



Theatre New Mexico



## Virtual State Theatre Festival

June 25-27, 2021

*The AACTFest Different*

### Announcement & Invitation to Participate

Every two years TNM sponsors New Mexico's state AACTFest theatre festival in the Spring as a part of the American Association of Community Theatre's biannual festival cycle. But circumstances this year have forced the cancellation of in-person AACTFest state and regional festivals. To help keep New Mexico's amateur dramatic arts alive, while we await the safe resumption of live theatre, TNM will be holding a virtual theatre festival June 25-27, 2021. This will not be a competition, but rather a celebration.

Our virtual festival will have no entry or participation fees and is open to all amateur theatre companies in New Mexico. Participants will submit prerecorded performance videos, produced using Zoom or other means. The festival will be hosted on the showtix4u.com service and will feature scheduled performance blocks similar to a traditional festival. While there are no explicit time limits, we encourage shorter productions, including recent works written to be performed online. Participating companies will be responsible for obtaining streaming performance rights for their productions. To simplify this, works in the public domain, or from local authors, should be considered.

Attached is a short guide to online performances. There is also extensive information online on creating virtual theater. If there is interest, TNM will conduct a Zoom workshop, well in advance of the festival dates, to discuss how virtual performances can be directed and produced using Zoom.

If you are interested in participating in our June virtual festival, **please let us know by March 31**. Send your reply to [tnm@theatrenewmexico.org](mailto:tnm@theatrenewmexico.org). Also let us know if you would be interested in participating in an educational workshop on using Zoom for virtual performances.

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