



# Shakespeare Competition

## The English Speaking Union

### Desert Branch

#### 2012

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**February 17, 2012**  
**9:00 AM**

**College of the Desert**  
**Pollock Theater**  
**43500 Monterrey Ave**  
**Palm Desert**  
**California, 92260**

**TO PARTICIPATE**  
Please download form  
from website fill in and  
mail, to the above  
address.

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Request a form from  
the above email  
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**NO FEE**  
**TO PARTICIPATE**

#### Notice

**All dates, times and locations are subject to change at this time.**  
**Please contact coordinator if you would like to receive an**  
**information package for the 2011–2012 school year.**

Plans are now underway for the 2012 Shakespeare Competition. We would like to express our deep appreciation to those of you who participated in the 2011 Competition. You were part of a national effort involving 16,000 students and over 2,000 teachers. If you have not yet taken part in our Competition, we hope that you will consider offering this exciting and worthwhile program in your school.

The Competition Semifinals and Finals are scheduled for Friday, February 17, 2012 at the Pollock Theater, College of the Desert, 43500 Monterrey Ave., Palm Desert, 9:00 am. A box lunch will be provided for participating students and teachers.

Please return the school participation form to the Coordinator, ESU Desert Branch, Shakespeare Competition, P. O. Box 4796, Palm Springs, CA 92263, by November 15, 2011 if your school wishes to participate in the competition. Return winners Information forms by January 15, 2012. Please complete and send one form for each student, first place, second place and third place for the alternate.

Students in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades study, memorize and perform a monologue from one of Shakespeare's plays and a sonnet. The first and the second place winners of your School Competition will go on to the Shakespeare Competition held at the Pollock Theater. You may designate the third place winner as an alternate.

The ESU Desert Branch winners will be awarded \$200 for third place and \$300 for second place. The first place winner will be awarded \$500 and an all-expense-paid trip to New York City for the National Competition at The Lincoln Center. In addition to the opportunity to compete, the ESU Desert Branch winner enjoys a weekend of theater, workshops, and sightseeing in New York, and the chance to meet fifty-six other Branch winners from around the country. First prize for the winner of the National Shakespeare Competition is a summer acting course at the British American Drama Academy (BADA) in Great Britain.

*Thank you for your interest in our Shakespeare Competition.*  
*We look forward to working with you in 2012*