

Guidelines to the 2009 Shawnee Theatre Talent Competition

We are excited that you are interested in competing in Shawnee's 1st Talent Competition fundraiser! As part of our 50th season, we are excited to reward the talent of our community. There are just a few steps and guidelines to our competition. If you have any questions please email shawneeauditions@gmail.com.

- 1) The competition is performance based. That means that we are looking for talents such as: musical ability, comedy routines, acting routines, dancing, etc. A great number of talents can fit under this umbrella.
- 2) The competition is meant to be family friendly. Songs and/or routines of adult nature will not be considered for the semifinals.
- 3) Entries may have a maximum number of four participants. Solo performances are encouraged. However, four person coral groups are welcomed as well.
- 4) There is a mandatory \$5 entry fee per entry. Entry fees will be collected the day of the initial audition on May 30, 2009.

Semi-Final Competition Prizes

- 1) All semi-finalists will win 1 season ticket to the Shawnee Theatre's 50th Season.
- 2) One Entry will be selected from each Semi-Final Competition on June 15, 16 and 17, 2009 at 8pm, to compete in the final competition on June 20, 2009 at 3pm. Each one of these competitors will be awarded a prize of \$50.

Grand Prizes

During the final competition cash prizes will be given for the following winning entries:

- 3rd Place: \$250
- 2nd Place \$500
- 1st Place: \$1000

The Competition will work as follows:

- 1) We will accept 60 preliminary competitors that will compete on May 30, 2009. A panel of three individuals from the Shawnee Theatre will assess them.
- 2) 24-30 competitors out of the chosen 60 will be selected to go on the Semi-Final rounds which will take place on June 15, 16, and 17, 2009 at 8pm.
- 3) During the Semi-Final round, the competitors will display their routine in front of a live audience during the first half of a performance.
- 4) The audience will vote on their favorite talent entry at intermission. During the second act, performers from the Shawnee Company will entertain the audience while votes are being counted.
- 5) One winner will be declared every night of the semifinal competition and will go on to compete in the Finals.

- 6) The Final Competition will work much like the Semi-Finals. The 3 finalists will demonstrate their talent during the 1st half of the evening. The audience will again vote during intermission. The votes will be counted and the winners will be declared at the end of the 2nd half of the evening.

To Sign Up

Please email shawneeauditions@gmail.com to obtain an audition slot. You will have a ten-minute slot in order to show your talent. Please plan for any set up or take down time you will need. If you need accompaniment it will be your responsibility to bring a boom box and CD in order to audition. All auditions will take place in the lobby of the Shawnee Theatre. For directions to the theatre please see www.shawneetheatre.org and click Directions.