

OCTA HISTORY

In December 1953, the Ohio Community Theatre Association was formed with sixteen theatres. For over 65 years, OCTA has provided support to community theatres through workshops, the annual regional OCTAFests, which showcase community theatre productions, and our three-day annual conference.

Today, OCTA serves over 100+ member theatres in eight Ohio state regions including member theatres from adjacent states including Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

We have an all-volunteer board.

OCTA is also partnered with the national organization, the Association of America Community Theaters (AACT). Our theatres have appeared in state, national, and international competition.

Have fun and learn more about the group by attending the annual state conference.



It is easy for your theatre to join and get all the benefits for only \$65 annual dues. Go to our website or contact the email listed below.

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**Are you a
member of
OCTA?**

Why Not?

Find out more
about the ways your
theatre can benefit
from becoming a
member.

WHAT DO YOU GET FROM OCTA??

OCTA SERVICES

GUIDE/RESPONDENT A program which helps new and veteran directors with their production or helps directors in selecting an excerpt for a Regional OCTAFest.

OCTAFEST Regional excerpt festivals where the winners are selected to showcase at the State Conference.

OCTA STATE CONFERENCE Three-day conference over Labor Day weekend with workshops, excerpts, and social activities. Every even-year excerpts are selected to represent Ohio at the Regional AACT festival.

WORKSHOPS Programs held in the regions as well as at State Conference and cover all phases of theatre. Check out the Resource Directory.

COMPETITIONS Every year various competitions are rewarded at the State Conference. Forms are available on the website and include: costumes, set, newsletters, websites, brochures, and tech.

OCTAFEST Jr. Statewide excerpt festival for children ages 18 and younger. Awards are presented and the top 2 excerpt winners are invited to showcase their excerpts at the OCTA State Conference.

RESOURCE SERVICES A listing of costumes, props, décor items etc. which other theatres have in stock. The booklet shows theatres who are willing to loan, rent or sell items as well as names of workshop leaders.

SPEAKERS BUREAU Community theatre individuals that speak to other theatres or the public about the programs of OCTA.

LENDING LIBRARY Over 2000 scripts available for theatres to borrow for reading purposes to help in selection of theatres production season.

SURVEY A questionnaire sent every few years to all member theatres asking questions about current theatre issues or about how the OCTA programs are being received and used.

NEWSLETTER Five issues are produced each year about various activities of OCTA with a Callboard listing of all productions across the state. A sixth issue is the Call to Conference. Electronic versions are used unless hard copies are requested.



WHAT OTHER BENEFITS DO YOU GET FROM OCTA?

- Sharing theatre experiences with other thespians
- Camaraderie with people across the state
- Recognition for your technical staff as well as actors
- Learning about new theatre techniques
- Help and support when your theatre has a problem

Don't Wait! Join Now!