in addition to auditioning for colleges.
- There's lots of specifics here, so if you're interested let me know and we will have a meeting similar to the IE's meeting where we will discuss rules and regulations.



QUESTIONS?

