Report of: Region III
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Upcoming State/Region Events/Activities:

MICHIGAN:

At CTAM’s Fall Conference, Penny Notter of Grand Rapids Civic Theatre received the Robert A. McKenna Award for service and commitment to community theatre on the local and state levels.

The Volunteer Spirit Award for outstanding service was given to Kevin Arnett of Grand Rapids Civic Theatre and to the Bay City Players, and to Joanne Berry of the Bay City Players.

The Dorothy Arnette Volunteer Service Award was given to Roger Burleigh from Kalamazoo Civic Theatre and to Tom and Beatrice Nobles from Flint Community Theatre. Sadly, Beatrice had passed away, but Tom accepted the award for both of them.

CTAM held a masters class in July 09 led by Leeds Bird from Bay City Players.

March 7, 2010 CTAM will hold their annual Scholarship Auditions.

March 20 All of Us Express Children’s Theatre will hold a regional workshop for youth. It will be led by Artistic Director, Miranda Hartman.

May 14-16 Flat River Comm. Players of Greenville will host the spring convention.

July 23-25 CTAM will hold two master classes led by Jim Carver on acting in a comedy and Larry Nielsen will lead a class on building administrative skill sets on boards.

Ohio:

The Ohio Community Theatre Association (OCTA) hosted their 4th annual OCTA Jr. Festival in Columbus Aug 1, 2009. Eight (8) youth productions attended and the winners were Saturday Matinee, Morrison Playmakers, Inc. and R&H Cinderella, Mansfield Playhouse.
OCTA Conference, held every Labor Day weekend, was held in Cincinnati on Sept 4-7, 2009. The theme was YO HO HO ON THE O-HI-O and attendance was 533. Fourteen theatres excerpted and AACT’s own Larry Nielsen and Ron Ziegler were 2 of the 3 adjudicators.

The Ohio Community Theatre Association (OCTA) will hold its State AACTFest on March 5,6,7, 2011 in Findlay, Ohio and will be hosted by Ft. Findlay Playhouse. The festival will be held at College of Findlay.

OCTA will be the host of Region III Festival in Columbus on Apr 29, 30, May 1, 2011. Chairpersons are Geri Martin and Ruby Classen.

**Wisconsin:**

The WACTFest, held Jan 8, 9, 2011 was held at River Arts Center in Prairie du Sac. A welcome reception was held on Friday evening for old friends and new to meet, followed by a full day of activities on Saturday. There were workshop sessions, a luncheon, and WACT’s Annual Meeting.

Saturday evening WACT’s own Allen Ebert played the part of James Lipton and actor/playwright/author James DeVita took a turn in the guest seat in an homage to “Inside the Actors Studio” (“Inside the WACTors’ Studio”). A great time was had by everyone.

WACTFest 2011 will be held Feb 2011 in DePere, WI. and will be hosted by Evergreen Productions.

**Indiana:** No report.

**Illinois:**

A call for the next cycle Illinois AACTFest location will be going out in the near future to all Illinois AACT theatre assn. members. Theatre Nebula has expressed an interest in hosting, but, the date, or letter of intent has not been received at this time.

Illinois State Contact Toni Higgins-Thrash was sworn in as a member of the Arlington Hts. Arts Commission by Mayor Arlene Mulder. Her term will run from December 21, 2009 to April 30, 2011.

Theatre Nebula from Palatine and Up & Coming, of Rolling Meadows, both received the 2009 Theatre Association’s Award of Excellence.