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DRAMA ASSOCIATION

September 2010 Newsletter

Welcome Back!

I am honoured to be SDA's President for the next two years. The board and office staff has been hard at work as we put the final touches on three new SDA programs.

Through the Student Playwriting Competition, we found SDA student members would benefit from a similar program designed for scenes only. As playwriting can be a long and tiresome art form, SDA wanted to open the doors to more writers through a new program called *Snip-It*. *Snip-It* will be an online booklet intended for publication and promotion of short scenes written by students. A warm congratulations to the winners of the 2010 Student Playwriting Competition: *Just Anna* by Jillian Murray, *Journeys: We Are All Treaty People* by Cassandra Loustel and Alyssa Obrigewitsch, and *The Hooch Bird Sings* by Bob Gary Baumung and Laura Tomlin.

The next two programs, SDA Drama Olympics and the First Nations and Métis Scripts Catalogue, have been a large undertaking and will continue to see numerous revisions as they mature. I am pleased to announce seven elementary schools have expressed interest in the SDA Drama Olympics so far! Students will experience a week of drama experiences culminating in an afternoon of laughter, inspiration, and teamwork. Check out Sask Culture's website to find this activity as well as other cultural activities occurring in conjunction with Canada Culture Days and Saskatchewan Culture Week.

The third initiative underway is the First Nations and Métis Script Catalogue. This database will continually grow database with First Nations and Métis plays available from the SDA's Mary Ellen Burgess Library. If you are aware of any aforementioned plays please help us in expanding this area of our library. The catalogue will be available to members upon request. Once again, SDA celebrated another successful festival season. Just a quick reminder that Intent to Enter forms are due by October 15 (Regional) and January 31 (Middle Years). We are in need of a host for Region 11; if you are willing to take this on please contact the office as soon as possible.

We are looking for prospective applicants for the Apprenticeship program. If you know of any adults who possess a passion for theatre or a hint of it that can be coddled, please make them aware of the possibilities SDA can offer them. As always, we invite you to take advantage of SDA's Drama Workshop Grant.

SDA continues to work towards being a 'green' organization. All forms, library catalogues, information, results, and *Snip-it Booklet* are available through our website. Another initiative we will be offering is an electronic version of our annual newsletter. If you would like to continue to receive a hard copy of future newsletters please contact the office.

I look forward to working with and for you this year! Should you have any questions or suggestions feel free to contact me, a SDA Board member or staff at the Provincial Office.

Kathleen Woodhouse, SDA President

Drama Checklist

The following Deadlines for Intent to Enter and

Renewal of Membership are fast approaching:

- **October 15th, 2010** - Intent to Enter for Regional Festival
- **October 31st, 2010** - Membership Renewal
- **January 31st, 2011** - Intent to Enter for Middle Years Festival

All adults participating in any SDA festival must be a SDA member.

Forms are available on our website.

Saskatchewan Drama Association invites you to Celebrate Arts and Culture
by participating in SDA's ...

Act
Up!

Drama Olympics

The Drama Olympics is a week of activities culminating in a jam packed, fun filled, morning or afternoon for your students. The drama activities geared for elementary school see students work in cross grade cooperative teams. Each activity is designed for fun and building awareness of drama.

...During Saskatchewan Culture Week and Canada Culture Days September 20 - 26, 2010

Or hold your Drama Olympics at whatever time is best for your school!

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE OR CALL THE PROVINCIAL OFFICE FOR

Jump
In!

MORE INFORMATION ON THE DRAMA OLYMPICS

Stand
Out!



We have been very busy at the office preparing for the upcoming Festival season , and producing the Drama Olympics Kit and the third publication of SDA 's magazine *My Lines* .

I encourage you to visit SDA 's website to peruse the *Links* and the *FAQ* pages.

Also, check out our programs....there have been changes and exciting new additions. The Student Playwriting Competition and *Snip-It* submission forms are available to you and your students on SDA 's website - www.saskdrama.com. A reminder that the Mary Ellen Burgess Library database is updated annually with new scripts and resources and is accessible through SDA 's website.

Again this year, SDA is offering Drama workshop grants on a first come, first served basis . We encourage you take advantage of this opportunity. There is limited funding for this program so get your applications in early.

As always, SDA welcomes submissions for *Connections*, SDA 's Journal. You can send your submissions to the office or to Lenore Bailey, SDA Communication Chair.

Keep watching our website for exciting opportunities in drama!

Darlene Briere, Executive Director

Our Board bids farewell to Board member Brent Castle

Brent has served on the Board of Directors as a member-at-Large. We will miss you on the Board.

Welcome back to returning Board members and a special welcome to new Board member Kali Weber from North Battleford

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