



THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION'S
2010 NATIONAL SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION
at the SHERYL & HARVEY WHITE STAGE,
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SAN DIEGO
SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010
SCHOOL ENTRY FORM

School: _____

Address: _____

School Phone: _____ FAX: _____

Teacher in charge of school competition: _____

Teacher's E-Mail Address: _____

Teacher's Home Phone number: _____

**Registration Fee: \$25. Please make check payable to:
San Diego Branch, English-Speaking Union**

- Deadline for School Competition: **SUNDAY JANUARY 31, 2010**
- Participant & Teacher Workshops: **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2010**
- Competition: **SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010**
- Semi-Finals: 1-3pm; Finals: 4-5:30pm

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Please return this form and the Registration Fee by: **December 18, 2009**

Mail or FAX to:

Rhoda Auer
1428 Camino Lujan
San Diego, CA 92111

PHONE: 858 874-5260
FAX: 858 874-8837
rhodahar@sbcglobal.net

Confirmation of application and check will contain more detailed information and school
winner entry form



The English-Speaking Union of the United States

Mission Statement

The English-Speaking Union of the United States is committed to promoting scholarship and the advancement of knowledge through the effective use of English in an expanding global community. The ESU carries out its work through a network of 72 Branches and affiliates in the United Kingdom and 50 other countries, sponsoring a variety of language and international education programs.

A Brief History of the National Shakespeare Competition

The English-Speaking Union **National Shakespeare Competition** is a school-based program designed to help high school students develop their speaking and critical thinking skills and their appreciation of literature as they explore the beauty of the language and the timeless themes in Shakespeare works. In the competition, students read, interpret, and perform monologues and sonnets in three qualifying stages—at the school, community, and national levels.

Since its beginnings with 500 students in NYC, the program has given more than 250,000 young people of all backgrounds the opportunity to discover Shakespeare's writings and to communicate their understanding of his language and message. Currently, the Competition involves 60 English-Speaking Union Branch communities nationwide.

Every April, the winners of the local Branch Competitions come to New York City to take part in the **ESU National Shakespeare Competition** held at Lincoln Center. In the semi-finals, all contestants perform a monologue and a sonnet on stage. In the last phase of the Competition, those students selected as finalists present a cold reading in addition to their monologues and sonnets.

The winner of the **ESU National Shakespeare Competition** receives a scholarship for summer study in the United Kingdom. The runner-up receives \$1,000 from the English-Speaking Union, and the third place winner is awarded \$500 by The Shakespeare Society.

The **ESU National Shakespeare Competition** has been recognized by the Globe Center (USA), the Children's Theatre Foundation of America, and the American Academy of Achievement. Judges for the Competition have included Andre Braugher, Kate Burton, Maurice Charney, Blythe Danner, Barry Edelstein, Lisa Gay Hamilton, Helen Hayes, Edward Herrmann, Dana Ivey, Peter Francis James, Kristin Linklater, Peter MacNicol, Jesse L. Martin, Cynthia Nixon, Tina Packer, Sarah Jessica Parker, Nancy Piccione, Phylicia Rashad, Christopher Reeve, Louis Scheeder, Carole Shelley, Richard Thomas, Courtney B. Vance, Sam Waterston, Dianne Wiest, Gene Wilder, and Irene Worth.

To: DRAMA AND ENGLISH TEACHERS
From: Rhoda Auer, Chairman, ESU Shakespeare Committee
Date: Competition Date: SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010

Plans are now underway for the 2010 English-Speaking Union National Shakespeare Competition. We would like to express our deep appreciation to those of you who participated last year. 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.

You will find all the materials necessary to familiarize you with the Competition and enable you to encourage the participation of your students on the ESU website: www.esuus.org/branches/sandiego. You will find:

- **School Entry Packet** – (1) School entry form: This form must be returned to the Rhoda Auer, San Diego Branch at 1428 Camino Lujan, San Diego, CA 92111 or fax to: (858) 874-8837 by December 18, 2009 if your school wishes to participate in the Competition, (2) History of the Competition, (3) Student invitation flyer, (4) Memo to teachers
- **School Competition Packet** - (1) Detailed Competition information & suggested timeline, (2) Instructions for the school competition, (3) Student Guidelines, (4) Notes for judges and judge's evaluation form, (5) Branch Competition Entry Form: This form must be returned to Rhoda Auer, San Diego Branch by January 31, 2010 with your winner's information.
- **2010 Suggested Monologues** - The text of each monologue must be limited to 20 lines (verse or prose) according to *The Riverside Shakespeare* (1997 ed.). The suggested monologues adhere to this rule.

The winner of your School Competition will go on to the Shakespeare Competition held by the San Diego Branch of the English-Speaking Union on March 7, 2020. The ESU Branch winner will then be awarded an all-expense-paid trip to New York City for the ESU National Shakespeare Competition at Lincoln Center. In addition to the opportunity to compete, the ESU Branch winner enjoys a weekend of workshops and sightseeing in New York, and the chance to meet 60 other Branch winners from around the country. First prize for the winner of the National Shakespeare Competition is a scholarship for summer study in the United Kingdom. Second prize is a \$1,000 cash award, and third prize is \$500 from the Shakespeare Society.

Thank you for your interest in the ESU National Shakespeare Competition. We look forward to working with you this year.

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YOU

to participate in the



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**ESU NATIONAL SHAKESPEARE
COMPETITION**

Students in the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades study, memorize, and perform a monologue from one of Shakespeare's plays.

The School Winner advances to the local English-Speaking Union Branch Competition, adding a sonnet to his or her monologue presentation.

The Branch Competition Winner receives a weekend of acting workshops and cultural activities in New York City, in addition to the opportunity to compete onstage at Lincoln Center.

The ESU National Competition Winner is awarded a full tuition scholarship for summer study in the United Kingdom. Second place is awarded \$1,000, and third place receives \$500 from the Shakespeare Society.

For further information, please contact:

YOUR ENGLISH OR DRAMA TEACHER