



“Spirit of Festival”

METG's Video Contest

Program Goal

The Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild (METG, Inc.) is hosting its annual *“Spirit of Festival”* video competition. The goal is to showcase student-developed original videos that celebrate the theme that Festival is a celebration of theatre and each school's hard work.

The winning video will be selected and announced on March 30, 2017. This video will be showcased during the Massachusetts State Drama Festival Finals at the Back Bay Events Center.

Eligibility

- Eligible students must be enrolled in a member high school in grades 7-12. **The video team can be comprised of any individual from within the school and does not need to be a student directly involved in the festival production.**
- Each team must have a coach who is either a teacher at the school or director of the after school program to lead this activity
- All submitted videos will remain the property of the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild (METG, Inc.)
- *All entrants must allow METG, Inc. permission to use their submission for public education and advertisement.

Submission Requirements

Deadline: Monday, March 20, 2017. Any materials postmarked after the deadline will not be included in the competition.

Submitting the Video

In order for a video submission to be eligible, the video team must submit the following items together to the METG, Inc. office.

1. METG Video Contest Entry Form signed by the sponsoring teacher. (The entry form is available on the METG website. (www.metg.org))
2. Hard copy of the video (See the “Video Requirements” section of this document for more details.) **IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING THE VIDEO ON Mon. Mar. 20, EMAIL METG@metg.org to let us know that the video is in the mail!**
3. There is a \$10.00 non-refundable fee per video.
4. Please mail the entry form and video to:

Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild
P.O. Box 2538
Mashpee, MA 02649

Teams

•A video team can be comprised of as many students from the school as the group decides. However, it should be noted that the winning team will only be allowed to send a maximum of four (4) team members and the coach to the 2016 METG Finals at the Back Bay Events Center in Boston, MA.

•It is recommended that the video team consider including a variety of student experts to create the best video possible. For instance, it may be helpful if a video team includes one student who is interested in writing, another who has experience in video production, another that has talent in theater, and another who has talent in art or composition

Video Requirements General

•The length of the video must be between 3-4 minutes –not including opening title information and closing credits. Videos longer than 4 minutes will not be eligible for the competition. Videos with opening titles or credits abusing this rule will be disqualified.

•All videos must be original and may not be prepared by a professional nor contain content that is inappropriate for general audiences.

•Videos must comply with copyright rules and regulations. Sources of information and materials used (i.e. music) must be properly acknowledged and credited in the video

-Videos can be made for a preliminary or semifinal festival and include play titles, school names and footage of festival entries in rehearsal if you choose.

Video Format

•All videos should be submitted on either a DVD, (preferred), MiniDV, or Data DVD.

• Video should contain 10 seconds of black at the beginning and end of the video. This is NOT included in the 4 minute maximum time or the title/credit time.

•Resolution should be standard NTSC 640 x 480 pixels. Higher resolutions are acceptable, but due to variations in available presentation devices, METG, Inc. is not responsible for errors in presentation such as stretched/distorted images if other resolutions are used.

•Recommended format is MPEG-4 (.m4v/.mp4).

•Other acceptable formats are Quicktime (.mov) Windows AVI (.avi),

•Windows Media (.wmv) is NOT an acceptable format.

Video Package Order

- 5 seconds of color bars and tone. You may use your own bars and tone or download bars and tone from this site: <http://www.48hourfilm.com/filmmakers/barsandtone.mov>
- 10 seconds of black
- A title card with: school name, title of video
- A title card with:
"This film made for the METG Spirit of Festival Contest."
- 5 seconds of black
- Your film 3-4 minutes
- 10 seconds of black

Theme

The purpose of the video is to highlight the "**Spirit of Festival.**" How can your team showcase what makes the METG festival amazing in your own creative way? Some questions / facts that might help:

1. The Festival is made up of over 120 member schools from all over the state.

2. This Festival is 85 years old.
3. What are some of your favorite experiences from festival?
4. What are some events that you associate only with festival?
5. What would your school year be like without festival.
6. *The film can already have been introduced at a preliminary or semi final festival in 2017.*
7. **Please do NOT use the word "competition" in the video. It is a festival.**

Review Process

All videos will be submitted to the METG, Inc. office. The videos will be reviewed and distributed to the Video Review Panel.

Other Conditions

The Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild (METG, Inc.) is not liable for any injuries on the participants' part during filming, for broken equipment, or materials and services purchased to produce the submission. Participant assumes all responsibility for damages, injuries, and cost. The Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild (METG,inc.) reserves the right to broadcast entries once submitted. Forms of broadcast include, but are not limited to streaming on the METG, Inc. website, or YouTube, etc. By submitting a video, the participants grant all rights, title, and interest to METG, Inc. in broadcasting, but still maintain ownership of the video concept. The Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild (METG, Inc.) is not responsible for copyright errors made in the videos.

Contact

For questions or additional information on the 2017 METG Video Contest please contact Michael McGarty at michaelmcgarty@metg.org

Application follows on the next page.

“Spirit of Finals Video



Festival” Contest Entry Form

Title of Video Submission: _____

Length (min:sec): _____

Coach Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Student Captain Name: _____

Student Captain Email Address: _____

Names of Additional Video Team Members:

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

I hereby agree to all terms and conditions as found in the 2017 METG Video Competition document and on the METG website and associated links.

Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please submit entry form and \$10 non-refundable fee to:
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Make checks payable to METG, Inc.

Application DEADLINE is Monday, March 20, 2017