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El Camino College to Host American Readers Theater Association's National Conference

The El Camino College Speech Communication Department will host the American Readers Theater Association's national conference and championship at 3:30 p.m. May 4 in the Marsee Auditorium.

The "Final Round" performance of the top four Readers Theaters in the nation will be staged at El Camino College, an exciting event that is free and open to the public.

Readers Theater is small group performance. Each year, the American Readers Theater Association sponsors a championship tournament in which small groups of students from colleges across the country perform (each no longer than 25 minutes) of various pieces of literature, including prose, poetry, plays, or original scripts.

The four theaters will be evaluated by a judging panel of 12 individuals, most of whom come from the entertainment industry, such as agents, producers, directors, etc. Last year, one of the judges was Brian Graden, president of entertainment for MTV & VH1. He is expected to return as a judge this year.

Additionally, the audience gets to vote for their favorite theater, and the theater with the highest votes gets the "Audience Favorite Award," regardless of the results from the judging panel.

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