

**KCACTF REGION V**  
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**NEWSLETTER #28: Post Festival News**

Thanks to all of you for trekking to St. Louis to attend our regional ACTF festival! The University of Missouri-St. Louis and St. Louis Community College-Meramec did a fabulous job of hosting approximately 1500 registrants (without Colorado!) We'd like to extend special thanks to the staff and students of both colleges, especially Jim Greer, Tim Poertner, Michelle Rebollo, Eric Love, as well as Ted Gregory, Lindenwood University, and Peter Sargent, Webster University.

At this year's festival, the Design and Technologies Exhibit posted 111 entries. In addition, out of the 405 Ryan nominees that were officially nominated, 308 auditioned onsite. The Costume Parade was hosted this year by Jessie Rae Johnson, University of Minnesota-Duluth and George Stavropoulos, Kansas State University. This was a huge success and we look forward to incorporating students again next year.

**Festival 38**

It's hard to believe, but the Regional Executive Committee is turning their attention to Festival 38 hosted by Minnesota State University-Moorhead, Concordia College, and North Dakota State University January 22-28, 2006. We already have 37 entered shows for this spring—get online and enter yours soon.

As I mentioned during the Recognition Ceremony, later this semester, I will call for samplings of faculty or student written musicals for a new initiative—The Musical Theatre Project. We hope to make this an intensive workshop during the festival with several Broadway professionals acting as facilitators. If you are interested in helping to spearhead this huge project, please e-mail me at [bpettigr@jccc.net](mailto:bpettigr@jccc.net).

**Kennedy Center Medallion Recipients**

We were thrilled to award Jim Greer, St. Louis Community College-Meramec, and Kathy Pryor, University of Kansas, the Kennedy Center Gold Medallion. Thanks to both of these very deserving individuals for their ongoing support of Region V.

For those of you who were unable to attend Festival 37, our website has a list of special guests who joined us in St. Louis along with a list of all regional award winners. The Awards list is also attached to this newsletter.

**Region V's Held Productions for Possible Invitation to the National Festival**

We are proud and grateful to the nine schools that trucked their productions to St. Louis in order for the participants to see the kinds of work being produced throughout our region. We know what a difficult task this was and were delighted to celebrate your efforts. One of these nine productions has been held by the National Selection Team for possible invitation to the National Festival in D.C. this April and will be notified the first week in March at the conclusion of the festival season. Congratulations to the following production:

PIPPIN, Wichita State University

It's been a challenging and rewarding year as your Region V Chair. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to once again serve the region. I promise that all of us on the Executive Committee will strive to make Festival 38 even better.

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