

UNITED STATES INSTITUTE FOR THEATRE TECHNOLOGY, Inc. MIDWEST REGIONAL SECTION

STUDENT DESIGNERS!

WHAT: USITT-Midwest Section's 2021 Student Design Digital Competition

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 following KCACTF Region 3 Regional Design Project Allowed Plays –whether the design had been entered in KCACTF or not.

- The Imaginary Invalid by Moliere
- The 23th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee music and lyrics by William Finn, and book by Rachel Sheinkin
- A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen
- The Last Days of Judas Iscariot by Stephen Guirgis
- Water by the Spoonful by Quiara Alegria Hudes
- Necessary Targets by Eve Ensler

- Dracula adapted by William McNulty
- The Frogs by Aristophanes
- Fun Home by Lisa Kron
- Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? by Edward Albee
- Clybourne Park by Bruce Norris
- Detroit '67 by Dominque Morisseau
- Ada and the Engine by Lauren Gunderson
- Cardboard Piano by Hansol Jung

2. Realized (or Canceled) design

Students may enter a design completed for a production that was staged or canceled due to COVID-19 at their school during the 2020 and 2021 calendar years.

WHO: USITT-Midwest Section Student Members

- All entrants must be student members of USITT-Midwest Section and currently enrolled students of colleges and universities in the section's four states: Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, or Indiana.
- Each entry must be the sole original design conceived and rendered by the individual student entrant, verified by the student's faculty advisor.

WHY: Scholarship for Student Registration:

USITT Annual Conference & Stage Expo Baltimore, MD March 2-5, 2022

WHEN: Entry deadline: November 7, 2021, 11:59pm (central time)

Award announcement: before December 10, 2021 Scholarship recipients will then be notified of how to access their free conference registration.

HOW:

- 1. Students should indicate their intent to enter by emailing Shane Kelly, design competition coordinator, at shane.kelly@depaul.edu. Do not include design materials in this email.
- 2. Shane will then contact the student with information for uploading designs.
- 3. Students will upload their design to Dropbox, in a digital format (PowerPoint, webpage address, etc.) per Shane's instructions.

Entries must include the following:

- a. Cover page including student's name, school, & contact information.
 - i. Student's name, school, & contact information should <u>NOT</u> appear anywhere else on the design materials provided.
- b. Confirmation letter from faculty design advisor confirming the eligibility of the student designer and design.
- c. One-page Concept Statement. Original scripts should include a brief synopsis.
 - Concept statement should include concise descriptions of
 - The overall production concept
 - The specific design concept
 - How the design concept is realized
- d. Digital design portfolio for the project must be organized & complete
 - i. Self-explanation
 - Captions on images
 - ii. Contain elements that clearly communicate the design, such as
 - Research
 - Analyses
 - Drafting
 - Renderings
 - Other materials developed for the design
 - iii. Realized designs should include representative production photos.

DETAILS:

- a) One national conference registration scholarship is to be awarded for each of the two categories.
- b) The following design disciplines will be considered: scenic, costume, lighting, makeup, sound, projection.
- c) Winners will be selected by anonymous jury by a guest adjudicator, TBD

<u>ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?</u>

Contact USITT-Midwest Design Competition Coordinator, Shane Kelly shane.kelly@depaul.edu