

THE CINCINNATI BRANCH
OF THE
ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION



SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION COMMITTEE

To:
Re: Shakespeare Competition
From: ESU Shakespeare Committee
Date: February 12, 2018

Congratulations on choosing a student to compete in the semi-finals of the Shakespeare Competition sponsored by the Cincinnati Branch of the English - Speaking Union.

We are pleased to announce that the semi-finals scheduled for Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. are to be held at **Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, 962 Mt. Adams Circle, Cincinnati, OH 45202**. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. followed by the competition starting at 9:30 a.m. *Please make sure you bring a copy of your monologue for review*. Parking is available in the adjacent parking lot and immediate vicinity. If you need directions the Playhouse number is 513-421-3888 or visit www.cinyplay.com.

Six finalists will be chosen on February 24th, to compete in the finals on Saturday, March 3rd to be held at the new Cincinnati Shakespeare Company location. Registration on March 3rd is at 10:30 a.m., and the competition will start at 11:00 a.m. **Teachers and coaches are asked to remind competitors and their families not to bring children under 10 to the semi-finals or finals. One year one of the teachers failed to let a participant's family know and frankly, it was embarrassing for all to have to ask the person with the underage child to leave. However, it is imperative to our young participants to be protected against an outburst by an underage child in the middle of a performance.**

PLEASE NOTE: Contestants will be performing one memorized monologue and one memorized sonnet. **Students are required to bring a copy of their monologue for review by a committee member at the time of registration. Monologue is limited to 20 lines prose or 20 lines verse and they need to be sourced from the Folger's Library. The National Shakespeare Competition strictly enforces these limits.** Unfortunately, in the past some of our contestants have recited more than the maximum lines. Rather than stop a contestant who goes over 20 lines and disqualify him or her, we have opted to do the review so that he or she has time to make the necessary changes prior to performing.

If weather is a concern please visit our website for event information - <http://esu-cincinnati.org/shakespeare.htm>.

The national competition is in New York City scheduled for Monday, April 23rd – Arrival day before and departure day after. The winner's travel arrangements will be worked out with the ESU Cincinnati Branch Shakespeare committee. Food and lodging will be provided by ESU-US.

Looking forward to seeing all of you,

Committee Co-Chairs: Janice Flanagan and Bob Amott, Cell: 859-620-1885.