

AACTFest '09 Comes to Tacoma in June

We asked for it! We got it! Now it is almost here!

For the first time in over twenty-five years AACT's signature event, the AACTFest national festival, will come to the Pacific Northwest. The AACTFest two-year festival cycle combines the very best that community theatre production brings to its local communities, with unique opportunities to learn, connect, and explore. At AACTFest '09 a wide variety of meetings, exhibits, workshops, and social events provide a frame for twelve unique theatrical performances that have advanced through the festival process to represent the ten regions of AACT in one exciting celebration of theatre in America.

So here's your opportunity to come out and support what so many of you have said you wanted to see for so many years . . . **AACT, here in the West.** We've invited an entire nation of community theatre to "Come West" and we all need to be here to greet them. There are lots of ways you can get involved, whether you live in Blaine, or Walla Walla. Be a festival volunteer and get into select events free. The Boeing Company has also generously underwritten a limited number of scholarships for festival volunteers and those interested in attending the Technical Theatre Conference. Check out the schedule on the left. Check out the website. Make your plans today and do not miss this once in a lifetime event – finally come to Washington State.

What's New at AACTFest '09 Tacoma?

Technical Theatre Conference: In partnership with the University of Puget Sound, AACTFest '09 will present the first ever Technical Theatre Conference June 22 – 24 before the core AACTFest performances commence. The Norton Clapp Theatre in the University of Puget Sound campus will host five sessions over three days focused on specific elements of technical theatre: Scenery, Costumes, Lighting, Sound, and Special Effects. Learn from masters and see demonstrations of the best and brightest that theatrical manufacturers have to offer in products and services, speak with company representatives one on one, and ask your questions regarding technical theatre.

Podcasts: An experimental version was tried in Charlotte two years ago, and has now grown into the "AACTFest Update 2009 Edition." Fifteen podcasts will be produced by May 2009, featuring information about the Festival, interviews with participating companies, and more. You can already listen to the first two Episodes. Find them on the "Media" page at www.aactfest09.org Then subscribe to the AACTFest Update to get new episodes as they are posted.

Festival Concierge Service: Want to make a local restaurant reservation? Want to call a cab or have special transport needs? Visit the Festival Concierge desk in the lobby of the Pantages Theatre where friendly volunteers will be ready to help you connect to local services and dining experiences.

Who's Got the Button?: You are invited to create a wearable, tradeable button or pin for your local theatre company, and bring it (and lots of extras!) when you come to AACTFest '09. Doesn't every town have an elementary school with a button maker? Make enough buttons for all your company to wear, and make enough to give and trade as well. It is a great way to meet new people. Trade Buttons! Make Friends!



AACTFest '09 Registration

June 23-28, 2009 - Tacoma, WA

Send to: AACT • 1300 Gendy St • Fort Worth, TX 76107
Fax 817.732.3178 • info@aact.org

Register online at www.aact.org

Name *as you want it on your badge*

Theatre Affiliation

Theatre Position/Title

Address

City State Zip Country

Office Phone Cell Phone

Home Phone Fax

E-mail

SPECIAL NEEDS: Vegetarian Meals Food Allergies

Physical Needs

Request by May 31, except Audio Descriptors, ASL needs by May 1, 2009

Please help me find a roommate: Female Male

REGISTRATION FEE *per person*

Early Bird Party Tuesday, Opening Night Celebration Dinner Wednesday, workshops, after show parties, and Awards Banquet and Celebration Saturday.

Early Bird Discount *if register by May 31 subtract \$30* \$30

AACT Members \$225

Non-members \$255

Attending Early Bird Party Tuesday*

Attending Opening Night Celebration Dinner Wednesday*

Attending Awards Banquet/Celebration Saturday*

** included in Full Registration*

Adjudication Workshop *Add On to Full Registration* \$120

Daily for [] Wed [] Thurs [] Fri [] Sat @ \$75/day \$

Does not include Saturday Awards Banquet and Celebration.

Open Forum Box Lunch [] Fri [] Sat @ \$10/each \$

Additional Awards Banquet Tickets @ \$60 = \$

One already included with full registration.

AACT Endowment Cruise @ \$75 = \$

Special Thursday Evening Event, not included in Registration.

Design Exhibition \$20 *first entry* + @ \$10 *ea. add'l entry* = \$

Must complete entry form available on website or the AACT office.

Processing Fee \$5

TOTAL FEES \$

I'd like to make a contribution to: Help Support AACT \$

AACT Endowment \$

PAYMENT:

Check *payable to AACT*

Charge my: Visa MasterCard

American Express Discover

Name on Card

Card #

VIN#

Last three digit number on back of card on Signature line, except American Express: four digit number on front of card above aact.#.

Expiration Date

Signature

Billing Address *if different from above*

No refunds after May 31, 2009. Festival program, schedules, and participants are subject to change without notice.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN ONLINE!