



## 69<sup>th</sup> Otero Arts Festival 2025 Theatrical Competition

The purpose of the competition is to provide an opportunity for young thespians to demonstrate his/her acting talent and love for theater. Ribbons will be awarded at all levels of the competition with an Otero Scholarship being awarded to the top senior actor (grade 12 graduating high school senior).

The competition will be held in the Ed Stafford Theatre on the campus of Otero College,  
**Monday, March 31, beginning at 6pm.**

### CATEGORIES:

- **Monologues:** Works performed by one person only. No other actors will be permitted on stage, even if they are silent in the performance. Monologues will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes.
- **Group Short Scenes:** Selections can be from any genre. Group teams must have at least 2 and no more than 6 performers and be a maximum of 8 minutes in duration.

### RULES/GUIDELINES

1. Open to Middle School students grades 7 & 8 (Junior Division) and High School students grades 9-12 (Senior Division).
2. Students can perform in only one performance per category - a participant can therefore do a monologue and a short scene but cannot do either multiple monologues or multiple short scenes.
3. Even if it is included in the text/script, no instruments or pre-recorded music are permitted.
4. Original plays WILL BE permitted.
5. Theatrical competition will be held on Monday, March 31, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Ed Stafford Theatre, Otero College Humanities Center.

Plays may be directed by whomever the performers wish, except anyone adjudicating the festival. Students may direct as well. Two chairs and one table will be provided on stage. Do not bring your own scenic/set pieces. Costumes and small props are allowed, but shall not be provided by the Otero Arts Festival venue/staff. Otero College and Otero Arts Festival venue/staff are not responsible for misplaced or missing items during the event; students are responsible for any costumes or small props brought for performances.

Each performance will be kept strictly to the time allotment for their category: 5 minutes for monologues and 8 minutes for short scenes. Timers will be used and at the end of the allotted time performers will be stopped, even if the scene has not been completed.

No technical elements, including set, lighting/sound design, and special effects, are allowed.

Groups must abide by the venue's safety and fire codes. Safety of students performing is paramount. If elements of the production or blocking seem to pose a physical hazard to the students, then the judges reserve the right to stop a scene and/or require modifications to be made before performing, and the on-site supervisor has the right to make the decision.

## STUDENT ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

*Students may register through their school or independently, you do not have to be a current drama student to enter.*

**\*\*Each member of a Group Short Scene MUST register separately with the same Title of Selection\*\***

**ONLINE Entries must be received by Monday, March 17, 2025, 5pm.**

Online registration at

<https://otero.edu/campus-community/events-registration/otero-arts-festival/>

Assigned performance times will be posted on the Otero website and emailed to entrants by about Friday March 28, 2025. Questions contact email: [Otero-ArtsFestival@otero.edu](mailto:Otero-ArtsFestival@otero.edu)