



## 2025 Northern California Thespian Leadership & Technical Theatre Conference

Louis B. Mayer Theater @ Santa Clara University  
corner of Lafayette and Franklin Streets Santa Clara, CA 95053

***Begin your new school year with professional training!***

### **Who may attend?**

Any High School Thespian, Theatre Club Officer, Student Leader, or Technician.  
An adult EdTA member from the school must accompany each Thespian Troupe.  
A teacher from the school must accompany non-Thespian schools.

Whether you're a new or established High School Thespian Troupe, or you're just thinking about joining Thespians, we have something for every High School Theatre enthusiast. Please come join us!

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 4, 2025 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM (See schedule for more info.)  
***Teachers & Troupes are expected to stay for the entire conference.***

**WHERE:** Louis B. Mayer Theater @ Santa Clara University  
Corner of Lafayette and Franklin Streets - Santa Clara, CA 95053  
(Please do not contact Santa Clara with registration questions)

**TRACKS:** Troupe Directors or Teachers will register each student for one of the following options:

- **LEADERSHIP** (Newly Revised!)  
*NOTE for Returning Students: We are moving to a new two-year cycle of Leadership curriculum, with different workshops offered in odd and even years, hence, there will no longer be an Advanced Leadership track.*
- **TECH**
- **COMBO:** Tech in the morning / Leadership in the afternoon or vice-versa

**Students will sign themselves up for workshops. See page 4.**

### **RATES:**

- \$35 per student
- Troupe Directors and Chaperones are FREE!
- Non-Thespian Troupe Fee: \$100

**DEADLINES:** Register by **September 19**. Checks postmarked by **September 26**.



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### Leadership Workshops

<b><i>Fundraising &amp; Marketing</i></b>	This workshop explores timely fundraising topics and students will gain the opportunity to ask questions, receive coaching, and network with peers in real time. Come gain actionable tools you can apply immediately to your thespian troupe.
<b><i>Psychology of Leadership</i></b>	This workshop allows students to get in touch with their own leadership qualities and explore how they might find their way and work through conflicts within their troupes.
<b><i>Building a Community-Oriented Troupe</i></b>	This workshop guides theatre students through exploring what a welcoming troupe culture looks like, identifying barriers to inclusion, and collaboratively designing actionable plans to ensure every member feels valued, supported, and empowered.
<b><i>Advocacy</i></b>	This workshop helps students sharpen their advocacy skills by learning how to shape their core message for any audience - from classmates to administrators to community leaders - and make their troupe's voice impossible to ignore.
<b><i>Delegating Troupe Leadership</i></b>	This workshop provides theatre students with ways to share the leadership of their troupe with their fellow officers and even with their troupe's delegates so that the troupe works together to share their love of theatre.

### Technical Theatre Workshops *Come dressed to paint and get messy!*

<b>Intro to Costumes</b>	<b>Intro to Lighting</b>	<b>Stage Management</b>
Explore using fabric, silhouette, and color to tell the story	Learn the basics of using light and color to tell the story	Discover the collaborative tools needed to run a production
<b>Intro to Scenic Painting</b>	<b>Intro to Sound Design</b>	<b>Deck Crew Shifts</b>
Learn painting techniques to create scenic illusions	Discuss the basics of using sound to tell the story	Explore prop tables, spiking set pieces, and scene shifts
<b>Intro to Makeup</b>	<b>Intro to Set Design</b>	<b>Intro to Directing</b>
Discover tools to make the face communicate a character	Learn how to create set design to show the world of your story	Explore the basics of telling a story on stage with actors

**\*\*Tech Workshops have limited availability. Classes are filled in order of registration.**

***NOTE: These Technical Theatre workshops are INTRODUCTORY.  
Returning students should take different workshops this year.***



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### SCHEDULE

- 8:30 – 9:00 Check in, Pick Up Registration Bag  
*Name Tags, Programs, Maps, Teacher's Roster, Schedules*
- 9:00 – 9:15 Thesparade Rehearsals  
*Create a two minute presentation on the short prompt given to your troupe at registration, as well as introduce your school*
- 9:30 – 9:35 Welcome!
- 9:35 - 10:45 **Thesparade!**
- 10:45 - 10:55 Break / Change Spaces
- 11:00-3:00 *Teachers' Share/Forum (AM) & Tech Workshop (PM)*

	LEADERSHIP	TECH	COMBO
11:00-12:30	Leadership Workshop #1	Tech Workshop #1	Tech or Leadership Workshop #1

12:30-1:25 Working Lunch (*bag lunch on your own*)

#### **Officer Breakouts:**

*President/Vice President - Aashi*  
*Treasurer - Brendan*

*Secretary/Historian/Social Media - Nico*  
*So You Want to be an STO - Nila*

	LEADERSHIP	TECH	COMBO
1:30-3:00	Leadership Workshop #2	Tech Workshop #2	Tech or Leadership Workshop #2

3:00-3:15 Troupe Evaluations

3:15-4:00 Keynote Speaker / Closing & Photo



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### How to Register

#### 1) Deadline to Register: **Friday, September 19th, 2025**

Troupe Directors / Teachers **REGISTER HERE**. *The event can sell out so register early.*

#### 2) Pay online or send a check postmarked by Friday, **September 26th** to: California Thespians, 2058 North Mills Avenue #650 Claremont, CA 91711

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: CA State Thespians**

**ADVANCE ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY - NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION**

If needed, here's the [W9 CA State Thespians](#)

**Payments must be sent through US Mail.**

**Registration is NOT complete until payment has been received.**

**NOTE:** No refunds are available for cancellations.

Student substitutions may be processed by contacting [info@cathespians.org](mailto:info@cathespians.org).

#### 3) To Sign Up for Workshops:

Workshops are available on a first-come, first-served basis

Students will need to sign up for their workshops using the Sched App.

(Students can also use the web site: Sched.com instead of the app)

This app will go LIVE @ **8AM on Monday, September 22**

Once they have the Sched App, they should choose the "My Account" Tab

*(If students already have this app, select "change events" - they should also update their profile and make sure their school name is listed under "Company." Their profile will be listed under My Account (bottom right), then click on View & Edit Profile)*

Search "Thespian", to reveal all the CA Thespian Leadership & Tech events.

Choose: Northern Leadership & Tech then choose your workshops!

### Lunch

There is no on-site lunch available nor time to go off campus to get lunch.

You must bring your own lunch. (No microwaves or refrigerators are available)

### Teacher Workshops

1) **The Teacher's Forum** for teachers to briefly introduce themselves & seasons and learn how to be an advocate for their profession.

2) **The Teacher's Workshop** for a hands-on Technical Theatre Experience.

### Questions?



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### More Information

The Northern California Thespian Leadership Team is an open group of high school theatre teachers who volunteer their time and pool their resources to organize the NCA Thespian Leadership & Tech Conference and the NCA Thespian Play Festival. If you'd like to join us, please let us know!

### Thank you to our Conference Hosts!

Kimberly Hill, Carolyn Guggemos & Erik Sunderman  
Santa Clara University Department of Theatre & Dance

### We look forward to seeing you at Santa Clara University!

Santa Clara University Department of Theatre and Dance fuels your passion for performance and prepares you to make it a meaningful lifetime commitment. Theatre Arts majors work closely with staff mentors and faculty to hone their skills in acting, dance, design, directing, playwriting, and historical studies. Lectures, studio courses, labs, and productions prepare you for careers in professional theatre and dance companies, film, television, arts administration, or teaching.

In addition to the academic program, SCU has a thriving center of performing arts, which creates numerous opportunities for hands-on experience, bringing to life exciting works that are widely attended by the campus and local communities. Our community of artist-scholars, faculty, staff, and students celebrates the creativity of the human spirit through a shared commitment to undergraduate liberal arts education in the Jesuit tradition.

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Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*  
@ Santa Clara University