

Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival and MidWestOne Bank present:

## ***What You WILL* Poetry Contest** Grades 7-8

Write an original Shakespeare-inspired POEM on *any related topic*,  
*in any form* for the Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival.  
Three cash prizes will be awarded!

### **“Can I enter?”**

- If you are in grades 7 - 8 you sure can!
- If you are in grades 9 - 12 you can enter the Will Power Sonnet Contest.

### **“Cheers! I can enter! But now what?”**

1. Write *any kind of original poem* inspired by Shakespeare!
2. Your submitted POETRY must be typewritten on one side of an 8 ½” x 11” sheet of paper. **Do not** put your name on the poem.
3. **On the back** of your poem, 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. 6/14/96.
4. Next, fill out the Official Entry & Release Form. It is especially important to have your parent/guardian or your teacher sign the form to certify that your poem is original. Any evidence of plagiarism will disqualify the entry.
5. Final step! Deliver your poetry and Official Entry and Release Form by **March 1, 2010** to:

**Will Power Coordinator, Riverside Theatre  
213 N. Gilbert St.  
Iowa City, IA 52245**

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

- *What You WILL* Poetry Contest winners receive cash prizes!  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$75      2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$50      3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$25**
- Poetry Contest winners receive 2 free tickets to the special Will Power performance of *Romeo and Juliet* on Thursday, June 17. Winners will be recognized at the performance. Additional tickets for family members may be purchased for \$15 per person.
- Winning poems will be printed in the Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival playbill.
- Selected entries will be proudly displayed at MidWestOne Bank 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: Jennifer Fawcett,  
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