



AHSDFA

ALBERTA HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

**PROVINCIAL FESTIVAL
INFORMATIONAL PACKAGE**

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Thursday, May 9-11, 2024

THE ARTS CENTRE
100 College Ave,
Red Deer Polytechnic
RED DEER, ALBERTA

This information package is for anyone wishing to attend the AHSDFA Provincial Festival, whether attending as performers or audience members.

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AHSDFA Provincial Festival General Details

Backstage Festival Coordinator	Marc Halas	Marc.Halas@ffca-calgary.com
Front of House Festival Coordinator	Jessa Rasko	jrasko@rockyview.ab.ca
Artistic Adjudicator	Karen Johnson Diamond	*Please email scripts as soon as your festival closes. Email to Emily Morrison emily.morrison@lethsd.ab.ca and she will distribute to adjudicators.
Technical/Backstage Adjudicator	David Smith	
Venue Stage Manager	Finn Aldenburg	N/A
Audio Technician	David Jones	N/A
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PROVINCIAL FESTIVAL ADDRESS	This is usually needed for you to receive a cheque from your school to pay for the festival fees.	Dustin Whetton AHSDFA Treasurer Cochrane High School 529 4 Ave N Cochrane, AB T4C 1Y6

AHSDFA Provincial Festival Description: The AHSDFA (Alberta High School Drama Festival Association) Provincial Festival is a One Act Play Festival that celebrates the excellent theatre that is happening from around Alberta, in our High Schools - Public, Catholic, Private, and Charters. In April, schools from around the province participate in zone festivals (their local areas), then the Outstanding play(s) chosen by an adjudicator is produced at Red Deer College to showcase the work on the Provincial Festival stage.

AHSDFA Mission: To promote interest, involvement, and development in all phases of drama and theatre for students and teachers in Alberta high schools through the sponsorship of annual drama festivals. It is to be understood that all involvement in AHSDFA sponsored festivals - Zones and Provincial - is for the betterment and development of students and that all involvement will be underscored with integrity, flexibility, and cooperation.

Website: www.ahsdfa.weebly.com

Dates: Thursday, May 9- Saturday, May 11, 2024

Registration: 10:30-11:45 am Thursday, May 9

Location: Red Deer Polytechnic Arts Centre, 100 College Ave, Red Deer, AB

Adjudicator Biographies: on website

Festival Registration Information

There are two ways to register: as Performers and as Non-Performing Participants.

Registration to the festival includes all three days. Participants are encouraged to attend the full festival.

All Registrants: Register online through this form: <https://forms.gle/zgKtqvfp5JQQLry9>

Registration Fee:

- \$25/ student
- (Performers) A production registration fee of \$120/ play

To have people come as guests in the audience only:

- \$15 per show session

Deadlines:

Please register upon completion of your Zone festival and no later than Sunday, May 5 at 11pm. **If a school misses the deadline, they forfeit participation in the festival performances unless prior arrangements have been made.**

Please send all scripts to Emily Morrison upon completion of festival.

emily.morrison@lethsd.ab.ca

Registration for NON PERFORMING PARTICIPANTS:

You are always welcome to participate as audience members at the Provincial festival!

- Non Performers are welcome to attend the Provincial Festival and maintain full festival privileges, including workshops, all shows, the banquet, the dance, and the awards ceremony.

If you have friends/ family members that wish to only come to one Performance Session, the cost is \$15 per show session. No registration necessary. Tickets available at the door.

Registration for PERFORMING PARTICIPANTS:

Register online through this form:

Production types permitted in the Festival:

All productions should be one act plays, limited to 65 minutes or less. In order for a piece to come to the festival, it needs to meet the 65 minute requirement, timed from first cue. This allows us to give opportunity for more shows and more students to come to the festival. Productions exceeding the time limit will be ineligible for awards. Productions will find this out during their adjudication period and it will be announced at the awards ceremony as such: "At this point, this school did not meet the time limit as set out by the Provincial festival".

Backstage Festival Codirector and Festival Stage Manager reports each One Act play run time, on headset. Shows will be videographed from the tech booth, as backup evidence of run times.

One act plays can be musicals, dramas, comedies, student written work, published and non-published work, collective creations, etc., as long as a script is provided to the adjudicator by the submission date (information provided upon registration).

Students involved: AHSDFA performers/ technicians must be registered in high school. This may be grades 9-12, depending on the high school. Non-high school students may perform if prior permission is granted by the Provincial president, but only in exceptional cases.

***Shows must come in their entirety, or source alternatives in advance.**

Typically, each Zone is eligible to bring 1 production to the festival. A Zone is eligible to bring 2 shows, if they have a minimum number of 5 schools participating at a Zone Festival, with 15 productions.

Prior to festival all student directors must submit a 1 minute video clip detailing the why behind their piece. Content warnings will also be given at this time. Please email your video to ahsdfa2022@gmail.com no later than May 5th at 11:00 PM.

Checklist to bring with you to the festival:

- One copy of your production licensing
- Zone Report. You may need the help of your Zone Head. ****You will not be able to perform without this Zone Report. Please bring this with you to the registration desk, Thursday, May 9. Participants cannot perform unless a Zone Report has been submitted.***
- A letter from your school's principal indicating that all cast & crew members meet the definition of "high school students" as defined by Alberta Education.

For example:

Dear AHSDFA Directors,

The following students will be performing in the AHSDFA Provincial Festival from May 9-11. 2024 All students attend this high school:

Names Here

Signed by Principal of your school

- Model Release Forms for each Festival Participant. This allows the students to be photographed and photos shared on our website.
- 400 copies of your playbill which includes the following info:
 - Playwright and publisher
 - The Production's creative team (***indicate students or teachers***)
 - The School's name and community name (make sure to include city)
 - Zone Number
 - ****Warnings about language/ mature content/ fog/ strobe/ explicit sexual content/ violence/ mature language/ Suicide**
- If your performance includes mature content, posters must be visible for your shows, to be hung in the foyer of the theatre, indicating mature content warnings and timeslot of your production.

- **A cheque from your school for the registration fee. It is \$25/ student and a fee of \$120 per play. Cheques made payable to AHSDFA.**

***Each Festival registrant receives a special Festival Pass which allows him/her to participate in workshops, performances, the banquet/ dance, and the awards ceremony.*