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Congratulations!

As a result of your hard work, talent, and dedication, your theatre program has been selected to participate in the American High School Theatre Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland!

Your school was chosen after a rigorous selection process involving a review by our Board of Advisors, a group of renowned college theatre professionals. Selections are based on recent bodies of work, community involvement, philosophies, and recommendations.

We commend you for receiving this prestigious honor. As a member of one the most outstanding high school theatre programs across the U.S. and Canada, we invite you to join us at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival for a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

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Safety is our top priority

AHSTF is supported by WorldStrides, which makes all travel arrangements, including flights, accommodations, meals, transportation in the UK, and more. WorldStrides has more than 450 passionate and professional employees, and has nearly 50 years of experience as the premier provider of student educational travel. Since 1967, WorldStrides has helped 4 million students experience learning beyond classroom walls.

WorldStrides' unparalleled safety record is proof that the security of our travelers is our first priority. Unique safety networks and preventive measures provide peace of mind when traveling internationally. AHSTF, with the support of WorldStrides, maintains on-site security, 24-hour Tour Central offices, and on-site offices throughout the Fringe Festival. Each student is required to wear AHSTF Identification Wrist Bands imprinted with emergency on-site contact numbers. Students' accommodations in UK university dorms are safe, and sightseeing tours are led by nationally certified guides and motorcoach drivers. WorldStrides' longstanding relationships with local hospitals, doctors, and international vendors ensure the highest quality care and services are always available.



About AHSTF

In 1994, a group of high school and college drama professionals recognized the need for an international forum where top high school performing arts students can showcase their skills. The result was the creation of the American High School Theatre Festival, or AHSTF.

Annually, AHSTF runs in conjunction with the world-renowned Edinburgh Fringe Festival – the world’s largest performing arts festival – held every August in Edinburgh, Scotland. For over 20 years, AHSTF has provided once-in-a-lifetime experiences for more than 600 schools and 14,500 students.



Your journey begins in the UK with time to explore England’s capital city, London. You’ll then board a train headed for Scotland. During the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the city bursts at the seams, as it becomes the largest stage in the world and every imaginable space hosts an array of international performers. AHSTF combines theatre, history, culture, and adventure into an exciting program that will change your life!

Theatre

- Join over two thousand performing companies from all over the world at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the largest performing arts festival in the world.
- Perform your production four times at one of AHSTF’s official international venues during the Fringe.
- Take in a theatre production in London’s West End.

History

- Explore the variety of historical sites and attractions in London, England.
- Visit Shakespeare’s Globe and elect to participate in an interactive theatre workshop, before boarding your train to Scotland.
- Discover the fascinating history of Scotland, seeing such famous sites as the Royal Mile, Stirling Castle, the Trossachs, and more.

Culture

- Participate in a Ceilidh, a rollicking Gaelic gathering and dance with a professional Ceilidh band.
- Start each day with a traditional Scottish breakfast.
- Enjoy the international flavor of the Military Tattoo, a spectacular evening performance set in front of the floodlit Edinburgh Castle.

Adventure

- Grab a few friends and participate in an informal production on Edinburgh’s Royal Mile, amidst the thousands of visitors attending the Fringe.
- Explore the beautiful landscape of Scotland on a full day guided trip of the countryside.



Join the excitement of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival

The Edinburgh Fringe Festival is a uniquely exciting event that's held every year for three weeks in August. During the festival, Scotland's capital city is transformed into a magical, unpredictable, thrilling world. AHSTF is proud to create the opportunity for top high schools to add to this excitement as participants and audience members.

In 1947, the Edinburgh International Festival was formed as a platform to promote peace and unity in the world after WWII. It attracted so much attention and enthusiasm that the overflow formed the first Fringe. Over the years, the enthusiasm of the festivals' participants and the boundless energy of the performers and audiences have contributed to the festival's growth and popularity.

With over two thousand international performing companies, the Fringe is the largest arts festival in the world. Hand-in-hand with the International Festival, the Book Festival, the Film Festival, and the Jazz Festival, Edinburgh attracts over a million tourists with its unrivaled range of music, theatre, comedy, and visual art.

"For three eclectic weeks, the Edinburgh Fringe Festival attracts thousands of people to the world's largest performing arts spectacular. The city turns into a wall-to-wall performance space...Art happens in nightclubs, delis, moving buses, and swimming pools." – Smithsonian Magazine



Experience the world class city of Edinburgh

Many are drawn to the Scottish capital of Edinburgh because of its beauty, history, architecture, and friendly people. For those who revel in the performing arts, the ideal time to visit Edinburgh is in August during the festivals. The city's population doubles as this hilly fortress town is transformed into the world's stage, with the Fringe turning the town into a massive extravaganza of theatre, music, and dance. If there is time left after attending the myriad of performances, you may choose to explore on your own some of Edinburgh's historical sites, such as Edinburgh Castle, built nearly 2,000 years ago, or the Palace of Holyrood House – home to the royal family when they visit Scotland. The countryside, with its breathtaking mix of heather, lochs, and highlands, offers a memorable day trip out of Edinburgh.

