

## Information on Festivals and Auditions 2009- 2010

Trumbauer Festival: “Trumbauer,” as it’s affectionately known, is an annual Alabama secondary theatre festival, one of the largest such events in the southeast region. Now in its 69<sup>th</sup> year, the festival is named after Walter Trumbauer, a former theatre professor at The University of Montevallo who inspired and taught students in the field of speech and theatre for many years. “Trumbauer” celebrates the high school theatre experience.

Students from 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades compete in 28 individual performance and/or technical theatre events (called IE’s). Their school may also compete with a one- act play or ensemble piece. Students first compete in one of six district festivals. If the students receive a “superior” from their District IE judges, then they will proceed to State Trumbauer where they will compete against students from all districts. The One- Act Play Festival highlights the top district plays. Students receive IE Awards and the winning one- act will represent Alabama at SETC.

In 2008, over 1500 secondary students from 65 Alabama high schools competed. The “Best in Show” One Act, from the state competition (“Forbidden Broadway” by Huntsville High School) represented Alabama at the 2009 Southeastern Theatre Conference in March, 2009 and took top honors at that regional event.

<http://www.alabamconferenceoftheatre.com/trumbauer.html>

Deadlines for regional festival at Bob Jones High School on Nov 6 & 7:

Regional Registration Deadline:	October 16, 2009
Regional Fees:	Membership Fee \$5
	Individual Events: \$10 per event

Deadlines for state festival at Troy University Dec 3- 5, 2009

State Registration Deadline: November 13, 2009

## Individual Events: \$10

Alabama Thespian Festival: Feb. 26- 28, 2009 Florence High School

A Thespian Festival is an event held in EVERY state during the school year. Thespian troupes, affiliated with the International Thespian Society (ITS), gather at these annual events. Theatre students attend to compete in individual events, participate in theatre workshops, and meet other Thespians! The festival begins on Friday afternoon and closes Sunday morning with an awards ceremony.

<http://www.alabamathespians.com/festival.html>

Deadline: November 22, 2009

Fees: Approx \$150 including hotel (4 to a room) and several meals. I will have more information when they post next year's registration packet on the web.

Festival includes workshops, competitions, and viewing of plays. I will need one chaperone per every 10 students and one male chaperone. Chaperones must have taken Youth Protection I which is given by our Diocese. For information on how to take this class, see the Diocesan website at [www.bhmdiocese.org](http://www.bhmdiocese.org). I know it will be offered at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Sept 21 from 6- 8 p.m.