

# GEORGIA THEATRE CONFERENCE

August 1995

## MAKING CONNECTIONS CONVENTION UPDATE

The GTC Board convened on July 9, 1995, in Augusta, Georgia to tour the 1995 **MAKING CONNECTIONS** Convention site, and make final arrangements for the play festivals, competitions, workshops and hospitality events. Many thanks to Jay Willis and the Landmark Hotel for the hospitality. In addition to the Community and Secondary Divisions competition and the Children's Division Festival, there will be workshops, professional exhibitors, the awards banquet and the Student dance.

Some of the workshops that will be offered include Stage Combat, Drama Games, Costume Workshops, Stage Dialects and much, much more!!! You will want to make plans to attend the Convention in Augusta, November 2-5, 1995. Mark your calendar now for a weekend full of performances, workshops and fantastic opportunities for networking! Look for more information in the enclosed insert. If you know of someone who is not a member of GTC, please share this newsletter with them and encourage them to become part of the GTC family.

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS  
NOW!!**

**THURSDAY-SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 2-5, 1995  
GEORGIA THEATER  
CONFERENCE  
ANNUAL  
CONVENTION**

## GTC BOARD RETREAT

The seventeen member Board of Directors of GTC, Past Presidents and special guests will attend a weekend planning retreat from September 29 through October 1 in Helen, Georgia. The purpose of the retreat is to set short term goals and make long term plans that will carry the Georgia Theater Conference into the next century. YOUR input is encouraged and needed. What direction would you like to see GTC take over the next few years? Do you feel GTC is meeting all your needs? YOU can help shape our future with your comments and suggestions. Write down your comments and/or suggestions and send them to Jacque Wheeler, GTC President, Dept. of Communication Arts, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Georgia 31698, or call Jacque at 912-333-5820 (work) or 912-242-3992 (home).

## 1996 SLATE OF OFFICERS PRESENTED

The Nominating Committee of the GTC Board, comprised of Sue Jordan, Chair, Steven Earl Edwards, Debra Morgan, Jerri Mittelhauser, and Chuck Stroberg offered the following slate for election at the 1995 Annual Conference in Augusta, Georgia.

### **President**

Amy Atwell, Atlanta Shakespeare Festival

### **Vice President/Programming**

Mark Costello, Theater Albany

### **Secretary**

Mary Norman, Colquitt County High School

### **Vice President, Membership**

Connie Fritz, Arts Center Theater-Moultrie

## MAKE CONNECTIONS

Communication is an essential ingredient to any successful organization. GTC will be happy to list your E-Mail number in order that other GTC members may contact you in an easy and cost efficient manner. Current listings include:

### Steven Earl Edwards

Fight Choreographer/Actor  
LaGrange College  
E-mail-sedwards@mentor.lgc.peachnet.edu

### Sue Jordan

Children\Youth Theatre  
E-mail-sjacct@aol.com

### Deborah Morgan

Dramaturg - Valdosta State University  
E-mail--dmorgan@valdosta.peachnet.edu

### Victoria Pennington

Costume Designer, Producer-Jekyll Music Theater  
Festival , Valdosta State University  
E-mail-vpenning@valdosta.peachnet.edu

### Dan Robbins

Voice & Diction - I.P.A. & Lessac - Valdosta  
State University  
E-mail-drobbins@valdosta.peachnet.edu

### Jacque Wheeler

Valdosta State University  
E-mail-jwheeler@valdosta.peachnet.edu

ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST!!!!!! Please  
send your name and E-mail number, along with  
your area of expertise, to GTC Newsletter  
P.O. Box 1452  
Valdosta, Ga. 31603

**GTC - MAKING CONNECTIONS FOR  
YOU!!**

## CURTAIN TRACKS

Curtain Tracks is another prime example of how GTC is helping you **Make Connections!** Here, in Curtain Tracks, you are given the opportunity to advertise your upcoming productions. This is the easiest, least expensive and most comprehensive way to get the word out to over 260 GTC members - people who want to know what your theatre group is doing. Don't miss the opportunity to advertise here each quarter. This is the time of year when so many seasons are getting started and news has been slow to reach the GTC newsletter desk. Submit your calendar for the year now and we will keep it on file to make sure your productions are promoted in a timely manner. Send your calendars now to:

GTC Newsletter  
P.O. Box 1452  
Valdosta, Ga. 31603

GTC would like to thank Steve Taft for his service to this organization. Steve has moved to Lafayette, LA. where he is the new Department Head for the Department of Performing Arts at University of SW Louisiana. You can write to Steve at:  
Department of Performing Arts  
University of South Louisiana  
Box 43850  
Lafayette, LA 70504-3850  
The department phone number is  
318-482-6357.

Thanks to Connie Fritz for stepping in and assuming the responsibility of publishing the newsletter.

Please forward any information you would like to have included in the next newsletter to  
GTC Newsletter  
P.O. Box 1452  
Valdosta, Ga. 31603

## GTC-WHO ARE WE?

The GEORGIA THEATER CONFERENCE was founded in 1966 and incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1971. Its purpose is to promote the highest standards in theatre practice throughout the state of Georgia and is affiliated with the Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC). GTC is made up of five divisions.

Children's Theatre  
College/University Theatre  
Community Theatre  
Professional Theatre  
Secondary Schools Theatre

## WHAT DO WE OFFER YOU?

**AUDITIONS.** Non equity actors: The state level auditions, which are required for eligibility for the SETC auditions, are sponsored by GTC and held at its annual convention.

**WORKSHOPS.** Held by the various divisions as locations around the state, workshops put you in touch with people with your own interests and theatrical challenges for down-to-earth, intensive sessions that can really help.

**PLAYWRITING COMPETITION.** Get out the original play and send it in. Win and you receive \$200 cash, convention registration fees, hotel room for one evening and an awards banquet ticket. Most important, your play will receive a reading at the annual convention.

**GRAPHIC ARTS COMPETITION.** Proud of the poster you designed for one of your current productions? Enter it in this competition and win money and wider exposure for you and your organization.

**GTC NEWSLETTER.** Every quarter "Curtain Tracks" will highlight what is playing in theatres all over the state and you'll receive the latest news on workshops and the annual convention.

**GTC RESOURCE GUIDE.** Currently being updated, the GTC Resource Guide will provide you with a list of all the High Schools, children's theatres, community theatres, college/university theatres, and professional theatres in the state. In addition, you will find a listing or sources where you can rent, trade, or purchase theatrical products to enhance your play or musical.

**ANNUAL CONVENTION.** Held the first week in November (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) in locations around the state -- the convention features distinguished speakers, performers, seminars, workshops, demonstrations, exhibits, division meetings, and a feast of plays highlighting the talents of the state's Community Theatres, Secondary Schools, and Children's Theatre's. Join us for the reading of the play of the year, Auditions, the Awards Banquet/Dance and more!!

If you are not a member of GTC, you can join at any time. Just fill out the form below and return it to the address noted. If you know of a friend or organization that would like to become a part of a growing group of scholars, performance artists, designers, and playwrights, dedicated to making a difference, please forward this information to that individual or organization.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE:(Home) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the division(s) with which you would like to affiliate: (one is included with the membership dues; additional affiliates are \$5 each)

\_\_\_\_\_ Children's Theatre  
\_\_\_\_\_ College/ University Theatre  
\_\_\_\_\_ Community Theatre  
\_\_\_\_\_ Professional Theatre  
\_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Schools

(If checking more than one division, please circle your PRIMARY affiliation)

Individual (\$20)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Students:  
(College) (\$10)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(High School) (\$5)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Organizational (\$25)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Additional Divisional  
Membership (\$5) each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
  
TOTAL      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form, with check made payable to GEORGIA THEATRE CONFERENCE, to:

Jacque Wheeler, GTC President  
Dept. of Communication Arts  
Valdosta State University  
Valdosta, Georgia 31698



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