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Fostering Education,
Creativity, Inclusion, and
Excellence in Live Theatre

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

2026

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Registration is Now Open!

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Wyoming 2026 Conference

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Where Theatre Takes Center Stage

Originally planned as a competitive State Theatre Festival, this year's event has been transformed into a Theatre Conference to bring Wyoming's theatre community together for learning, networking, competition, performance, and celebration. The conference will feature engaging workshops, our Monologue Competition, opportunities to connect with theatre colleagues from across the state, and a special showcase performance by Stage III Community Theatre, with AACT's Mary Jo providing an educational adjudication of the performance to demonstrate the festival process.

We are excited about this new direction and look forward to welcoming you to Casper for a weekend of theatre, learning, friendship, and celebration!

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Schedule and Registration

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Preliminary Schedule

Friday, November 6 (6:00 – 9:00pm) **Best Western Downtown Casper**

- Welcome Reception & Open Bar
- Theatre Trivia & Broadway Karaoke

Saturday, November 7 **Stage III Community Theatre**

- 9:00-10:00 AM – Workshop
- 10:15-11:15 AM – Workshop
- 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM – Catered Lunch
- 1:30-2:30 PM – Workshop
- 2:45-3:45 PM – Workshop
- 4:00-5:30 PM – Monologue Competition
- 5:30-7:30 PM – Dinner at Railyard*
- 7:30 PM – Stage III Showcase Performance

Sunday, November 8 (9:00AM – Noon) **Best Western Downtown Casper**

- Annual WSTC Meeting, Monologue Awards & Closing Ceremonies

* Dinner is not included in the registration fee and is up to attendee

Registration Fees

Individual WSTC member fees are \$75, and non-members are \$125

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What To Expect

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Networking



Workshops



Adjudicated Performances



Experience a weekend of learning, connection, and outstanding theatre. Network with theatre enthusiasts from across Wyoming, attend workshops that strengthen your productions and organization, and enjoy adjudicated performances featuring constructive feedback from AACT-approved theatre professionals. The 2026 Wyoming State Theatre Conference is a place to learn, grow, and fully celebrate the power of community theatre together.

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Food and Lodgings

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Food Options

Your conference registration includes several food and beverage offerings throughout the weekend. At Friday evening's Welcome Reception, each attendee will receive one drink ticket good for a beer, wine, or soda, along with a meat and cracker tray and a fresh vegetable tray. On Saturday, attendees can enjoy complimentary salty and sweet snacks, sodas, and bottled water at Stage III, as well as a catered lunch provided by the Best Western Downtown Casper. Guests staying at the host hotel can also take advantage of the hotel's complimentary breakfast each morning.

Host Hotel

The official hotel is the **Best Western Downtown Casper Hotel**, located at 123 West E Street in Casper. A block of 20 rooms is available for all conference attendees at the special rate of **\$94 per night**. To reserve a room at the discounted rate, call **(307) 439-2074** and mention the *Stage III Theatre Conference Event* when making your reservation. Conveniently located adjacent to the hotel, Boston's Pizza is a restaurant that offers a great place to enjoy a meal, unwind, and connect with fellow theatre enthusiasts after a day of festival activities.



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Meet the Team

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Jude Dodd
WSTC President



Kris Kontour
Technical Director & Stage III Rep



Stage III Theatre
900 N Center St



Brenda Lyttle
WSTC Vice President

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Show Me the Money! *Turning Local Businesses into Theatre Sponsors*
Presented by **Jude Dodd** - *Gillette Community Theatre*

What if the businesses in your community could help put your next show on stage? In this practical, hands-on workshop, Jude will show you how to confidently approach local businesses and banks, what to say when you walk through the door, how to present your advertising opportunity, and, most importantly, ***how to ask for the sale!*** You'll also discover creative fundraising ideas that may be missing from your theatre's current playbook. Come ready to take notes, because you may walk out with ideas that can put real dollars behind your next production.

Think Small, Dream Big: *The Art of Minimal Set Design*
Presented by **Kris Kontour** - *Stage III Community Theatre*

A great set doesn't have to be elaborate, expensive, or complicated to make an impact. Kris Kontour will take you behind the scenes of **minimalist set design** and show you how to create effective theatrical environments while working with limited space, time, and resources. You'll explore the unique challenges of black box and theatre-in-the-round productions, learn how these two formats differ, and discover practical ways to turn those challenges into creative opportunities.

Think creatively. Build simply. Make a big impact.

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Creating Props with Artistry: Ordinary Materials. Extraordinary Magic.

Presented by **Dennis Brenner** - *Cheyenne Little Theatre Players*

Dennis will take you behind the scenes of creative prop design, showing how a little imagination and the right materials can transform an ordinary idea into something **unique, functional, and fun!** Explore how to think through a prop from concept to stage, discover materials and techniques that can bring your ideas to life, and learn the little tricks that make a prop both workable and theatrical. Dennis will also share photos of some of his own creations, giving you a firsthand look at the artistry, ingenuity, and creativity that can go into making memorable stage props. **Come ready to see everyday materials in a whole new way!**

AACT Unlocked: Discover the Benefits You Didn't Know You Had

Presented by **Mary Jo DeNolf** - *AACT Special Guest Speaker & Adjudicator*

You joined AACT... but are you getting everything your membership has to offer? There's a lot more waiting for you than you might realize! Mary Jo will uncover the **hidden benefits of AACT membership**, from workshops, webinars, and roundtables to conferences, member discounts, educational opportunities, and more. She'll also give you an inside look at **AACTFest 2027 in Rochester**, so you can start thinking about why this exciting national theatre event should be on your radar. **Come discover what your AACT membership can really do for you and your theatre!**

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Monologue Competition

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Monologue Competition

Step into the spotlight and showcase your talent in our Monologue Competition! Perform a memorized dramatic or comedic monologue from a published play by an established writer, with performances limited to five minutes. No props, costumes, or special effects are permitted. Participants will receive valuable feedback from national adjudicator Brad Moore, with performances evaluated on stage presence, character development, presentation, and emotion. The winner will be announced during Sunday's Awards Ceremony.

Come take the stage, challenge yourself, and let your talent shine!

Monologue Rules

- The monologue time is 2-5 minutes
- Two age groups: Up to age 59 and 60+
- Prizes for each age group, and a grand prize
- Monologues can be on any subject
- Monologues should come from any published play
- Monologue fee is \$5 members, \$10 non-members

Monologues must be memorized and should come from a published play by an established writer. You may present a piece of any dramatic or comedic material, not to exceed five minutes in length. No props, costumes, or effects of any kind are permitted.

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If you would like to pay by check or money order, please fill in this form and mail it to the address below.



Wyoming State Theatre Coalition
5th Annual State Meeting & Festival
November 6, 7, & 8, 2026
904 N Center St
Casper, WY



BEST WESTERN DOWNTOWN CASPER is our host hotel at \$94 per night per room. They are located at **123 W E St.** Please call (307) 439-2074 for room reservations.

FESTIVAL REGISTRATION FEES

WSTC Member: **\$75.00**

Non-Member: **\$125.00**

REGISTER BY OCTOBER 16, 2026

MEMBER _____ **NON-MEMBER** _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Membership Theatre: _____

MONOLOGUE COMPETITION: _____ Member (\$5.00) _____ Non-Member (\$10.00)

Food allergies or restrictions: _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please make checks payable to WSTC

Mail to: **Brenda Lyttle**
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Questions: Please call Jude, 719-323-5990 or email JTDCreatives@gmail.com

Wyoming State Theater Coalition reserves the right to cancel if registration minimum has not been met by October 16, 2026. All money paid will be refunded.