



NY Thespians One Act Festival 2021

Guidelines and Notes (DEADLINE: April 16th at 8pm)

- Dates and Times:** STREAMED Friday, April 23rd and Saturday, April 24th from 7-8:30pm; Awards Ceremony Sunday, April 25th from 3:45-5pm
- Open To:** Elementary, middle school/junior high, high school, and combined-age groups
- Awards:** Feedback given to all productions. Optional entry into competition (can select “feedback only” division); awards given for Overall Superior, Audience Choice, and Superior Student-Written Script, Actor, Supporting Actor, Crew, and Company/Ensemble
- Tickets:** Livestream codes will be made available to friends and family two weeks before the event. Tickets are \$5 each; all proceeds benefit NY Thespians. Livestream code includes Awards Ceremony.
- Rubric:** [Adjudication rubric link here](#)

School/theatrical groups can submit up to **two** one acts to the festival. **Up to 15 students** involved in each production are included in a school’s registration. See below for costs of additional students.

Props, costumes, set pieces, and digital backgrounds are allowed, though performances will not receive extra points for utilizing those items. Time begins from curtain up. Title and credits do not count in the total time.

Length of Performances Accepted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 minutes - 45 minutes
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Categories of Entry	1) SCRIPT and DIRECTION	2) TYPE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student written and produced 	Play (non-musical)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student written, teacher/adult directed 	Musical
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published script, student directed 	Play with music
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published script, teacher/adult directed 	

Entry Fee Structure (per one-act; ex. If you are a Thespian Troupe submitting one show that is 12 minutes and another show that is 30 minutes, the entry fee is \$20 + \$30 = \$50 total)	Length of Performance (does not include set-up and strike time)	Entry Fee, Thespian Troupe	Entry Fee, non-Thespian school
	5-15 minutes	\$20	\$30
	16-30 minutes	\$30	\$40
	31-45 minutes	\$40	\$50

Additional Costs	Type	Fee
	Additional Thespian performer/supporter	\$5 each
	Additional non-Thespian performer/supporter	\$7 each

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION:

- Submit a link OR copy via WeTransfer to nythespians@gmail.com by 8pm Friday, April 16th
- All participants must be NON-UNION
- No nudity
- No live smoking; theatrical cigarettes are permitted
- No live candles, lighters, or other flames unless supervised by an adult
- No live pyrotechnics
- No firing of guns - all gun sounds or explosions need to be done by sound cue

TECHNICAL GUIDELINES:

- All schools/theatrical groups are responsible for securing both performance and streaming rights for each production unless the show is student written or falls under the public domain
- All shows must be eligible to stream through BookTix
- Keep it SIMPLE - the One Act Festival is about celebrating student work; no additional points will be awarded due to access to specialized equipment or programs (example: green screens or OBS)
- NOTE: this is a festival of theater, not film! Theatrical conventions apply.