

23 June 2017

Dear Drama Instructor:

Please accept my invitation for your top graduating students to showcase their skills at the **24<sup>th</sup> Annual North Texas Drama Auditions**. **At the request of the college reps who want to see as many students as possible, the auditions will be held on TWO DAYS this year! Thursday November 16, 2017** from approximately 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM **and Friday November 17, 2017** from approximately 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM in the Conference Center, located on the Spring Creek Campus of Collin College. This event will serve to introduce your best graduating students to representatives from many of the top colleges and universities in the nation.

Invitations have recently been sent to College and University theatre programs across the country. We expect between 80-100 colleges and universities to attend; representing states reaching from California to New York. A list of those schools expected to attend will be updated daily beginning in early November.

The timing of these auditions may be a bit challenging, as they may require your students to be dismissed from a class or two during the day in order to audition and remain for the callbacks at the end of the day. The basic rules are these: Only those students who are graduating seniors, or students who are transfer-eligible from a local two-year college will be permitted to audition. **Note: Students will be scheduled for a 1½ minute block of time during that day.** Actors and Actor/Singers will each be given 1½ minutes to perform their selections. We will begin timing after their introduction. **This time limit will be strictly enforced** by a timekeeper. Callbacks/interviews will be posted during the lunch break and after the afternoon session. The callbacks/interviews will be held in the Collin Conference Center beginning approximately thirty minutes after the conclusion of the auditions. **Tech/Design students will be auditioned in a “Walk Around/Display” setting from approximately 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM on Thursday November 16, 2017 (see details below).**

As this audition opportunity is being extended to students at all North Texas area schools, we must limit your program to no more than FIVE total "performance" audition slots (i.e. Actor or Actor/Singer). You may also submit THREE Tech/Design students. These Tech/Design students DO NOT count against your five performance slots.

Note: With the expansion to a two-day audition schedule, we hope to be able to accommodate more students and more schools. Thus, we will not work in stand-by students this year.

We understand that this limitation may require you to choose one student over another who is equally skilled/qualified, so feel free to utilize whatever selection process you feel is appropriate to determine your top six "performance" students (i.e. GPA, active participation in your school productions, pre-audition, etc.). So that we are clear about which student(s) *YOU* would prefer us to work in to the audition, please rank in order your students. We will schedule as many of your students as we can.

At the request of the university reps, we are limiting all schools to a "Top Five" this year. **The sooner your completed packet is received, the better chance your students will have to be included on the audition schedule.**

Please begin planning for the North Texas Drama Auditions NOW, and **RSVP the names of your participants** (your top five "performance" students + up to three Tech/Design students) plus the other materials needed (see the attached Check List) **no later than 5:00 PM Friday October 6, 2017.** Note: Students will be slotted onto the audition schedule as we receive your materials, so please submit your materials ASAP!

Please also return an Audition Form for *EVERY* student (technicians and performers) on your list. **Headshots are NOT necessary. DO NOT SEND HEADSHOTS.** We will photocopy the audition forms and give them to each of the College Reps attending. Thus, please ensure that your students' information is both complete and accurate ... and *LEGIBLE!!!* (Note: Whatever your students give to us . . . is what the College Reps will receive! If your students' forms are sloppy, illegible or incomplete, then that is how the College Reps may perceive your students!) **PLEASE WRITE IN INK... not pencil!**

A complete schedule of audition times will be emailed to you on or about Wednesday October 25, 2017. If you have additional questions, please contact Brad Baker at 972 881-5679; [bbaker@collin.edu](mailto:bbaker@collin.edu).

Please do NOT encourage students and/or Parents to contact us with questions. We prefer to communicate with YOU directly. Thank you for your help with this.

We look forward to seeing your students on November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>!

Cordially,

Brad Baker  
Professor of Theatre  
Collin College



# Additional Information

For each student applying please provide the following:

1. **\$15.00 non-refundable application fee**; payment in check form only – no cash or credit cards will be accepted; **checks MUST be made payable to "Collin College"**;
2. Audition form (all **Actors and Technicians** should complete this form);
- 3.. Tech form (**only** technicians will complete this form);
4. Optional 1 page resumé. ONE PAGE ONLY!!! Extra pages will NOT be copied. No headshots please.

## IMPORTANT NOTES

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All forms and payment for your Top Five "performance" students - as well as your three Tech/Design students - MUST be received in advance in order to be included in the auditions. Please note: the participation fee is non-refundable.

NOTE: No substitutes may be made for the Auditions, so be sure that the students who you list are the ones who will be attending. Student may be asked to present a photo ID at check-in.

**Due to the high demand to participate in the North Texas Drama Auditions, new parameters have been instituted.** Incomplete packets will be returned to the Instructor and will have to be resubmitted by the 5:00 PM Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> deadline. So please check over the packet prior to mailing it in. *Failure to do so may mean losing slots for ALL your students!* Extensions will not be made for packets that are not returned in time. The sooner

you get your packet in, the more likely we will be able to work your students in. Please MAIL or hand deliver your packets. Please do NOT fax your forms, as FAXed forms are often or very poor quality. **Remember, all packets must be in my possession by 5:00 PM Friday October 6. No Exceptions!!!**

**Technician Note:** All Technician/Design/Stage Management/Directing students are permitted to display their work (i.e. prompt books, sketches, costume pieces, plots, etc.) on one 2'-0" X 5'-0" table top in the lobby outside the Conference Center. The College Reps will have an opportunity to stop by and review the displays, and will engage in a dialogue with your students in the hour directly before and after our lunch break. The specific "time" for your Technical/Design student(s) to interact with the College Reps will be between 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM on Thursday November 17. Students should plan to keep their displays up until 3:00 PM.

Your Technician/Design students MUST complete and submit the Tech Form, as well as the Audition Form required for all Actors and Actor/Singers. Note: Your Tech/Design students DO NOT count towards your five allotted "performance" auditionees.

**Important Note:** All auditioners are expected to **CHECK-IN** at the John Anthony Theatre box office at least **ONE HOUR PRIOR TO YOUR AUDITION TIME.**

A warm-up room for Actors and Actor/Singers will be provided in the Black Box Theatre (C102). **Students who are not in the warm-up area when called to line-up for the audition will be skipped over. No exceptions!** Once in the audition room, state your name and audition pieces before beginning your audition. Your time limit of 1½ minute will be strictly enforced!

A piano accompanist will be provided for Actor/Signer auditions. Students should bring their sheet music in the correct key with notations clearly indicated. **ALL singers MUST sing with the accompanist.** NO cassette/CD player will be available, and no *a capella* performances are permitted. This request comes directly from the College Reps, who want to hear students sing with live accompaniment.

**NOTE:** These are requests from the College Reps to help with your audition planning - Students should present contrasting pieces to showcase their range. If students are planning to sing, they should perform approximately 16-32 bars from each song. Please include SAT and ACT scores. If a student has not yet completed their SAT/ACT, leave that section blank.

**Please do NOT encourage students and/or Parents to contact us with questions. We prefer to communicate with YOU directly. Thank you for your help with this.**

**If you have any questions, please contact Brad Baker at 972 881-5679; [bbaker@collin.edu](mailto:bbaker@collin.edu).**

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# North Texas Drama Auditions

## Thursday November 16 and Friday November 17, 2017

### Check List

My School: \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ My Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ RSVP Form (for top five “performance” students and up to three Tech/Design students).

\_\_\_ Performance Student #1  
\_\_\_ Performance Student #2  
\_\_\_ Performance Student #3  
\_\_\_ Performance Student #4  
\_\_\_ Performance Student #5

\_\_\_ Tech/Design Student #1  
\_\_\_ Tech/Design Student #2  
\_\_\_ Tech/Design Student #3

\_\_\_\_\_ Payment of \$15.00 for each student submitted. (Checks only!!! – No temporary checks, no out-of-state checks, no cash and no credit cards will be accepted.)

\_\_\_ Performance Student #1  
\_\_\_ Performance Student #2  
\_\_\_ Performance Student #3  
\_\_\_ Performance Student #4  
\_\_\_ Performance Student #5

\_\_\_ Tech/Design Student #1  
\_\_\_ Tech/Design Student #2  
\_\_\_ Tech/Design Student #3

\_\_\_\_\_ **Completed Audition Form** for **ALL** students. (**Please submit Audition forms for BOTH “performance” AND Tech/Design!**)

\_\_\_ Performance Student #1  
\_\_\_ Performance Student #2  
\_\_\_ Performance Student #3  
\_\_\_ Performance Student #4  
\_\_\_ Performance Student #5

\_\_\_ Tech/Design Student #1  
\_\_\_ Tech/Design Student #2  
\_\_\_ Tech/Design Student #3

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed Tech Form for ALL Tech/Design students.

\_\_\_ Tech/Design Student #1

\_\_\_ Tech/Design Student #2

\_\_\_ Tech/Design Student #3

**Please return this form with everything listed above  
no later than 5:00 PM on Friday October 6, 2017 to:**

**Brad Baker, Professor of Theatre, Collin College,  
2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy., Plano TX 75074.**

*Incomplete packets will be returned.*



# NORTH TEXAS DRAMA AUDITIONS

November 16 **and** 17, 2017

My School: \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ My Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Beginning this year, we will accept THREE of your Tech/Design students, and those students will not count towards your limit of FIVE performance auditionees!**

**Note: Please list your PERFORMANCE students in Rank Order. We will accept and schedule students according to the Ranking that you have provided.**

TECHNICAL/DESIGN students from our school will include:

(please print CLEARLY)

**List Name of your TECH/DESIGN students:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Our PERFORMANCE students will include:

**List Name ... then indicate either ACTOR or ACTOR/SINGER**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form, the completed audition forms, the completed tech forms  
and full payment no later than 5:00 PM on Friday October 6, 2017 to:  
Brad Baker, Collin College Theatre, 2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy., Plano TX 75074.**

**Incomplete packets will be returned.**

# NORTH TEXAS DRAMA AUDITIONS

November 16 and 17, 2017

(Please print all information *CLEARLY* and fill out *ALL* categories)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA (on a 4.0 scale): \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank/Class Size: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT scores: Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Verbal: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT score: \_\_\_\_\_

**My areas of interest are** (please note all that apply):

Acting \_\_\_\_\_ Singing/Musical Theatre \_\_\_\_\_ Dance/Choreography \_\_\_\_\_ Scenic Design \_\_\_\_\_  
Lighting Design \_\_\_\_\_ Sound Design \_\_\_\_\_ Costume Design \_\_\_\_\_ Stage Management \_\_\_\_\_ Directing \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Education: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**I am *ONLY* interested in a conservatory theatre training program.** Yes or No \_\_\_\_\_

**My geographical preference for college is** (please note all that apply):

Northwest \_\_\_\_\_ Southwest \_\_\_\_\_ Midwest \_\_\_\_\_ Northeast \_\_\_\_\_ Southeast \_\_\_\_\_ Texas Only \_\_\_\_\_  
Anywhere \_\_\_\_\_

**Audition pieces to be presented:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Performance/Technical Experience** (you may attach a ONE PAGE resumé; NO headshot):

***NORTH TEXAS DRAMA AUDITIONS***  
**November 16 and 17, 2017**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a Technician/Design/Stage Management/Directing student and will be displaying my work at the North Texas Drama Auditions. I understand that I am limited to one 2'-0" x 5'-0" table top in which to display my prompt books, sketches, costume pieces, plots, etc.

I would like to request the following assistance in displaying my work:

\_\_\_\_\_ AC Power

\_\_\_\_\_ Computer Assistance

\_\_\_\_\_ Other items (Please list below)

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**NOTE: All Tech/Design students must ALSO complete an "Audition Form."**

# ***INVOICE***

To: High School Drama Teacher

Fr: Brad Baker, Professor of Theatre, Collin College

On: 22 June 2017

Re: Invoice for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual North Texas Drama Auditions (2017)

Our school is \_\_\_\_\_.

We plan to send \_\_\_\_\_ students to the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual North Texas Drama Auditions. This two-day event will be held on November 16 and November 17, 2017 on the campus of Collin College in Plano, Texas.

**Cost = \$15.00 per student.**

Please remit \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Collin College. The College Tax ID is 1-75-2037156-2.

Please make your check payable to: “**Collin College.**” (Please note: the participation fee is non-refundable.)

Please note: **Checks only!** No temporary checks, no cash and no credit cards can be accepted.

Please mail your check by October 6, 2017 to: Brad Baker, c/o Collin College Theatre Department, 2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy., Plano, TX 75074

Contact me with questions in this regard at (972) 881-5679. Or visit [www.collintheatrecenter.com](http://www.collintheatrecenter.com) (click on North Texas Drama Auditions).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brad Baker  
Professor of Theatre  
Collin College

