



# ANTHONY WAYNE SCHOOLS

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## Anthony Wayne HS has recently revived its theatrical honor society status.

Anthony Wayne HS has recently revived its theatrical honor society status. The high school currently has 14 active, inducted members of the Thespian Troupe #1717. This newly revived troupe has afforded the students many new performing and leadership opportunities throughout Northwest Ohio and the State. The students involved in the 2009 Fall Play, "All Because of Agatha", were screened by two members of the Ohio Educational Thespian Association during the run of performances during November. The purpose of this screening is to gain feedback about their performance and to possibly gain an invitation to perform the show again for other theatrical groups across the state. In December, the show was selected and invited to perform the FULL length version of the play at the State Thespian Conference in Ashland, Ohio over the weekend of March 19-21, 2010. This is a great honor for the students. Both cast and crew are extremely excited to be one of the limited groups selected to perform their show for many other high school thespian troupes at the state level.

The conference will be held at the Ashland University. It will be a weekend stay for the students. At the conference, students will have many opportunities to see shows, participate in individual events, attend workshops, and interview for scholarships.

This performance will be a huge honor and accomplishment for the Anthony Wayne Theater program and growing Thespian Society. Only a select few schools are chosen to perform at the State level and sometimes, the State Thespian organization does not even offer a full length slot (usually only 30-45 minutes). It is an overwhelming honor just to be invited.

Students are trying to raise funds to cover the conference fees and expenses of loading up and taking all of the set pieces, costumes, props, furniture, and walls to rebuild the entire set in under an hour. The students are currently selling raffle tickets throughout the month of February to support the cost of the state conference. Please see the attached flyer to gather some more information on the 31 Days/31 Winners Raffle. Please contact Kate Hoover if you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket to support the AW theater students at [khoover@anthonywayneschools.org](mailto:khoover@anthonywayneschools.org) or per the HS office 419-877-0466.

### Synopsis of *All Because of Agatha*:

Being a cartoonist, Duff O'Hara can live where he chooses and, at the urging of his young bride, Joan, she suggests historic Salem, Massachusetts. They are both taken by the charming old house that is shown to them. Although Duff evinces misgivings when the real estate man reluctantly admits that the house has one rather bizarre feature which has discouraged previous tenants from staying on—it is visited each year by a slightly destructive witch named Agatha Forbes. They settle in anyways and plan a party on the night of Agatha's annual visitation. At the party, the O'Hara's and their Colorful maid Ethel, entertain many visitors including Joan's Aunt Thelma from California, their neighbors Dr. Randolph and his mother Madame La Solda, and a reporter Flip Cannon. The atmosphere of gaiety soon vanishes when the witch herself arrives in bad temper. Madame La Solda attempts to dissolve the situation with her "old school" Latin chanting, but she fails in her efforts. Agatha then takes it upon herself to use her special powers to cast a spell on the partygoers that temporarily has them become as they secretly wish themselves to be. The results are unexpected and uproarious.

### Cast and Crew for State Conference for *All Because of Agatha*:

*Duff O' Hara* . . . . . Steven Heider  
*Joan O' Hara* . . . . . Aubree Banton  
*Mr. Van Buren* . . . . . Brad Zywer  
*Mrs. Boggs* . . . . . Allyson Bucher  
*Ethel* . . . . . Kaileigh Anne Buckley  
*Dr. Randolph* . . . . . Sean Burns

*Thelma Breckinridge* ..... Liz Mayhew  
*Flip Cannon* ..... Chris Wegman  
*Madam La Solda* ..... Parminder Banga  
*Agatha Forbes* ..... Kylee Banton

**Crew for State:**

Brad Archer  
Mary Beth Burns  
Stephen DiPofi  
Ian Hayward  
Amber Hill  
Alex Kapelski  
Steven Pedro  
Brandon Romaker  
Gabi Shook  
Lincoln Smith  
Claire Speck  
Jennifer TenEyck  
Brienne Thomas  
Emily Witte

Director: Kate Hoover, AW teacher  
Technical Director: Matt Zwyer, AW alumni  
Set Design/Construction: Jim TenEyck, AW Parent

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