



## Drama Llama News

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Like many arts organizations, SDA has been greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, the Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Drama Association has made the very heart-breaking but necessary decision to cancel all Regional, Middle Years, and Provincial Festivals for 2021. SDA recognizes that our Festivals are a wonderful celebration of inspiring performances by students. This was a very difficult decision and we hope that we are able to gather again at Festival in 2022!

Despite the current disruption, SDA is moving forward with programs to support and encourage child and youth drama in the province. SDA's Spoken Word and Playwriting Competition have been designed specifically to provide outlets for creative drama. Entering these programs allows students a chance to work towards a goal, practice their skills, perform, and have fun!

SDA is providing a Virtual Theatre Festival to accommodate those who are able to produce a play with their students while abiding by all guidelines provided by your School Division. SDA is aware that there are differences in allowable activities from division to division. Therefore, SDA recommends that you check with your Principal regarding participation in any virtual program.

All information regarding SDA's Virtual Theatre Festival is available on SDA's website ([www.saskdrama.com](http://www.saskdrama.com)) or you may send an email to [dramainfo@sasktel.net](mailto:dramainfo@sasktel.net) for more information.

There are several choices for entry:

1. Pre-Recorded Video of Virtual Performance;
2. Recorded Live Stream of a Virtual Performance;
3. Livestream of a Virtual Performance.

[This year, SDA is accepting a 4th choice for entry:](#)

4. A recorded video of a live performance, i.e., a recording of a live performance staged in your classroom, on stage, or any other facility deemed acceptable by your school's Principal.

SDA is providing Virtual Theatre Webinars to help you get started. They are available on SDA's website by clicking on 'webinars'. Although there is no fee for access to SDA's webinars, we ask you to complete a registration form. Your name will be entered into a monthly prize draw for each registration we receive.

**This year, SDA will waive student membership fees and the entry fee for its Virtual Theatre Festival!**

Please contact SDA with any inquiries you may have regarding any SDA program or service, including workshops and other supports.

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