

***New Heritage Theatre Company & Joint School District #2
Joint Theatre Partnership Agreement
2006-2007***

Committee Members:

Sandra Cavanaugh-Artistic Director, New Heritage Theatre Co.
Berlene Mace – Pioneer School of the Arts
Tina Perry – Christine Donnell School of the Arts
Aaron Maybon – Mountain View High School
Geoff Stands – Meridian High School
Chris Lawrence – Curriculum Coordinator, Electives
Fred Shaddick – Drama Instructor, Mountain View High School
Chris Zarr – Drama Instructor, Meridian High School

Goal:

The goal of the New Heritage Theatre Company and the Meridian School District is to establish a mutually beneficial community partnership. New Heritage will provide drama instruction/resources for K-12 arts programs at targeted schools in the Meridian School District in exchange for the use of facilities for their productions and classes.

Proposal:

Proposal for Services to be provided by New Heritage Theatre Company to students and instructors in the Meridian School District:

In exchange for a waiver of fees for the use of the facilities listed in the proposal, the New Heritage Theatre Company will provide a variety of professional theatrical training opportunities for students and teachers at each of the targeted schools through workshops, audition and apprentice opportunities, and mentoring. The targeted schools are Mountain View High School, Meridian High School, Christine Donnell School of the Arts, and Pioneer School of the Arts. The training opportunities listed below were developed with input from administrators, teachers, and New Heritage Theatre Company staff. Additionally, New Heritage Theatre Company's technical and artistic staff are available for consultation regarding facilities and programming.

Meridian High School and Mountain View High School:

Workshops

- New Heritage Theatre Company will provide workshops that support district drama curriculum using multiple New Heritage staff for each level of acting or stagecraft class. New Heritage will provide up to 4 workshops for each high school as requested and scheduled by the drama instructors at MVHS and MHS.
- The content of the workshops could include:
Text analysis, improvisation, acting technique, on camera work, voice and speech, movement, stage combat, the business of acting, marketing, stagecraft, design, costuming, and make-up.
- Drama instructors at Meridian and Mountain View High (Fred Shaddick and Chris Zarr) will choose the topic for each workshop. The topics chosen will fit

their students' needs as well as supporting the curriculum. New Heritage staff will meet with each instructor to custom design their program.

- New Heritage staff will be available to speak with the cast of one main-stage production at each school regarding the rehearsal process and production.

Response Program Community Performance

- *The Response Program* is a one-hour interactive performance targeting high school students. Using an interactive format, students converse with fictional characters in a safe "theatrical" environment about personal responsibility, decision-making, ethics, and the impact and power of the choices they make in their lives and the lives of others. *Response* performances will be provided at both Mountain View and Meridian High Schools.

Apprenticeship Opportunities

- Apprenticeship opportunities will be offered to advanced students with the repertory company in technical positions.
- New Heritage will offer audition opportunities to advanced students for the repertory company and the *Response Program*.

Mentoring Support

- Mentoring support will be offered to students preparing to attend college majoring in drama.

Advanced Ticket Sales Opportunities

- New Heritage will provide special advanced ticket sales opportunities to students and their families.
- Reduced tickets prices for all Joint School District #2 students are available for all productions.

Christine Donnell School of the Arts:

Workshop

- New Heritage Theatre Company will provide a one-week series of workshops for students K-8 at Christine Donnell School of the Arts. Company members will provide drama workshops focusing on the school's *Core Values Program*. The workshops will take place during the week of January 8-12.

Pioneer School of the Arts:

Workshop

- New Heritage Theatre Company will provide one-week of workshops for students K-5 at Pioneer School of the Arts. The workshop will focus on playwriting using drama as a vehicle for literacy. The workshops will take place during the week of June 18-22.

New Heritage Theatre Company's Request:

The New Heritage Theatre Company is asking the Meridian School Board to approve an agreement that would allow the company to waive the fees for the use of following stage facilities:

- **Performances and Rehearsals**
Performances will occur at appropriate available venues either MVHS or MHS.

“Love Letters” by A.R. Gurney – February

“Molly Sweeney” by Brian Friel – March

“Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” by Edward Albee – April

“Avatara” by Sandra Cavanaugh – May/June

Additional rooms requested for use:

Green room
Dressing rooms
Scene Shop
Drama Classroom
Auditorium
Band or Choir rooms when needed

- **Classes**
Drama classroom
Band and Choir
Auditorium
Classes will occur throughout the year and will be scheduled with individual buildings.

It is the theatre’s request that the rental fees for any Meridian School District facility would be waived in exchange for the proposed services.

Meridian School District’s Facilities Use Requirements:

- Hold Harmless Agreement
- Proof of Liability Insurance and Damage
- Per Board Policy No. 1003.10 Line number 00122
“If rental charges are waived, the sponsoring individual or group will be asked to assist in the custodial care and maintenance of the facility and equipment. Facilities shall be left in a condition that requires little, if any janitorial cleaning and maintenance.”
- New Heritage Theatre Co. will pay current custodial hourly overtime rates for the use of any facility requiring custodial services to open and close the facility, as well as the time required to remain in the facility during the time of occupancy.

New Heritage Staff will not have access to master keys or the all-access Palm Scanner.

- Scheduling for all New Heritage performances will be through MVHS and MHS's Activities Directors.
- Fingerprinting of all New Heritage Theatre Company staff having direct contact with students when certified staff are not present.
- Written parental permission for any student participating in a New Heritage Theatre Company production/s.
- Parents of participating students will be given a schedule and list of plays, as well as a list of company members.
- Refundable damage deposit of \$1,000.00 to cover all sites.
- 30- Day Right of First Refusal Agreement
- A review of partnership in May 2007.

Phase 2/Year 2 Goals:

- Specific building plan for each building
- Present "Response" at a district site (to be announced).
- Continue to expand drama opportunities for students through New Heritage outreach programs.

In May, a group will meet to review goals and objectives, as well as data on effectiveness of the joint partnership.