



# NSW Public Schools 2009 State Drama Festival



## INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

### Dates:

#### Friday 30 October 2009

- Technical Rehearsals (afternoon only)

#### Monday 2 November 2009

- Technical Rehearsals (all day)

#### Tuesday 3 November 2009

- Technical Rehearsals (all day)

#### Wednesday 4 November 2009

- Technical Rehearsals (all day)

#### Thursday 5 November 2009

- Technical Rehearsals (morning)
- 11:00am Primary Schools Matinee
- Technical Rehearsals (afternoon)
- 7:30pm Evening Performance

#### Friday 6 November 2009

- Technical Rehearsals (morning)
- 11:00am Secondary Schools Matinee
- Technical Rehearsals (afternoon)
- 7:30pm Evening Performance

### Venue:

Everest Theatre, Seymour Theatre Centre, City Road, Chippendale

### Eligibility:

Years K-12

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

### Applications:

A nomination form is attached and it should be returned by **Wednesday 16 September 2009**. Nominations received after this date will be treated in order of receipt.

Audition Panel nominations should be returned by Friday 19 June 2009.

### 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
  - **A Regional Drama Festival** (where available); **Please Note: If a Regional Festival is available in your region – no other audition process will be considered.**
  - The State Drama Festival is the result of the items seen at the Regional Festivals throughout the state. Details of the Regional Festivals are as follows:
    - **Arts North:** 11-13 August 2009, Parade Theatre, NIDA, Kensington. Contact Anne Babington – 0404 840 742
    - **South Coast / Illawarra:** 11 August 2009, Illawarra Performing Arts Centre, Wollongong. Contact Sonia Ashford - 0423 261 549.
    - **Sydney West:** 11 August 2009, Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre Penrith Contact Jenni Trezise – 0403 380 196
    - **Hunter:** 21 August 2009, Lambton High School Contact Lyn Cook – 0419 494 833
    - **Sydney South West:** 9 -11 September 2009, Campbelltown Arts Centre Contact Michelle Murphy – 0425 384 484
    - **Western Region:** Contact Dianne Reichhelt – 0439 846 114
    - **North Coast:** 22 & 23 September 2009, Players Theatre, Port Macquarie Contact Person: Peter Piaud – 0402 482 167
  - **All items that have successfully auditioned for a Regional Drama Festival will be automatically considered for the State Drama Festival;**
  - If a regional 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 Regional 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 Regional Festival if that Festival exceed 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 “live” at a Regional Festival.
- **Video auditions (where a Regional Festival does not exist).** Please note the following Video Audition Guidelines:
  - Check that your performance/rehearsal space has adequate lighting for videotaping.
  - Please ensure that actors are audible (check the sound levels on your videotape).
  - The videotape 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 performance.
  - Do not use a hand held camera. Make sure your camera is fixed.
  - Write the title of your performance and school’s name on the outside casement of your videotape.
  - Please ensure the quality of the tape by previewing it before sending it in for consideration.
  - If your item has been videotaped at a regional festival – this may be used as your audition tape.

**Closing date for Video Auditions: Wednesday 16 September 2009**

**Further Information:**

Please direct enquiries concerning the State Drama Festival to Paul Viles, State Drama Coordinator on 02 8512 1175, fax 02 9569 6878, email [Paul.Viles@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Paul.Viles@det.nsw.edu.au)