

## OCTA HISTORY

The Ohio Community Theatre Association was formed in December 1953 with sixteen theatres. For over 57 years, OCTA has provided support to community theatres through workshops, through the annual regional OCTAFests showcasing community theatre productions, and through our three-day annual conference.

Today, OCTA serves over 100+ member theatres in five Ohio state regions including member theatres from across the Ohio River, Kentucky and West Virginia!

We have an all-volunteer Board of Directors and one part-time paid staff position.

## Ohio Community Theater Association

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*Are you a member of  
OCTA?*

## WHAT DO YOU GET FROM OCTA??

### OCTA SERVICES

**GUIDE/RESPONDENT** program to help new and veteran directors with their production or to help directors in selecting an excerpt for a Regional OCTAfest.

**OCTA STATE CONFERENCE**  
Three day conference over Labor day weekend with workshops, excerpts and social activities

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



**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 excerpt at the OCTA State Conference on Friday evening.

**RESOURCE SERVICES** Theatres can contact the Executive Director for theatre listings, dates, etc if searching for costumes, props, etc. OCTA also has a booklet with items that some of the theatres are willing to loan, rent or sell 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

**WORKSHOPS** Workshops are held in the regions as well as at State Conference and cover all phases of theatre.

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



**SURVEY** Every 2 or 3 yrs OCTA sends a survey to all member theatres asking questions that the Board has had requests for the information or just to see how some of the OCTA programs are being received.

**NEWSLETTER** Five issues printed each year about various activities of OCTA. A sixth issue is printed as the Call to Conference