

December 17, 2017

**To: Applicants to the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts, Theatre**  
**From: Justin Durham, Audition Coordinator**  
**Re: Auditions at Middle Tennessee State University**

Welcome to all of you who are planning to audition for the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts in theatre. The auditions will be held in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building (BDA), which is in the center of campus of Middle Tennessee State University. Please refer to detailed directions located on the GSFTA website.

**The performance audition:**

Prepare your audition piece to fit in the time allotted. If acting only shall be no more than 60 seconds, if acting and singing no more than 90 seconds. Your time begins with the first words you say, which should be your name and number. There will be an accompanist to play for you. No one may sing without accompaniment. You may not accompany yourself on a musical instrument or use a recording. You will stay for an interview. You will need to allow approximately 1 hour for the entire theatre audition. You should arrive 30 minutes before your scheduled time to register on the second floor of the BDA located across from the baseball stadium. Please see attached Audition information or visit the website to view the document online.

**The Design and Technical audition:**

Will consist of a detailed interview including examination of your portfolio or other work you may bring with you. If you do not have a portfolio, that is ok, just bring some examples of your work to show the adjudicator. Please be sure that your portfolio is concise and demonstrates your abilities as a theatrical technician, examples would include but not be limited to; a resume, sketches, designs, and photos, all of your work only. Your interview will last approximately 15 minutes, so plan accordingly. If you are auditioning only for the technical program, you will not follow the performance audition information. You should arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time to register in the hallway on the second floor of the BDA located across from the baseball stadium.

If you are auditioning for both Design and Performance, you should go to your performance audition first, and then to your design interview. If you are late to the design interview because you were doing your performance audition, you will be fine. If you have a conflicting audition with another area at Governor's school, please attend that audition first and then return to the theatre area to register. Please **DO NOT REGISTER** until you are ready to audition. If you are running late to your audition, that is fine, just arrive as close to your time as you are able.

The results of your audition will be forwarded to the Director of the Governor's School for review and final selection. The results will not be available on the day of the audition. Every student will be notified as soon as possible about the summer.

No observers are allowed. They are too distracting to the students. I respectfully ask that those people bringing students plan accordingly for the time of the audition.

**STUDENTS – Please be professional and coordinate your audition corrections, changes, substitutions, or questions on your own. Please do not rely on parents or teachers to coordinate this for you. Governor's school is a pre-collegiate program and should be handled as such.**

I wish all of you the best of luck. We are looking forward to seeing each of your gifts. If you have any questions or need further information please either email me at [justin.reed@mtsu.edu](mailto:justin.reed@mtsu.edu).

See you soon,

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