

Create the Adventure. Tabard.



First Annual Young Playwrights Celebration

As a company committed to creating and producing new works, The Tabard Theatre Company launches its Young Playwrights Celebration in conjunction with the company's 10th season.

Eligibility: This opportunity is open to students in 5th – 12th grades in Santa Clara County.

Plays must be:

- ◆ Unpublished
- ◆ Previously unproduced
- ◆ Original works, i.e. written by the student submitting the play
- ◆ In English
- ◆ One-act
- ◆ Minimum 10 minutes; maximum 30 minutes
- ◆ No inappropriate language or situations
- ◆ Typed, Times Roman 12-pt, 1 inch margins
- ◆ Submitted by e-mail (pdf or Word)

Categories:

- ◆ Scripts may be written in any style or genre (comedy, drama, melodrama, farce, etc.)
- ◆ Playwrights will compete in one of two categories:
 - 5th – 8th grades
 - 9th – 12th grades

Judging Criteria:

- ◆ Clear development of objective with beginning, middle, end
- ◆ Creativity, originality
- ◆ Adherence to guidelines (length, language, format)
- ◆ Viability to be produced, i.e. is it appropriate for the stage versus film
- ◆ Spelling

Timeline:

- ◆Deadline for script submissions is October 1, 2010, 5pm.
- ◆Three semi-finalists in each grade group will be announced by December 1, 2010
- ◆Three semi-finalist scripts will be presented in a public play reading January/February 2011
- ◆One play from each category will be selected after the public play readings as a finalist to be produced in February/March 2010 for at least two performances open to the public at Theatre on San Pedro Square

Judges:

- ◆Tabard's executive director, Tabard's associate artistic directors, at least three theatre arts teachers and/or theatre artists

Awards:

- ◆Certificate and \$50 for each semi-final play
- ◆Certificate and \$150 for each of the two finalist plays

Other information:

- ◆There is no fee to submit a script
- ◆Only one submission per student
- ◆Works written by more than one student are acceptable as long as all writers are in the same category in Santa Clara County
- ◆Cover page for script should follow this format of information:

Name _____ Grade _____
 Student's e-mail _____ phone _____
 School Name _____
 School Address (Street, City, Zip) _____
 English or Theatre Arts Teacher's Name _____
 Teacher's e-mail _____ phone _____
 Parent or Guardian's Name _____
 Parent or Guardian's e-mail _____ phone _____
 Script Title _____

"By submitting this script, I authorize its entry into The Tabard Theatre Company's Young Playwrights Competition 2010-2011 and grant Tabard the right to present this script, if it is selected, at a public reading in January/February 2011 (specific date to be determined) and to produce it for at least two public performances in February/ March 2011 (specific date to be determined). I understand that there will be no financial compensation for these rights aside from the prize money awarded to the semi-finalists and finalists. I hereby warrant that I am the sole author and owner of all rights in the play (including without limitations, copyright), and the play is wholly original with me and has not been, in whole or in part, copied from any other work, and does not infringe upon the rights of others."

Student's signature

Date

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