

Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival and ISB&T present:
Will Power: Sonnet Contest
Grades 9-12

Riverside Theatre and Iowa State Bank & Trust Company proudly present the *Will Power Sonnet Contest!* What aspect of Shakespeare moves you the most? Time to dust off your quills and crack the binding on your thesaurus to write an original sonnet for the Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival. Three cash prizes will be awarded!

“Can I enter?”

- If you are in grades 9 –12 you sure can!
- If you are in grades 7 –8 you can enter the *What You WILL* Poetry Contest. Call the Box Office at (319) 338 – 7672 for details, or visit us online at www.riversidetheatre.org.

“Cheers!” I can enter! But now what?”

1. Pick a topic and write a sonnet. Simply stated a sonnet is a 14-line lyric poem. Alas, it is a little more complicated than that, but you can contact the Riverside Theatre Box Office for a Sonnet Writing Guide or ask your teacher for help.
2. Your submitted sonnet must be typewritten on one side of an 8 ½” x 11” sheet of paper. **Do not** put your name on the sonnet.
3. **On the back** of your sonnet, put your initials followed by your birth date. By doing this you are assured anonymity when the judges look at your work. An example is: A.F.W. 6/14/75.
4. Next, fill out the Official Entry & Release Form. It is especially important to have your teacher sign the form to certify that your sonnet is original. Any evidence of plagiarism will disqualify the entry.
5. Final step! Deliver your sonnet and Official Entry and Release Form by **February 10, 2006** to:

**Will Power Coordinator, Riverside Theatre
213 North Gilbert Street
Iowa City, IA 52245**

“Brilliant! Now that I’ve created a masterpiece, what are the prizes?”

- Sonnet Contest winners receive cash prizes!
1st Place: \$75 2nd Place: \$50 3rd Place: \$25
- Sonnet Contest winners receive 2 free tickets to the Will Power performance of *Twelfth Night* and can read their sonnets on the Festival Stage.
- Winning sonnets will be printed in the Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival playbill.
- Selected entries will be proudly displayed at Iowa State Bank & Trust Co. in May and at the Iowa City Public Library in June.

“How do I find out if I won?”

Riverside Theatre will send out notifications of winning entries to you and your teacher.

If you have questions, please contact:

Will Power Coordinator, 319-887-1360, education@riversidetheatre.org

Remember, the deadline for submissions is FEBRUARY 10TH