



Thespy at NY Thespian Festival 2021



Broadway has the TONYs, Hollywood has the OSCARS, Thespians have the THESPYs!

The International Thespian Excellence Awards, or Thespy™ for short, recognize the highest level of achievement in school theatre performance and technical theatre.

This educational program (formerly National Individual Events) gives Thespians — students who have been inducted into the International Thespian Society — the opportunity to receive constructive feedback on prepared theatrical material and technical designs. Students who achieve overall Superiors receive special recognition at Festival as well as a medal and certificate. All students who participate receive written feedback from three professionals in the field.

All student attendees receive one free Thespy entry! Students can opt to participate in up to two more categories for \$5 each additional submission.

Please click the links below for specific requirements and rubrics. You may also access [COMBINED THESPY REQUIREMENTS HERE](#) and [COMBINED THESPY RUBRICS HERE](#).

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL CATEGORIES

- All Thespy's will be performed or presented LIVE online, however, students will upload a recording of their submission to the Thespy Portal by April 22 JUST IN CASE there is a tech glitch the day of. Recordings will only be used if there is a poor internet connection or a major technical problem
- Wear all black
- Stick to the allocated time for the category
- Follow all category rules and expectations

PERFORMANCE THESPYS		
CATEGORY AND TOTAL TIME ALLOTTED	RULES	RUBRIC
Monologues, 3 minutes	Monologue Requirements	Acting Rubric
Duet Acting, 5 minutes	Duet/Group Acting Requirements	
Group Acting, 5 minutes		
Musical Theatre Solo, 5 minutes	Musical Solo Requirements	Musical Rubric
Musical Theatre Duet, 5 minutes	Musical Group/Duet Requirements	
Musical Theatre Group, 5 minutes		

TECHNICAL THESPYS		
8-minute presentation of portfolio*, 4 minutes of Q&A with adjudicators		
CATEGORY	REQUIREMENTS	RUBRIC
Costume Construction	Costume Construction Req.	Costume Construction Rubric
Costume Design	Costume Design Requirements	Costume Design Rubric
Light Design	Light Design Requirements, pg. 1 Light Design Requirements, pg. 2	Light Design Rubric
Makeup Design	Makeup Design Requirements	Makeup Design Rubric
Scenic (set) Design	Scenic Design Requirements	Scenic Design Rubric
Sound Design	Sound Design Req., pg. 1 Sound Design Req., pg. 2	Sound Design Rubric
Stage Management	Stage Management Req.	Stage Management Rubric
Theatre Marketing (publicity)	Theatre Marketing Req., pg. 1 Theatre Marketing Req., pg. 2	Theatre Marketing Rubric
Short Film: Film, Documentary, or Animation	Short Film Requirements	Short Film Rubric

*An exception to the 8-minute time requirement is the Short Film category. Each short film must not exceed 5 minutes, plus 1 minute for credits (total of 6 minutes). There is no portfolio of design required for this category.

If you have any questions regarding Thespys, please reach out to nythespians@gmail.com