LEAD ENSEMBLE INFORMATION GUIDE

Omaha Performing Arts is proud to present the 9th annual **Nebraska High School Theater Academy Showcase at the Orpheum Theater on Sunday, June 5, 2022 at 7:30pm.** This red-carpet, Tony Awards® inspired event is a tribute to the enthusiasm, dedication, and accomplishments of our state's high school and middle school theater programs. Participants have the opportunity to win awards and perform as a part of that evening's program, which will be hosted by Broadway performer and Omaha native, Q. Smith. Students, faculty and staff from participating schools are encouraged to attend and celebrate theater in our schools! **Check out highlights from the 2019 NHSTA Showcase HERE.**

Congratulations on winning an award for Outstanding Performance in a Lead Role! In addition to receiving a trophy onstage at the Orpheum Theater you will perform as a part of the Lead Ensemble with other award-winning students from across the state.

Here is an overview of what you'll find in this document:

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Students, parents/guardians and teachers should read this guide in its entirety as students must adhere to all rules and regulations in order to participate in the 2022 NHSTA Lead Ensemble. **This guide includes multiple forms and signature pages that must be returned by Monday, May 16, 2022.**

Please send completed forms and refer all questions to NHSTA@O-pa.org.

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***REMINDER: please send completed forms and refer all questions to NHSTA@O-pa.org.**

O-pa Education Website: O-pa.org/Learn-and-Engage

Box Office (buy tickets): 402-345-0606 or TicketOmaha.com

Holland Center Security: 402-661-8555

Orpheum Theater Security: 402-661-8537

Creighton Public Safety (emergency number): 402-280-2911

LOCATIONS

Students will stay on campus in a Creighton University dormitory (specific hall assignments will be provided at a later date):

Creighton University
2500 California Plaza
Omaha, NE 68178

2022 NHSTA Showcase rehearsal and performance venues include:

Holland Performing Arts Center
1200 Douglas Street
Omaha, NE 68102

Orpheum Theater
409 S. 16th Street
Omaha, NE 68102

Student performers should use the Stage Door entrances at both venues:

- When you arrive on the first day for check-in you will use the Holland Center Stage Door – located on the north side of the building between 12th and 13th Streets on Dodge Street.
- When you check-out after the performance you will use the Orpheum Theater Stage Door – located on the northeast corner of the building at 15th and Harney Streets.

AVAILABILITY & DEADLINES

- We recognize that some students may be eligible to perform in more than one group. Because of overlaps between rehearsals some restrictions apply. Students who are performing in the Lead Ensemble can NOT perform in the Showcase Ensemble and vice versa. Lead Ensemble students may perform as a National Finalist and as a part of their award-winning school's production number – only applies to the top 10 schools that win "Outstanding Musical Theater Production" (please contact us if this is the case).

- Showcase rehearsals are scheduled to run **Wednesday, June 1 – Sunday, June 5, 2022.** Students must be available for all scheduled activities. A full rehearsal schedule is available on pages 9-11 (all scheduled activities are subject to change). Please note that observers are not allowed at rehearsals.

- Any waivers or forms included in this guide are due by **Monday, May 16, 2022**.

- Lead Ensemble students will receive trophies onstage at the Orpheum Theater. Please submit your name with the pronunciation by **Friday, May 20, 2022** so that O-pa staff can include it in the performance script.

CREATIVE TEAM

The Lead Ensemble gives winners of Outstanding Performance in a Lead Role the opportunity to perform in a special number onstage at the Orpheum Theater with other top students from across the state. Throughout the rehearsal week students will work with Broadway choreographers and professional music directors, musicians, and stage managers. Lead Ensemble students will be accompanied by a live pit band.

MUSIC

- Students will be sent music for the Lead Ensemble performance at least 1 week prior to rehearsals. Music will be sent as PDF attachments to the student and parent emails provided on the Student Information Form on page 12.
- Students are expected to learn their vocal part and be memorized prior to the first rehearsal; however, students should print their music and bring it with them to rehearsals for notetaking purposes. A limited number of printed copies will be available for students in need.

HOUSING REQUIREMENT

All Lead Ensemble students are required to stay in Creighton University dormitory housing throughout the rehearsal period Wednesday, June 1 – Sunday, June 5, 2022 (housing, meals and transportation to/from rehearsals as well as adult supervision by trained O-pa chaperones will be provided at no cost to students). There are no exceptions to this requirement.

MEALS

All meals will be provided for free. Students will meet chaperones in the lobby of their dorm each morning to walk to Creighton's Brandies Dining Hall for breakfast. Lunch and dinner will be provided at rehearsal venues each day. If a student has food allergies/dietary restrictions that we should be aware of please include this information on the Student Medical Information Form on pages 13 and 14.

CHECK-IN

Students should arrive for check-in at the Holland Center Stage Door, located on the north side of the building between 12th and 13th Streets on Dodge Street at 8am on Wednesday, June 1, 2022. Please review the Covid-19 safety policies on pages 7 and 8 as students will be expected to show their proof of vaccination for Covid-19 and will be tested for Covid-19 upon arrival. Students will also be asked to provide any missing paperwork provided in this information guide at this time. Students will check into their dorm after that evening's rehearsal and should bring any items they've packed to the Holland Center that morning (O-pa staff will assist students with storage of these items during that day's rehearsal). See full rehearsal schedule for details on pages 9-11.

CHECK-OUT

Students will check out of the dorm before the dress rehearsal the morning of Sunday, June 5, 2022 and should bring any items they've packed to the Orpheum Theater (O-pa staff will assist students with storage of these items during the rehearsal/performance; however, items must be collected by students after the performance). After the performance has ended, check-out will take place at the Orpheum Theater Stage Door, located on the northeast corner of the building at 15th and Harney Streets. During check-out, students will only be released to the person(s) identified as approved person(s) for student release listed on the Student Information Form (see page 12). O-pa staff will ask the person(s) to provide **photo identification** to confirm their identity.

CURFEW

For your safety, an 11pm curfew will be enforced. This curfew is a NHSTA policy. Students must be in their assigned rooms by 11pm following rehearsal. NHSTA Chaperones will provide nightly bed checks to ensure this policy is enforced. No outside guests are permitted at the Creighton dorms, including immediate family without prior notice and approval by O-pa staff. Students are not allowed to leave the Creighton dorms or rehearsal venues. NHSTA Chaperones will accompany students to breakfast each morning and to/from rehearsals at the Holland Center or Orpheum Theater.

SECURITY

Students will not be allowed to leave rehearsal venues unaccompanied between rehearsals for any reason. If a student goes missing during rehearsals O-pa staff will contact security and follow "Code Adam" protocol – no one will be allowed to enter/exit the building until the student is located. Students are expected to be punctual. O-pa staff will contact the teacher and parent/legal guardian of students who fail to check-in or check-out or arrive late during any point of the rehearsal period.

ONLINE SAFETY POLICY

All students are expected to practice online safety. Notify a staff member or parent/guardian immediately if you come across information, messages, interactions with any other person involved with, teaching, or attending the education event, or images that are inappropriate, threatening, dangerous, or make you feel uncomfortable. Do not engage with O-pa staff or guest artists through any social media platform, other than the platform designated for the education program or activity. Any communication with O-pa staff and guest artists outside of scheduled education program/class time should take place through O-pa emails and phone numbers. Sending sexually explicit photos or messages is strictly prohibited while using the O-pa platforms designated for education activities. Sharing and/or receiving personal information, including, without limitation, phone number, social security number, address, email address, date of birth, social media account address, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc. (collectively the "personal information") by any student or the student's parent/guardian in connection with any virtual O-pa education activity conducted via Zoom, social media or any other virtual platform is strictly prohibited. O-pa is not responsible if personal information is shared and/or received by any student or the student's parent/guardian via Zoom, social media or any other virtual platform during education activities. O-pa is not responsible for any consequence arising from such sharing and/or receiving of personal information. For participants under the age of 19, parents/guardians must strictly monitor internet use in connection with all virtual O-pa education events.

TRANSPORTATION

O-pa has arranged for transportation to and from the Creighton dorms for students staying on campus. NHSTA Chaperones will accompany students to/from the dorms and rehearsal venues each day.

PARKING

Students driving in from Greater/Western Nebraska will be able to park their cars at Creighton University. Please let us know by **Friday, May 20th** if you will need to park your car at Creighton for the week. Students who plan to drive themselves to/from rehearsals must have parent permission indicated on their Student Information Form on page 12.

PHONE & INTERNET

There is in-room telephone and internet connection in the Creighton dorms. The Holland Center has free Wi-Fi (a password and username will be given to students when they arrive at rehearsal).

DORM KEYS & ACCESS CARDS

Students will be given individual keys to their dormitory rooms and a building access card upon check-in at Creighton University. If a student's key or access card gets lost or stolen, the student is responsible to pay $45 for their key and $1 for their access card.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Using any illegal drug is punishable by law and will not be condoned. In addition, the NHSTA program will not permit smoking and alcohol, even if a student has reached the Nebraska State legal age to do so. Any student discovered using any of these substances will be immediately expelled and disqualified from participating in the showcase.

RESPECT

Be respectful at all times – bullying, profanity, and discriminatory language is strictly prohibited. Discrimination or harassment based on race, creed, color, national origin, nationality, ancestry, age, sex (including pregnancy), familial status, marital/civil union status, religion, domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, genetic information, liability for military service, protected hairstyle, and mental or physical disability (including perceived disability, and AIDS and HIV status) is strictly prohibited. We will not condone discriminatory conduct toward any person. Students are also expected to treat all property and equipment, both on the Creighton University campus and at O-pa venues, with respect. Students will be held liable for any damaged equipment, furniture or space. Students are expected to keep sound to reasonable levels and to comply with requests to reduce sound levels that are intrusive.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Students are responsible for all personal belongings. O-pa will not be held responsible for any lost, damaged or stolen property.

ATTIRE

The showcase is a red-carpet event – students are encouraged (but not required) to dress up for this celebratory occasion! All Lead Ensemble performers will be required to wear their NHSTA T-Shirt (provided to students at rehearsal) and black pants/leggings or a black skirt with opaque black tights and black shoes during their performance. Dressing rooms will be provided if students want to change into festive attire before/after their performance.

TICKETS

Tickets will go on sale in May 2022 starting at just $10! Lead Ensemble students DO NOT need tickets and will be provided with special seating; however, all performers will receive a promo code to reserve 1 comp ticket to share with a guest. Promo codes will be provided to schools and student performers on **Monday, April 25, 2022**.

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO PACK

Rehearsal and performance items:

- Sheet music
- Writing utensils
- Water bottle
- Rehearsal schedule
- Rehearsal clothes and shoes
- Red carpet clothes (celebratory attire is encouraged!)
- Performance clothes (black pants, leggings and/or skirt with black tights and black shoes)

**NHSTA t-shirt to wear for performance will be provided at rehearsal*

Toiletries:

- Shampoo/conditioner
- Soap
- Toothbrush/paste/floss
- Cotton balls/swabs
- Shower shoes/caddy
- Robe
- Bath towel, hand towel and/or washcloth
- Plastic cup

Prescription/medications:

- Pain reliver
- Allergy medication

Bedding:

- Blanket
- Pillow

**A fitted and regular bedsheet will be provided at dorms*

Vanities:

- Make-up and remover
- Hair dryer
- Curling iron/straightener/styling tools
- Curlers
- Brush/comb
- Lotion
- Sunscreen
- Nail clippers/file
- Hair clips/bobby pins/etc.

Accessories:

- Photo ID (required for dorm check-in)
- Cell phone/charger, laptop/tablet
- Umbrella and/or rain coat
- Masks (will also be provided at rehearsal venues)

COVID-19 POLICY

Student safety is our priority at Omaha Performing Arts, which is why we've created COVID-19 health and safety guidelines specific to the 2022 Nebraska High School Theater Academy Showcase.

- These guidelines apply to students who will be performing in the showcase ensemble, award-winning lead medley and/or Jimmy Awards finalists**.**
- All students performing in these groups are required to stay in Creighton University dormitory housing throughout the rehearsal period Wednesday, June 1 – Sunday, June 5, 2022 (housing, meals and transportation to/from rehearsals as well as adult supervision by trained O-pa chaperones will be provided at no cost to students). There are no exceptions to this requirement.
- Due to the requirements of both Creighton University housing and the national Jimmy Awards, all students will be required to be fully vaccinated, subject to any religious or medical exemptions.

Immunization Requirement

- **Proof of vaccination for COVID-19 (physical card/copy or photo of card) is required and should be brought to the first rehearsal.**
- Please note that you should be fully vaccinated as defined by the CDC **HERE**.
- Medical or religious exceptions are permitted on a case-by-case basis. To request a medical or religious exemption please contact NHSTA@O-pa.org.

Testing

- **Students will be tested for COVID-19 when they arrive for check-in at the Holland Center on the first day of rehearsal.**
- Individuals who will be backstage and/or participating in rehearsals in any capacity will also be tested at check-in, including O-pa staff, chaperones, volunteers, creative team members, musicians and backstage crew.
- Rapid-antigen tests will be conducted by trained and certified COVID-19 Compliance Officers.
- O-pa will also offer voluntary COVID-19 testing for symptomatic individuals throughout the rehearsal week – please note that a COVID-19 Voluntary Testing Consent Form (see page 14) is required.

Wellness Checks

- We ask all individuals to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms each day, beginning 14 days before rehearsal begins – **if you do not feel well, do not come to rehearsal.**
- Individuals who have recently tested positive for COVID-19 or who have been in contact with any person(s) who have recently tested positive for COVID-19 should not come to rehearsals.
- Each rehearsal venue will have a designated, isolated location for students who show symptoms of COVID-19.
- Parents/legal guardians will be contacted immediately to pick up symptomatic students, regardless of vaccination status.
- Please note that O-pa retains the right to dismiss a student at any time for any reason.

Masks

- **Masks are required indoors** except while eating in designated areas.
- All masks must completely cover the nose and mouth and comply with CDC guidelines for acceptable face coverings.
- Students may bring their own masks; however, O-pa will also provide masks at both rehearsal venues if needed (or if student's mask does not meet requirements).
- O-pa will provide clear masks for student performers to wear for the dress rehearsal and performance if needed.

Contact Tracing

Close contacts of a student diagnosed with COVID-19 and their parents/legal guardians will receive direct communication and guidance, based on recommendations from public health and the specific circumstances of that close contact. No personal contact information (i.e. name) will be shared with contact tracing individuals.

Visitors

Unapproved visitors, including parents/legal guardians and teachers, will not be allowed to observe rehearsals or enter the backstage area without advance planning and approval by O-pa staff.

Venue Upgrades & Cleaning

- Student rehearsal and performance areas at the Holland Center and Orpheum Theater have undergone **enhanced cleaning and sanitation**, including:
  - Doorknobs, railings, counter tops, elevator buttons and other common touch points are sanitized with increased frequency.
  - Performance halls, larger gathering areas, transported equipment, and other larger common areas are cleaned first and then sanitized using electrostatic technology which allows disinfecting solution to adhere to all surfaces.
  - Hand sanitizer dispensers are available throughout the buildings.

- **Air quality has been improved** at both rehearsal venues with the installation of virus filtering heating and cooling. All air handling units will have MERV-13 filters and Global Plasma Solutions' Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization (NPBI) technology installed. During the GPS cleaning process, the NPBI technology attacks and kills viruses, mold spores and bacteria.

- To help reduce physical contact, we've created a **touchless experience** with:
  - Mobile ticket delivery through the Ticket Omaha app (no printed tickets). Learn more.
  - A digital program book will be available on the Ticket Omaha app. Printed program books will no longer be provided for the NHSTA Showcase.
  - Touchless flush valves and faucets in all restrooms.

O-pa staff will monitor the status of the pandemic and will adjust policies as needed. We will continue to follow all recommendations from the CDC, and state of Nebraska and local public health officials. Please contact us at NHSTA@O-pa.org with questions.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Showcase rehearsals are scheduled to run **Wednesday, June 1 – Sunday, June 5, 2022** with an afternoon dress rehearsal and 7:30pm performance that Sunday. Showcase rehearsals will take place at the Holland Performing Arts Center (1200 Douglas Street, Omaha, NE 68102) and the Orpheum Theater (409 S. 16th St, Omaha, NE 68102). Please note that all scheduled activities are subject to change. Observers are not allowed at rehearsals.

green = showcase ensemble	**blue = top 10 school productions**
yellow = Jimmy Awards national finalists	**purple = dress rehearsal and performance**
orange = award-winning lead ensemble	**no color = check-in/out, meals, call times, etc.**

NOTE: "students in residence" includes the showcase ensemble, national finalists, lead ensemble + student reporter.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022				
TIME	**VENUE**	**ROOM**	**DESCRIPTION**	**WHO?**
8am	*Holland Center*	*Stage Door*	*students in residence check-in*	*students in residence*
8am - 10am	*Holland Center*	*Recital Hall*	*COVID-19 testing*	*students in residence*
9:30am - 11am	Holland Center	Edu. Studio	music rehearsal	lead ensemble
11am - 12pm	Holland Center	Recital Hall	choreography rehearsal	lead ensemble
10:30am - 12pm	Holland Center	Concert Hall	music rehearsal	showcase ensemble
12pm - 1pm	*Holland Center*	*ZINC*	*lunch*	*students in residence*
1pm - 4pm	Holland Center	Recital Hall	choreography rehearsal	showcase ensemble
1pm - 1:45pm	Holland Center	Edu. Studio	music rehearsal	national finalists medley #1
1:45pm - 2:30pm	Holland Center	Edu. Studio	music rehearsal	national finalists medley #2
2:30pm - 4pm	Holland Center	Concert Hall	music rehearsal	lead ensemble
4:15pm - 6pm	Holland Center	Concert Hall	music rehearsal	showcase ensemble
4:15pm - 5pm	Holland Center	Edu. Studio	staging/music rehearsal	national finalists medley #1
5:15pm - 6pm	Holland Center	Edu. Studio	staging/music rehearsal	national finalists medley #2
6pm - 7pm	*Holland Center*	*ZINC*	*dinner*	*students in residence*
7pm - 8:30pm	Holland Center	Concert Hall	music rehearsal	showcase ensemble
7pm - 9pm	Holland Center	Recital Hall	choreography rehearsal	lead ensemble
9pm	*Holland Center*	*Stage Door*	*dorm shuttle departs*	*students in residence*

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022				
TIME	**VENUE**	**ROOM**	**DESCRIPTION**	**WHO?**
10am	*Holland Center*	*Stage Door*	*dorm shuttle arrives*	*students in residence*
10:30am - 12pm	Holland Center	Recital Hall	choreography rehearsal	lead ensemble
10:30am - 12pm	Holland Center	Concert Hall	music rehearsal	showcase ensemble
12pm - 1pm	*Holland Center*	*ZINC*	*lunch*	*students in residence*
1pm - 4pm	Holland Center	Recital Hall	choreography rehearsal	showcase ensemble
1pm - 2pm	Holland Center	Edu. Studio	music rehearsal	lead ensemble
2pm - 3pm	Holland Center	Edu. Studio	staging/music rehearsal	national finalists medley #1
3pm - 4pm	Holland Center	Edu. Studio	staging/music rehearsal	national finalists medley #2
4:15pm - 5:15pm	Holland Center	Recital Hall	choreography rehearsal	lead ensemble
5:15pm - 6:15pm	*Holland Center*	*ZINC*	*dinner*	*students in residence*
6:15pm - 8:15pm	Holland Center	Recital Hall	music/choreography rehearsal	showcase ensemble
6:15pm - 8:15pm	Holland Center	Edu. Studio	Jimmy Awards audition videos	all national finalists
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Holland Center	Concert Hall	music rehearsal	lead ensemble
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Holland Center	Recital Hall	music/choreography rehearsal	lead ensemble
9:30pm	*Holland Center*	*Stage Door*	*dorm shuttle departs*	*students in residence*

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2022				
TIME	**VENUE**	**ROOM**	**DESCRIPTION**	**WHO?**
9:30am	*Holland Center*	*Stage Door*	*dorm shuttle arrives*	*students in residence*
10am - 11am	Holland Center	Recital Hall	choreography rehearsal	lead ensemble
10am - 11am	Holland Center	FNB Lobby	music rehearsal	showcase ensemble
10:15am	*Orpheum Theater*	*Stage Door*	*school group check-in*	*school #1*
10:30am - 11:10am	Orpheum Theater	Slosburg	run-through/tech rehearsal	school #1
11am - 12pm	Holland Center	Recital Hall	choreography rehearsal	showcase ensemble
11am - 12pm	Holland Center	Edu. Studio	music rehearsal	lead ensemble
10:55am	*Orpheum Theater*	*Stage Door*	*school group check-in*	*school #2*
11:10am - 11:45am	Orpheum Theater	Slosburg	run-through/tech rehearsal	school #2
11:30am	*Orpheum Theater*	*Stage Door*	*school group check-in*	*school #3*
11:45am - 12:25pm	Orpheum Theater	Slosburg	run-through/tech rehearsal	school #3
12pm - 1pm	*Holland Center*	*ZINC*	*lunch*	*students in residence*
12:05pm	*Orpheum Theater*	*Stage Door*	*school group check-in*	*school #4*
12:25pm - 1:05pm	Orpheum Theater	Slosburg	run-through/tech rehearsal	school #4
1pm - 4pm	Holland Center	Recital Hall	choreography rehearsal	showcase ensemble
1pm - 2pm	Holland Center	Edu. Studio	staging/music rehearsal	national finalists medley #1
2pm - 3pm	Holland Center	Edu. Studio	staging/music rehearsal	national finalists medley #2
1:50pm	*Orpheum Theater*	*Stage Door*	*school group check-in*	*school #5*
2:05pm - 2:45pm	Orpheum Theater	Slosburg	run-through/tech rehearsal	school #5
2:30pm	*Orpheum Theater*	*Stage Door*	*school group check-in*	*school #6*
2:45pm - 3:25pm	Orpheum Theater	Slosburg	run-through/tech rehearsal	school #6
3:10pm	*Orpheum Theater*	*Stage Door*	*school group check-in*	*school #7*
3:25pm - 4:05pm	Orpheum Theater	Slosburg	run-through/tech rehearsal	school #7
3:35pm	*Orpheum Theater*	*Stage Door*	*school group check-in*	*school #8*
4:05pm - 4:45pm	Orpheum Theater	Slosburg	run-through/tech rehearsal	school #8
3:30pm - 5:00pm	Holland Center	FNB Lobby	music rehearsal	lead ensemble
5:00pm - 7pm	Holland Center	Recital Hall	choreography rehearsal	lead ensemble
5:30pm - 7pm	Holland Center	FNB Lobby	music rehearsal	showcase ensemble
7pm - 8pm	*Holland Center*	*ZINC*	*dinner*	*students in residence*
8pm	*Holland Center*	*Stage Door*	*dorms shuttle departs*	*students in residence*

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022				
TIME	**VENUE**	**ROOM**	**DESCRIPTION**	**WHO?**
8:30am	*Orpheum Theater*	*Stage Door*	*dorm shuttle arrives*	*students in residence*
9am - 10am	Orpheum Theater	Slosburg	music/choreography rehearsal	showcase ensemble
10am - 11:30am	Orpheum Theater	Slosburg	music/choreography rehearsal	lead ensemble
11:30am - 12:15pm	Orpheum Theater	Slosburg	tech rehearsal	national finalists medley #1
12:15pm - 1:00pm	Orpheum Theater	Slosburg	tech rehearsal	national finalists medley #2
1pm - 2:30pm	*Orpheum Theater*	*Slosburg*	*lunch*	*students in residence*
2:30pm - 3:30pm	Orpheum Theater	Slosburg	tech rehearsal	lead ensemble
3:30pm - 5pm	Orpheum Theater	Slosburg	tech rehearsal	showcase ensemble
5pm - 6pm	*Orpheum Theater*	*Slosburg*	*dinner*	*students in residence*
6pm - 7:30pm	Orpheum Theater	Slosburg	run bows and staging	students in residence
7:30pm	*Orpheum Theater*	*Stage Door*	*dorm shuttle departs*	*students in residence*

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022				
TIME	**VENUE**	**ROOM**	**DESCRIPTION**	**WHO?**
9am	*Orpheum Theater*	*Stage Door*	*school group check-in*	*school #9*
9:30am - 10:15am	Orpheum Theater	Slosburg	run-through/tech rehearsal	school #9
9:45am	*Orpheum Theater*	*Stage Door*	*school group check-in*	*school #10*
10:15am - 11am	Orpheum Theater	Slosburg	run-through/tech rehearsal	school #10
10:30am	*Orpheum Theater*	*Stage Door*	*dorm shuttle arrives*	*students in residence*
11am - 12pm	Orpheum Theater	Slosburg	run-through w/ Broadway host	showcase ensemble
12pm - 1pm	*Orpheum Theater*	*lobby*	*lunch*	*students in residence + schools 9-10*
1pm - 4pm	Orpheum Theater	Slosburg	dress rehearsal	all students and schools 1-10
4pm - 5pm	*Orpheum Theater*	*lobby*	*dinner*	*all students and schools 1-10*
5pm	Orpheum Theater	dressing rooms	call time	all students and schools 1-10
6pm	*Orpheum Theater*	*lobby*	*lobbies and red carpet opens*	*all students, teachers + audience*
6pm	*Orpheum Theater*	*Fireside Lounge*	*teacher pre-show reception*	*all teachers invited to attend*
6:45pm	Orpheum Theater	dressing rooms	back from red carpet	all students and schools 1-10
7pm	*Orpheum Theater*	*Slosburg*	*house opens*	*audience*
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Orpheum Theater	Slosburg	performance	all students and schools 1-10
9:30pm - 10pm	*Orpheum Theater*	*Stage Door*	*check-out*	*students in residence*

STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

Student Name (first/last): _____
(exactly as you would like it to appear in the program book)

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

School: _____ **Grade:** _____

T-Shirt Size: _____ **Birthdate:** _____

Gender: _____ **Preferred Pronouns:** _____

Voice part in Choral Setting (please circle all that apply):
Soprano 1 Soprano 2 Alto 1 Alto 2 Tenor 1 Tenor 2 Bass 1 Bass 2

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

As a part of the check-out process following the performance, students will only be released to the person(s) identified below (see page 4 for our full check-out policy). O-pa staff will ask the person(s) listed below to provide **photo identification** to confirm their identity.

Approved Person(s) for Student Release (up to 3 persons may be listed):

Name:_____
Relationship to Student:_____
Mobile Telephone:_____ Other Telephone:_____ (home/work)

Name:_____
Relationship to Student:_____
Mobile Telephone:_____ Other Telephone:_____ (home/work)

Name:_____
Relationship to Student:_____
Mobile Telephone:_____ Other Telephone:_____ (home/work)

☐ **My child has permission to drive themselves and I hereby give O-pa permission to release my child at check-out without an approved person(s) present.**

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date:_____

STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM

***TO BE FILLED OUT BY PARENT/GUARDIAN*

Student Name: _____

Insurance Company Name: _____

Member ID: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

Please list any physical injuries or chronic health problems that we should be aware of (e.g. asthma, epilepsy, back or knee injury, etc.:

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Please list any medications your child is taking or any other information we should be aware of:

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Please list any medical restrictions or allergies (e.g. Hay Fever):

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Please list any food allergies or dietary considerations/restrictions (e.g. Vegetarian, Gluten Free):

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Do you give the chaperone or O-pa staff member permission to administer Tylenol or Advil to your child in the event that he or she is not feeling well?

Please Circle One: Yes or No

If yes, what medication can the chaperone or O-pa staff member administer?

Please Circle One: Tylenol Advil Both

Any other special needs we should be aware of?

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COVID-19 VOLUNTARY TESTING CONSENT FORM

Omaha Performing Arts Society ("O-pa") is offering voluntary COVID-19 testing for students participating in the 2022 Nebraska High School Theater Academy (NHSTA) Showcase who present with symptoms of COVID-19 in an effort to protect the health, safety and welfare of all participants. Tests are provided at no cost to students.

COVID-19 Testing Information: The test that would be provided to your child is a rapid-antigen test and will be performed by O-pa's trained and certified COVID-19 Compliance Officers. This test has been approved by the FDA under an emergency use authorization and involves the swabbing of your child's nasal passage in order to obtain a sample for testing. There are risks and benefits with undergoing a diagnostic test for COVID-19 and there may be a potential for false positive or false negative test results. Additionally, the actual test may cause slight discomfort to your child's nose or throat during the collection process and for a short period of time thereafter.

You will be provided with the results of your child's test. In the event of a positive test, you will be contacted to immediately pick up your child and it will be your responsibility to seek advice and treatment from your medical provider, if necessary. Your child's testing results will be shared only for public health purposes, which may include notifying close contacts that they may have been exposed to COVID-19 and taking other steps to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 among the participants of the NHSTA Showcase.

Consent to Test: By your signature below, you certify that:

- You have read and understood this COVID-19 Testing Consent Form;
- You are legally authorized to make decisions for your child and you give your permission for your child to be tested for COVID-19;
- You hereby release and hold harmless Omaha Performing Arts and its COVID-19 Compliance Officers from all liability as a result of testing;
- You understand that O-pa is not acting as your child's medical provider and this testing does not replace treatment by your child's medical provider. It is your responsibility to seek advice and treatment from your child's medical provider, if necessary;
- You understand that information regarding test results may be disclosed as described herein;
- You understand that this testing may occur at multiple points throughout the 2022 rehearsal period (6/1/22-6/5/22) if requested by your child; and
- You understand that if you are a student age 19 or older, or may otherwise legally consent for your own health care, references to "your child" refer to "me" and you may sign this form on your own behalf.

****Please be advised that as the parent or guardian, you will be contacted by O-pa's Staff prior to any unscheduled voluntary testing offered to your child, even with this consent on file. For children in grades 7-12, verbal authorization to proceed with testing will be accepted, with this consent on file, with the parent or guardian named below having the option of being present for testing. Please note that you will not be contacted prior to the mandatory testing scheduled for the first day of rehearsal on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 from 8am – 10am at the Holland Performing Arts Center.**

Parent/Guardian Name:_____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date:_____

Mobile Telephone:_____ Other Telephone:_____ (home/work)

Student Signature (If over 19):_____ Date:_____

Student Name (Print):_____

School:_____ Grade:_____

Symptoms of COVID-19 are fever or chills, dry cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of sense of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea per the CDC Guidelines. Please visit the CDC's coronavirus webpage for more information: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

STUDENT PERSONAL RELEASE & HOUSING WAIVER

This Agreement/Release between Omaha Performing Arts (O-pa) and _____ ("Student") related to Student's participation in the Nebraska High School Theater Academy Showcase (Program).

1. Student has agreed to perform in the NHSTA Showcase and attend rehearsals at the Holland Performing Arts Center (1200 Douglas Street, Omaha, NE 68102) and Orpheum Theater (409 S. 16th Street, Omaha, NE 68102) from Wednesday, June 1, 2022 – Sunday, June 5, 2022 with a performance at 7:30pm on Sunday, June 5, 2022 at the Orpheum Theater.

2. Student is required stay on the Creighton University campus, checking in the evening of June 1, 2022 and checking out the morning of June 5, 2022. O-pa agrees to provide the following for the Student:

    a. Room/board in a Creighton dormitory (fitted bed sheet and regular bed sheet provided)

    b. Supervision by adult chaperones while on campus

    c. Breakfast at the Creighton University dining hall

    d. Lunch and dinner at the Holland Center or Orpheum Theater

    e. Transportation to and from campus and the Holland Center or Orpheum Theater

3. Student hereby releases, discharges, and holds harmless O-pa, and their respective staff, officers, directors, employees, agents and representatives of each of the foregoing (collectively, the "Released Parties"), from any and all liability or claims arising out of or in any way resulting from Student's participation in the Nebraska High School Theater Academy Program, including without limitation Student's travel, housing, and activities in connection therewith and Student's qualification or lack thereof for any prizes that may or may not be awarded to Student, and the use or reuse of Student's appearance, performance, name, voice, singing voice, likeness, recorded activities and/or biographical information in connection with the Program. Student agrees not to make any claim against O-pa or the Program as a result of Student's participation in the Program and in connection with any use or reuse of their appearance, name, voice, singing voice, performance, conversation, likeness, recorded activities and/or biographical information (including, without limitation, any claim based upon defamation or invasion of privacy and/or violation of rights of publicity or "moral rights"). In addition, Student agrees to indemnify the Released Parties and to hold each of them harmless from any and all liability, claim, action, damage, expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees), and loss of any kind caused by or arising out of any statement, action or failure to act by Student during or in connection with their participation in the Program. In no event shall Student have any right to injunctive or other equitable relief against any of the Released Parties in connection with the Program.

4. Student gives permission to O-pa and its partners for publication of photos, video and recordings taken of Student while participating in O-pa programs and activities taking place in-person and/or online. Recorded media may be used on O-pa's website, on other media platforms (e.g. YouTube), and on other distribution channels through O-pa's partnerships with other organizations and media platforms (e.g. community partners and websites of other cultural organizations). Student understands that Student will not be paid any royalty or other compensations; and Student relinquishes any right Student may have to any payment if Student's photo, video or recording is published.

5. In case of emergency, Student consents to the administration of first aid and/or the dispatching of 911 emergency services.

6. During any period whereby O-pa is under local, state or national health and safety guidance or directives due to epidemic, pandemic or similar situations, Student will adhere to any and all health and safety protocols put into effect by O-pa in good faith. Such protocols may include, but are not limited to, wearing personal protective equipment, adhering to physical distancing recommendations, completing point of entry screenings, filling out limited requests for information, and adhering to last minute changes of schedule. Student agrees to follow all O-pa protocols when interacting during Program activities.

7. Student acknowledges that there is a possibility that after Student's execution of this Agreement/Release, Student will discover facts or incur or suffer claims which were unknown or unsuspected at the time this Agreement/Release was executed and which, if known by me at that time, may have materially affected my decision to execute this Agreement/Release. Student acknowledges and agrees that by reason of this Agreement/Release, Student is assuming any risk of such unknown facts and such unknown and unsuspected claims, and Student knowingly and voluntarily waive the provisions of any statute, law or rule of similar effect which might void a general release from unknown claims or information at the time the release is executed.

8. Student agrees to follow all Program rules, directions, codes of behavior, and instructions in all matters relating to the program, and acknowledges that rules are subject to change based on O-pa's sole discretion.

9. Student warrants that Student has the full, complete and unrestricted right and authority to enter into this Agreement/Release. In the event a parent/guardian signs on behalf of Student, such parent/guardian specifically agrees to be bound by the terms of this Agreement/Release. If Student is not at least 19 years of age, Student agrees to have his/her parent/guardian sign this Agreement/Release in the space below. Student is not a member any other performing arts guild and Student understands and agrees that his/her appearance on the Program, if any, shall not be deemed to be a performance under any collective bargaining agreement.

10. Student agrees and understands that this Agreement/Release shall be deemed entered into in Omaha, Nebraska, and that it shall be governed by and interpreted under the laws of Nebraska and by the courts of Douglas County. Student agrees not to disclose or discuss events related to the Program or authorize any third party to do the same, without the prior written approval of O-pa. Student shall not directly or indirectly issue or permit the issuance of any publicity whatsoever with respect to the Program or their appearance in connection therewith. Student shall not use the name of the National Program and/or the Local Program in any way at any time without O-pa's prior written approval in each instance.

11. Student has no expectation of compensation and is neither an employee nor an independent contractor of O-pa.

12. AUTHORIZATION: The undersigned hereby authorizes O-pa employees to do any act which may be necessary or proper to provide emergency health care of any Student in the event that the Parent/Guardian cannot be reached, including consent to and authorization of medical procedure by physicians, dentists, hospital or other emergency medical personnel, as they, in the exercise of their sole discretion, may deem necessary. The undersigned understands that he/she is responsible for all costs and expenses of such medical treatment.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AGREEMENT/RELEASE AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE LIABILITY AND BY SIGNING, I AGREE THAT IT IS MY EXPRESS INTENT TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE OMAHA PERFORMING ARTS AND ITS EMPLOYEES FROM LIABILITY AND PERSONAL INJURY OR WRONGFUL DEATH, I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE FULL AUTHORITY TO SIGN THIS AGREEMENT/RELEASE.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date:_____

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date:_____

PARENTAL RELEASE/WAIVER FORM

IF THE ABOVE STUDENT IS UNDER THE AGE OF 19 YEARS, THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF SUCH PERSON SHOULD ALSO SIGN BELOW.

I hereby warrant that I am the parent and/or legal guardian of the individual who signed the foregoing Release (the "Minor"), that I have caused said Minor to execute said Release, that I will not instruct, authorize, or permit said Minor to disaffirm the foregoing Release, and that I will indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties (as defined in the Release) against all claims, liabilities, and expenses with respect to said Release, and that, knowing of O-pa's reliance hereon, I agree to cause said Minor to adhere to all of the provisions of the said Release. In addition, I agree to cooperate with O-pa in having this Release and any past or future agreements entered into by the Minor in connection with the Program approved by the applicable court. Furthermore, in consideration of O-pa possibly including me and/or Minor in the Program, I hereby agree to be bound by and to perform all of the terms and conditions of the foregoing Release (including, without limitation, the provisions regarding release of all claims), as such terms and conditions may relate to my participation and/or the participation of the Minor in the Program, if any (including but not limited to the taping of my appearance in connection with the Program, the use of my name, voice likeness, etc., in the Program and in any broadcast or streaming of the Program) and my agreement not to disclose or discuss or authorize any third party to disclose or discuss any events related to the Program without O-pa's prior written approval in each instance.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date:_____

CHECKLIST

Please check your email regularly for important information and updates. Remember to send all required information/forms and direct all questions to NHSTA@O-pa.org.

- Read full information guide and all policies/procedures
- Reserve comp ticket on TicketOmaha.com with promo code + invite friends/family to buy tickets starting 4/25
- Student Information Form due 5/16
- Student Medical Information Form due 5/16
- COVID-19 Voluntary Testing Consent Form due 5/16
- Student Personal Release & Housing Waiver due 5/16
- Parental Release/Waiver Form due 5/16
- Send full name with pronunciation for O-pa staff to include in script by 5/20
- If needing to park car at Creighton University, let us know by 5/20.
- Memorize your vocal part for number (check your email for music 1-2 weeks before rehearsal)
- Arrive for rehearsal check-in at Holland Center at 8am on 6/1
- Have FUN performing in the showcase at the Orpheum Theater on 6/5