



COMMUNITY THEATRE

Building People, Building Communities

Community theatres involve more participants, present more performances of more productions, and play to more people than any other performing arts organizations in the country. They are critical to the cultural life of their communities.

Reasons to Support Community Theatre Arts:

The American Association of Community Theatre (AACT) supports the legislation proposed by the Americans for the Arts and hopes the you will consider the overall impact the arts plays to the economic and social well-being of Americans across the nation.

- Over a **million volunteers** serve in community theatres
- Community theatre is seen live by 83 million annually
- There are **more than 6,000 theatres** across the United States and its territories, as well as theatre companies with the U.S. Armed Services overseas

Region X has a unique involvement with AACT since we are not based in the United States, but based on a military base in Europe. However, over the past twelve years that I have artistically led the programming of the SHAPE Players and SHAPE Performing Arts Centre, our volunteers have experienced workshops, conventions and specifically AACTFests, which have provided all of them with a great deal of excitement, joy, and fulfillment. Participating in AACTFest, the National Theatre Festival, is a milestone for our company and is a bit of a 'theatre mecca' where they can compete, share, and learn.

~ Daniel Lamorte, Entertainment Director SHAPE Performing Arts Centre, Europe

SHAPE Entertainment Services is a part of the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Family Morale, Welfare, and Recreation program. Since 1967, SHAPE has served servicemen, their families, civilians, and invited guests in and around the SHAPE area.



AACT exists to enable community theatres across the country to become the cornerstones of the creative life of their communities -- to provide quality entertainment, intellectual stimulation, challenge and opportunity, to be worthy contributors to an improved quality of life for the communities they serve.

aact 2021 fest

Twelve theatres and six youth theatres from across the country and the U.S. Military Services overseas present productions at the biennial national AACTFest.

AACTFest 2021 will be held June 14 - 19, in Louisville, Kentucky



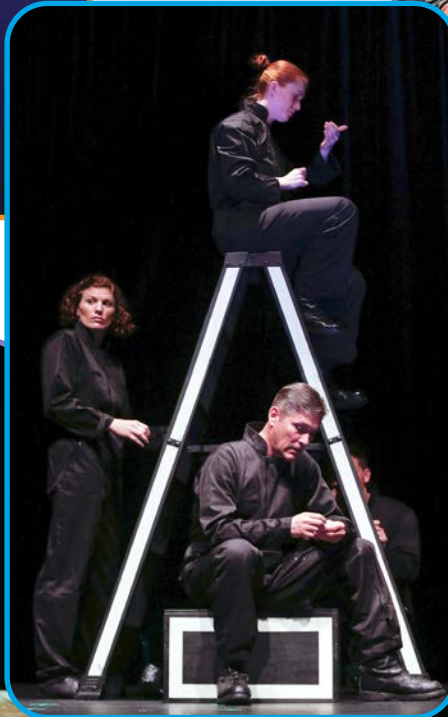
Coalescence Theatre Project
Bloomington, Illinois
Walking With My Ancestors

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AACT YouthFest 2019
Workshop Theatre
Willis, Texas
1984



Stuttgart Theatre Center
U.S. Army, Stuttgart, Germany
Kaleidoscope



Wetumpka Depot Players
Wetumpka, Alabama
The Diviners



Salina Community Theatre
Salina, Kansas
Silent Sky



aact WORLD FEST

June 22-27, 2020
Venice, Florida

A Festival of Global Theatre

Lieder Theatre Company
Goulburn, Australia
Monochrome
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