

# Play Festival Starts Friday

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Little Theatre of Jamestown will host the New York State Play Festival Friday, Saturday and Sunday at its headquarters, 18 E. Second St. The public is invited to attend the festival and enjoy the entire weekend of theatre for just one registration.

Nine groups all over the state will compete. Edward Trocunier, professor of English and drama at the University of Western Ontario, will be the adjudicator.

The festival will begin at 8 p.m. Friday with "Saint's Day," an original play by the Brockport State College group.

At 9 a.m. Saturday, Corning Community College will present Ibsen's "Doll's House," followed by the Aurora Players production of "Charlie Brown." At 1:15 p.m. the Hilltop Masquers will present William Inge's "Picnic," followed by "The Tiger," given by the Independent Players of Cohocton.

A dinner has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Dry Dock Restaurant. The plays resume at 8:15 p.m. with a short production of "Terrible Jim Fitch" by the Ensemble Theatre. And at 9:30 p.m. Alfred University will give its version of "Godspell." A social hour will follow in the Little Theatre lobby.

Buffalo State College will start the Sunday plays off with "The Line" at 9:15 a.m. At 11 a.m. the Performing Arts of Woodstock will present "The Gentle Catapult."

Winners and awards will be announced at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, with the winner going on to Eastern States competition in the spring.

Samuel Paladino, local chairman for the convention, has said that Little Theatre crews have been assembled to handle the movement in and out of the participating groups and details of registration. The Backstage Guild is in charge of on-stage arrangements, according to Mr. Paladino.

The state festival was started about 15 years ago and operated for many years at the Corning Glass Auditorium.