



Leicestershire and Rutland Drama Festival

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AETF - All England Theatre Festival One Act Festival

- The AETF is a national competition where winners from each area of England (there are 18 areas across the country) compete in rounds. Much like the FA Cup the winners eventually reach a national final and compete for the England Trophy. There is then a further final for the winners from the four nations to compete in the UK final.
- It is a wonderful opportunity for amateur groups, young people, to work in a proper theatre with all the excellent facilities on offer. Our committee are very welcoming and friendly and you will be given as much support and help as we are able. I am always on the end of a phone or email to offer advice if required.
- We represent the Leicestershire and Rutland area but it is an open competition so we often have groups from Nottinghamshire, Warwickshire etc.
- The festival is open to any amateur groups and youth groups.
- Each play must be between 25 and 55mins. There is a 15 minute interval between each play to allow one set to be taken down and the next plays set to be put up. At the end of each evening or afternoon, the adjudicator will address the audience about the merits and development points of each play. Then on Saturday night awards are presented in a variety of categories and the winners named to go on to the next round.
- AETF rules state application forms are sent out in autumn. Last year we had 12 entry forms and had to turn others down. As we have a finite number of plays able to enter, we have a first come first served system, regardless of the closing date. This year we are able to offer
- There are 'technical Sunday slots for each group of 30 minutes on Sunday 22nd March 2020 though the length of this session depends on the number of plays submitted. The theatre technician is present throughout.