

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO: Drama Directors, All VIA Schools

FROM: Miss Claudia D. Finger, Director, State Drama Festival  
and Charles W. Womble, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Results of the recent Drama Directors Meeting

At the VIA Drama Directors Meeting held at Virginia State College on October 5, 1968 the following action was approved by persons attending the meeting. These decisions resulted from full discussions by all participants present and from information given by the VIA Executive Secretary concerning the reduced membership and current status of VIA given. Your cooperation is requested for making these decisions effective.

1. State Drama Festival
  - a. Will be held as scheduled on calendar
  - b. Previous criteria for eligibility was modified. Each of the eight (8) remaining VIA may enter in the State Festival the the play and/or plays which receive the highest rating in District Festival
  - c. All other regulations for the State Drama Festival shall remain in effect
2. Clinics for schools - The Drama Department of Virginia State College will assist individual Drama Directors in VIA school to improve play production by conducting clinics at Virginia State College on Saturday mornings at Virginia State College. Directors will direct request for dates of Clinics to:

Miss Claudia D. Finger, Director  
State Drama Festival  
Drama Department  
Virginia State College  
Petersburg, Virginia 23803

Directors are urged to make requests immediately so that dates may be arranged to handle the requests.

3. Visitations will be made by the State Drama Director and the VIA Executive Secretary to District Drama Directors meetings. Upon written invitation. These visits will be made to aid District Drama Directors in planning District Drama Festivals, interpreting present regulations and conducting workshops on technics of direction. These visitation will be made on or before December 15, 1968. Invitations should be made promptly so that the State Drama Director may clear dates with the College and arrange her schedule of visits.

We also call your attention to the following items:

1. Enclosed you will find a list of plays ineligible for presentation at the 1969 Festivals. This list is based on the action taken in 1967 to exclude plays presented at the two previous State Drama Festivals.
2. Entry forms for District and State Festival are enclosed.
3. A rating form for plays used by critic judges is also enclosed. District Drama Chairman should request an additional supply of these forms for use at the District Drama Festival.
4. A list of approved judges for District Festivals will be sent to you soon.

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