



2007 National Shakespeare Competition

The English-Speaking Union of the United States

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Winner's Information Sheet

Congratulations! You are one of the 58 English-Speaking Union Branch winners nationwide who will compete in the 2007 National Shakespeare Competition in NYC. First prize is a scholarship provided by the British American Drama Academy (BADA) to their four-week *Midsummer in Oxford* drama program in classical theater. This year's competition will take place on **April 21-24, 2007**.

- You will arrive in New York on Saturday afternoon and be met by a representative of the English-Speaking Union of the United States.
- You will take a tour of NYC and participate in an acting class.
- The semi-finals and finals will be held on Monday morning, April 23rd.
- There will be a dinner cruise on Monday evening to celebrate all contestants.
- You will leave for home on Tuesday morning.

Please ask you parent or guardian to call us immediately at (212) 818-1200 for important travel information.

Here are some frequently asked questions about the competition in New York City:

- **How do I get to New York City?** As soon as your Branch confirms that you are the winner of its local competition, have your parent or guardian call us to discuss your travel arrangements.
- **Can my parents attend the competition?** Yes. Parents and relatives are most welcome to attend, and we have planned some activities for them as well.
- **What if I want to travel with my parents or teacher?** If your parents and/or teachers plan to accompany you to New York, you may not require our assistance in making travel plans. Please notify the National Headquarters immediately if this is the case.
- **Can I stay with my parents?** Although you have the option of traveling with your parents, you will be required to stay with the other competitors in accommodations organized by the ESU.
- **I have friends/relatives who live in New York and/or wish to accompany me to New York. Will I be able to spend time with them?** The competition weekend is both exhilarating and exhausting, filled with events related to the National Shakespeare Competition. There really is no time for activities outside of these events. Your friends and family may attend the competition. We will also invite them to our gala dinner cruise at the conclusion of the finals.
- **What should I wear?** The weather in New York in spring is unpredictable. The days can be quite warm, but the temperature drops as soon as the sun sets, so be sure to bring a jacket. Also, you will be doing quite a bit of walking during the weekend, so bring both appropriate footwear and an umbrella. Please keep in mind that each contestant will be permitted only one travel bag and one carry-on.
- **Do I need to bring any money?** All of your meals and transportation will be provided by the English-Speaking Union. The only spending most contestants do is to buy souvenirs.