



"It's a Zoo!"

Theater Competition 2010



www.ItsAZooTheaterCompetition.com

What: The "It's a Zoo!" Theater Competition invites teachers and students in Central New York to stage their own productions based on literary classics which represent original plays inspired by literature that incorporate themes of nature, animals or ecology into a play.

Why: This program provides teachers and students with a creative approach to:

- * Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- * Encourage positive risk-taking
- * Develop self-discipline and perseverance
- * Teach effective communication skills
- * Cultivate public speaking skills
- * Foster focused listening
- * Encourage reading skills development
- * Teach the whole person, not just the intellect
- * Build self-confidence
- * Teach how to collaborate and to be an effective team player
- * Develop an interest in and tolerance of various cultures
- * Help children become more imaginative

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When:

- February 1 - April 30, 2010: Semifinals Performances Judged at Each School.
- April 30, 2010, 3:30p.m., Fort Schuyler Club, 254 Genesee Street, Utica, NY. Teachers' Wise Owl Awards Ceremony and Announcement of Eight Finalists.
- May/June 2010: "It's a Zoo!" Theater Competition Finals and Family Festival, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. daily. Date and Location TBD.

Entry & Fee Deadline: \$50 non-refundable entry fee.
Rolling admission until January 31, 2010.

Visit www.StanleyCenterForTheArts.com to download the 2010 "It's a Zoo!" Theatre Competition Entry Form and Brochure that includes valuable resources:

- NYS Learning Standards
- Competition Rules
- Timeline of Events
- Original Play Adaptation
- Judging Criteria
- Suggested Literature to Stage