What we do

The Performing Arts Committee Sponsors the High School One-Act Play Festival. Applications to direct are released in the spring and directors are chosen in September. Mentors provide professional advice. Open Auditions are held in November when directors begin casting. High school students are also chosen for technical roles such as stage manager, lighting designer, sound designer. Performances take place the following February at SecondStage at the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View, California.

Mentor/Teacher Testimonial

Student Testimonial

2019 Director Braden:

"Since this was my directorial debut, I gained a significant amount of knowledge in a small period of time. Perhaps the biggest thing I learned was that I can do it! Through this process, I was able to learn more about my strengths and weaknesses as a director and effective communicator. I made sure to take the good qualities of my favorite directors I've had and make that the basis for what my directing style should be. I learned my directing style is a balance between structured and collaborative."

Our Mission

The High School One-Act Play Festival provides an opportunity for teens to develop their directing, acting and technical skills, and to perform in a professional venue.

Who We Serve

Anyone of high school age who resides in the region surrounding the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts, regardless of enrollment status, is eligible to apply.

What We Do

The Performing Arts Committee selects a list of plays, matches directors with mentors who are theater professionals, schedules the date and site for open auditions, collaborates with Mountain View Center for Performing Arts staff to schedule and oversee technical and dress rehearsals and performances.

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What We Value

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