



2017-2018

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I am pleased to be returning as the Interim Chair of USITT Midwest Regional Section and I am happy to welcome you to another year of programming in the USITT Midwest Regional Section. Your colleagues on the board of the section have been striving for many years to bring to our little corner of the theatrical universe the level of programming that you might see at the USITT Conference and Stage Expo. Your interest and participation in the section activities like the ones below contribute to making USITT Midwest one of the strongest sections in the country. I hope that you will find several events and activities in this year's line-up that pique your interest and grow your professional knowledge. Please share this document with your friends and colleagues as well as directing them to the USITT Midwest webpage: [midwest.usitt.org](http://midwest.usitt.org). Also, follow us on Facebook ( [Facebook.com/midwest.usitt.org](https://www.facebook.com/midwest.usitt.org) ) and Instagram & Twitter ( [@USITTMidwest](https://www.instagram.com/USITTMidwest) ). I look forward to seeing you at some of these events and I wish you a happy, peaceful and productive year.  
--David R. Krajec, Interim Chair USITT Midwest Regional Section

**Be sure to note there is a discount for early registration by deadline date.**

**When available, on-site registration may be more.**

**Founders Award nomination deadline is January 21, 2018. Easy to nominate. See [midwest.usitt.org](http://midwest.usitt.org) for forms and details.**

EVENT	VENUE/LOCATION	DATE	TIMES	HOST/CONTACT	DESCRIPTION
POSSIBLE ETC Factory Tour	ETC Headquarters Middleton, WI	Sept./April ??			
2017 Student Digital Design Competition	Online Only	Entry Deadline: November 5, 2017			Student designers may present a digital portfolio of their original work for a single design in one or both of the following two categories: 1. Non-realized "paper" design - Students may choose from the 2017 (last year's) OR the 2018 (this year's) KCACTF Region 3 Regional Design Project Allowed Play - whether the design had been entered in KCACTF or not. 2. Realized design - Students may enter a design completed for a production at their school during the 2017 calendar year. For complete details, contact USITT-Midwest Design Coordinator: Shane Kelly <a href="mailto:shane.kelly@depaul.edu">shane.kelly@depaul.edu</a>
Portfolio Review Sessions	East Leyden HS Franklin Park, IL	Dec. 2	TBA	Vic Pilolla	High School Design/Tech students will have an opportunity to present their current portfolio for constructive evaluation prior to presenting in an actual college/job interview situation.
	Illinois State University Bloomington-Normal	Dec. 10	TBA	Mary Black	High School Design/Tech students will have an opportunity to present their current portfolio for constructive evaluation prior to presenting in an actual college/job interview situation.
Creating an Emergency Action Plan for Your Venue	Illinois State University Bloomington-Normal	Sometime Jan. 11 - 13		Tom Korder	Tom Korder presents an introduction to the steps of creating an "Emergency Action Plan for Your Venue." This will be a workshop session taking place during the IL High School Theatre Festival.
Scene Painting for the High School Teacher/Staff	TBA Chicago area	Friday & Saturday February 23 & 24	8:30 am- 4 pm (CST)	Steve Jacobs	In this hands-on workshop, scenic artist Jen Knott, Rosco Paint Products Manager will lead participants through various faux finish scene painting techniques including necessary painting tools and a demonstration of the properties of scene paint. This event is co-sponsored with Section Corporate Member Grand Stage
Wireless Technologies for Costumes, Props. Scenic Units	Purdue University West Lafayette, IN	3-Mar-18	TBA	Rich Dionne	Wireless technologies for costumes, props, and scenic units and devices. How they work and examples of applications
Careers/Jobs Outside of Theatre	University of Indianapolis	Sometime during Jan. 10 - 14, 2018	TBA	Moderator: David Krajec	Panel Discussion: "Applying my theatre education/experience to a career outside of theatre" This will occur during the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival and focus on
USITT Midwest Annual Meeting	Broward County Convention Center Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Thursday, March 15, 2018	8:00 AM - 9:15 (CST)	Host: Midwest Section Chair	This section meeting is the USITT Midwest Annual meeting. All Conference attendees living within the boundaries of our section are encouraged to attend, however, ONLY Section Members are permitted to vote on issues that require Membership approval.

**FESTIVALS AND SECTION SUPPORTED TECH OLYMPICS COMPETITIONS**

Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Whitewater, WI	Sat. November 18, 2017		Tech Olympics Contact: Ellen White <a href="mailto:ellen.white@etconnect.com">ellen.white@etconnect.com</a>
Michigan Thespian Festival	DeVos Center @ Amway Hotel Grand Rapids, MI	December 15/16, 2017		Tech Olympics Contact: Patrick Niemi <a href="mailto:patrick.niemi@wmich.edu">patrick.niemi@wmich.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:ellen.white@etconnect.com">ellen.white@etconnect.com</a>
KCACTF Regional III Festival	University of Indianapolis Indianapolis, IN	January 10 -14, 2017 (T.O. will most likely be the 14th)		Tech Olympics Contact: Patrick Ham or Johan Godwaldt <a href="mailto:Patrick.Ham@icloud.com">Patrick.Ham@icloud.com</a> or <a href="mailto:Johan.godwaldt@bethelcollege.edu">Johan.godwaldt@bethelcollege.edu</a>
Illinois High School Theatre Festival	Illinois State University Bloomington-Normal	12-Jan-18		Tech Olympics Contact: David Barone <a href="mailto:david_barone@glenbard.org">david_barone@glenbard.org</a>
Indiana Thespian Festival	Franklin Central High School Indianapolis, IN	27-Jan-18		Tech Olympics Contact: Ken Fraza <a href="mailto:FrazaK@lsc.k12.in.us">FrazaK@lsc.k12.in.us</a>