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I am pleased to be return as the Interim Chair of USITT Midwest Regional Section. I am also happy to welcome you to another year of programming in the USITT Midwest Regional Section. Your colleagues in 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 USITT. 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 and to follow us on social media: [facebook.com/midwest.usitt.org](https://www.facebook.com/midwest.usitt.org) and [@usittmidwest](https://www.instagram.com/usittmidwest) on twitter and Instagram
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

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Founders Award deadline is January 22, 2017 See midwest.usitt.org for details.

Be sure to note there is a discount for early registration by deadline date. When available, on-site registration may be more.

2017 Student Digital Design Competition	Online Only	Entry Deadline: November 6, 2016	<p>Student designers may present a digital portfolio of their original work for a single design in one or both of the following two categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Non-realized "paper" design - Students may choose from the 2016 (last year's) OR the 2017 (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 2015 calendar year. <p>For complete details, contact USITT-Midwest Design Coordinator: Shane Kelly shane.kelly@depaul.edu</p>		
Flying Performers Workshop	Rockford High School Rockford, Michigan	Saturday, September 10, 2016	8:30 am EDT (Load in - Come see how flying install works) 10 am - 5 pm Program	Host: Gayla Fox, Facilities Director Rockford Fine Arts Auditorium	If you have plans to fly performers or SFX, this is for you. Tracy Nunnally of Vertigo, an ETCP rigger, will talk and demonstrate all that you should consider in your planning. This event is co-sponsored with Section Corporate sponsor Grand Stage/Chicago Spotlight and Vertigo.
Projection/Video Design Digitizing Historical Patterns Fundamentals of Show Control for Light/Sound Study Abroad/Field Trips	Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana	Saturday, September 24, 2016	9:30 am - 4:45 pm (EDT) Optional Performance in eve.	Hosts: Linda Pisano Paul Brunner Heather Milam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn the basics of both the creative & technical aspects of projection/video design (Participants should have an understanding of Adobe Creative Suite & basic Sketch-Up) • Digitizing Historical Patterns • Fundamentals of Show Control for Lighting & Sound (Participants should have some basic knowledge of Q-Lab and basic ETC consoles) • Study Abroad
Scene Painting	Oakton Comm. College Des Plaines, Illinois	Saturday, October 29, 2016	8:30 am - 4 pm (CST)	Host: Tony Churchill, TD, Oakton Community College Performing Arts Center	In this hands-on workshop, scenic artist Emily Altman will lead participants through various faux finish scene painting techniques including necessary painting tools. Jen Knott, Rosco Paint Products Manager will also be on hand to demonstrate the properties of scene paint. This event is co-sponsored with Section Corporate sponsor Grand Stage/Chicago Spotlight.
Imagine all the possibilities to control your show; basic to complex	Stevenson High School Lincolnshire, Illinois	Saturday, December 3, 2016	8:30 am - 3:00 pm (CST)	Host: Stephen Carmody, TD Stevenson High School	Participants will learn about different programs including QLab to control audio, lighting, and full show control, from the basics to the more complex. Included will be an opportunity to experiment with the software and system and create a show on the fly (live) from material gathered by participants during the workshop. This event is co-sponsored with Section Corporate sponsor Grand Stage/Chicago Spotlight.
"Illumination: Tree Lights" Behind the Scenes	Morton Arboretum Lisle, Illinois	Saturday, December 10, 2016	1:00 - 4:15 PM Tour 4:30 - 5:30 Dinner Break 6:00 - 8:30 View the show	Host: Ryan Bundy, Account Executive, Intelligent Lighting Creations	Participants will go on a behind the scenes tour of Morton Arboretum's "Illumination: Tree Lights" to get a glimpse into the execution of an outdoor lighting installation of this annual holiday spectacular. This event is co-sponsored with Section Corporate sponsor Intelligent Lighting Creations (ILC).
SketchUp	University of Wisconsin - Whitewater Whitewater, Wisconsin	Saturday, January 21, 2017	9:00 am - 1:00 pm (approx) (CST)	Host: Eric Appleton, Associate Prof., Set & Lighting Design	Eric Appleton will take participants through the steps to learn the basics of SketchUp the useful modeling tool that can be used from the earliest stages of design to the end of construction. The lab has limited computers with Sketch Up installed, participants are encouraged to also have a lap top with the free educational version of Sketch Up loaded.
USITT Midwest Annual Meeting	America's Center Convention Complex St. Louis, MO	Thursday, March 9, 2017	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.
Creating an Emergency Action Plan for Your Venue	DeBartolo PAC University of Notre Dame South Bend, Indiana	Saturday, April 22, 2017	9:00 am - end time TBA (EDT)	Hosts: Ryan Rethartha, Production Mgr. Sarah Prince, Dir. of Tech. Services	Tom Korder will lead participants through the steps of creating an "Emergency Action Plan for Your Venue." The session will include a tour of the DeBartolo PAC focusing on the elements of an emergency action plan for that venue. Conversation is underway to include a discussion of the South Bend "River Lights" project followed by viewing it later in the evening.

FESTIVALS AND SECTION SUPPORTED TECH OLYMPICS COMPETITIONS		Bold date is day of the Tech Olympics	
Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival	University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Stevens Point, WI	November 17-19, 2016	Tech Olympics Contact: Ellen White ellen.white@etconnect.com
Michigan Thespian Festival	Saginaw Valley State University University Center, MI	December 2/3, 2016	Tech Olympics Contact: Patrick Niemi patrick.niemi@wmich.edu
KCACTF Regional III Festival	University of Indianapolis Indianapolis, IN	January 10 -14, 2017 (T.O. will most likely be the 14th)	Tech Olympics Contact: Johan Godwaldt Johan.godwaldt@bethelcollege.edu
Illinois High School Theatre Festival	University of Illinois Champaign, IL	January 5/6/7, 2017	Tech Olympics Contact: David Barone david_barone@glenbard.org
Indiana Thespian Festival	University of Indianapolis Indianapolis, IN	January 20-21, 2017	Tech Olympics Contact: Ken Frazz FrazzK@lsc.k12.in.us