NSW Public Schools
2015 State Drama Festival

INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

Rehearsal & Performance Dates:

Friday 16 October 2015
- Technical rehearsals (afternoon only)

Monday 19 October 2015
- Technical Rehearsals (all day)

Tuesday 20 October 2015
- Technical Rehearsals (all day)

Wednesday 21 October 2015
- Technical Rehearsals (all day)

Thursday 22 October 2015
- Technical Rehearsals (morning)
- 11:00am Primary Schools Matinee (Primary school items only)
- Technical Rehearsals (afternoon)
- 7:30pm Evening Performance (both Primary & Secondary items)

Friday 23 October 2015
- Technical Rehearsals (morning)
- 11:00am Secondary Schools Matinee (Secondary school items only)
- Technical Rehearsals (afternoon)
- 7:30pm Evening Performance (both Primary & Secondary items)

Venue:
Everest Theatre, Seymour Theatre Centre, City Road, Chippendale

Eligibility:
Years K-12

**Please note:** No more than two performances per school/ensemble will be selected for any individual program at the Festival.

Applications:
To apply for the State Drama Festival please click on the link on our website under “Applications”.
- School’s Item Nomination Forms must be returned by Monday 7 September
- Audition Panel Nomination Forms must be returned by Tuesday 14 July
Auditions:
- A State Drama Festival Production Team appointed annually by The Arts Unit which will manage the Festival.
- Schools wishing to participate must apply by the due date on the nomination form signed by the Principal.
- Collated nomination forms will be forwarded to the State Drama Festival Audition Panel. The Arts Unit appoints this Panel annually. The members of the Panel will apply by completing a nomination form telling of their relevant experience as a Drama teacher. The Panel will consist of both primary and secondary school teachers. Selection Criteria for acceptance into the Festival will be sent to those teachers who have been selected. The Panel will be comprised of at least five members.
- Auditions may be through:
  - An Area Drama Festival (where available).
    Please Note: If a Drama Festival is available in your area – no other audition process will be considered.
  - The State Drama Festival is the result of the items seen at the Drama Festivals throughout the state. Details of these Drama Festivals are available on this website
  - All items that have successfully auditioned for a Drama Festival will be automatically considered for the State Drama Festival;
  - If a Drama Festival is held in Term Four, then live auditions may be held in a school venue for those items that may be considered for the State Drama Festival otherwise video auditions may be requested.
  - If a Drama Festival does not have a Showcase/VIP Performance where items will be considered for the State Drama Festival, the State Festival Director may request a video of an item that should be considered for the State Drama Festival.
  - It may not be possible for the State Festival Director or members of the State Festival Audition Panel to be present at every performance of a Drama Festival if that Festival exceeds two performances. Therefore, the State Festival Coordinator may request a video of an item that should be considered for the State Drama Festival if it has not been seen “live” at a Drama Festival.

Video Auditions Guidelines: (where a Drama Festival does not exist)
- Check that your performance/rehearsal space has adequate lighting for videoing.
- Please ensure that actors are audible (check the sound levels).
- The video must demonstrate the actual running time of your performance. Do not edit.
- Use a wide-angled shot to ensure that the whole space used for your performance is shown to advantage. Show your whole ensemble in the performance.
- Do not use a hand held camera. Make sure your camera is fixed.
- Please ensure the quality of the video by previewing it before sending it in for consideration.
- If your item has been videoed at a Regional Festival – this may be used as your audition tape. Write the title of your performance and school’s name on the outside casement and post to us at The Arts Unit.
- The preferred option to submit you audition is to email your audition as a YouTube link (see below for instructions).
How to upload footage to YouTube:

1) Visit www.youtube.com and create an account

2) “Sign In” to www.youtube.com

3) Select “Upload”

4) Follow the instructions onscreen to upload your video

5) Once uploaded, on the privacy settings select “unlisted (anyone with the link can view)”. This is important as selecting this setting means that the general public cannot view the link. Once you have done this, ensure you select “Save Changes”.

6) When this is finished, you will be given a URL for your video. Copy this URL into an email. In this email include the following:
   School Name: __________________
   Item Name: __________________
   Contact Teacher Name: __________
   YouTube URL: __________________

7) Send this email to drama.artsunit@det.nsw.edu.au

Closing date for Auditions Monday 7 September 2015