

Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival and MidWest *One* Bank present:

Will Power Sonnet Contest

Grades 9-12

It's 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.

“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 check our website for writing tips 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. 6/14/94.
4. Next, fill out the Official Entry & Release Form. It is especially important to have your parent/guardian or 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 **March 1, 2010** to:

**Will Power Coordinator, Riverside Theatre
213 N. 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 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 sonnets will be printed in the Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival playbill.
- Selected entries will be proudly displayed at MidWest *One* 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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