

THE READING CIVIC THEATRE



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2018

5pm – Double Tree Hotel

**Featuring a Scholarship Competition for Berks
County High School Students in Theatre & Music**

At least \$1,200 in Scholarship Funds to be awarded

CONTESTANT RULES

ELIGIBILITY:

The following requirements apply to your eligibility for attending the audition and Gala event.

- You are in 11th or 12th Grade at your school.
- You can attend an Audition on October 28th or October 29th at RCT at a time to be determined.
- You sign up for an audition time by the deadline. (Friday September 29, 2017)
- You and a parent or legal guardian will attend the RCT Gala from 5-10pm on February 17, 2018 at the Double Tree Hotel in Reading.
- You are not related to one of the Gala Judges (Names will be provided by the audition).
Note: It is okay if you are related to an RCT member, or are an RCT member yourself.

THE AUDITION PROCESS

SIGN UP:

Auditions will be held on October 28th & October 29th (Saturday & Sunday) at RCT located on 124 N. 10th St., Reading PA 19603. You MUST schedule your audition by 12 noon Friday, September 29th via email to rctgala2018@outlook.com. The email must contain your name, your school, your teacher if they nominated you and the day (Saturday/Sunday) that you would like for your audition *. Time slots will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis and you will be emailed back with your time by Friday, October 13th. Please be aware that there may be up to 100 students attending so sign up early to ensure a spot.

* Saturday auditions will begin at 10:00 am at ten minute intervals. Sunday auditions will begin at 1:00 pm at ten minute intervals.

PROCEDURE:

Plan on arriving at the audition 15 minutes prior to your assigned time to sign in and do any last minute preparation. No props may be used.

When called, you will have 5 minutes total on stage to setup, introduce yourself and sing your audition piece. People who exceed that time will be asked to stop and judged based on their completed segment only.

WHAT TO BRING:

Two (2) forms of ID that show proof of your age and photo. (ie. birth certificate and your school ID or driver's license or state ID). At least one of these forms must have your photo.

Two (2) copies of your pre-recorded, non-vocal musical accompaniment on a CD (Please test your CD on a CD player before arrival). No live music, no accompanist and no "a cappella" allowed.

You will be allowed only 1 family member to accompany you in the audition due to limited space.

Your audition registration fee of \$10 in cash or check made payable to Reading Civic Theatre.

A complete and signed release form that was emailed to you along with your Audition time slot. Additional copies can be found at the RCT website www.readingcivic.org or on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ReadingCivicTheater

WHAT TO SING:

Material must be drawn from published scripts written for theatre only. **The song should be age appropriate and should be able to be sung comfortably in your vocal range.** Works from other forms such as film or television, poetry, fiction or popular song lyrics are not permitted.

YOU WILL BE GRADED ON:

This audition is for RCT to identify 10 contestants that will perform at the Gala to compete for Scholarship Funds. There may be up to 100 students performing at these auditions.

You will be evaluated in the following areas:

- Character:
 - Clear character development
 - Establishment of mood or setting
 - Consistency and believability
 - Timing and pace
- Voice:
 - Projection
 - Pitch, tone
 - Diction, vocal honesty
 - Interpretation
 - Energy
 - Connection to movement
- Movement:
 - Use of body to convey character
 - Staging, use of space
 - Stage presence
 - Gestures and nuances
 - Connection to voice
- Overall Presentation:
 - Appropriate material, within your ability
 - Lines/blocking memorized
 - Commitment to the scene
 - Focus and concentration
 - Talent well showcased

AUDITION RESULTS AND GALA

NOTIFICATION:

Ten final contestants will be notified together, by November 10, 2017, of RCT's acceptance for them to perform at the Gala. Notification will be made by email from rctgala2018@outlook.com. RCT reserves the right to reduce the number of Final Contestants that perform at the Gala if there are last minute drop-outs (after Friday, December 15, 2017) or not enough qualified Audition contestants.

If you are not notified you did not make it this year, but can certainly try again next year.

SONG ASSIGNMENT:

After you are notified of RCT's acceptance, you will have until Friday, December 1, 2017 to email back to RCT at rctgala2018@outlook.com at least three (3) songs, in preference order, to possibly perform at the Gala along with the name of the musical it is performed in. The reason for this is that although you will only be performing one (1) song at the Gala, there will be no duplicate songs performed among the 10 contestants. Therefore, you are not guaranteed one of the songs you initially submitted. The assignment of the song to each contestant will be based on a first come first serve basis using the email date and time received and the song preference (1,2,3) of the contestant. RCT reserves the right to request a resubmission of song preferences if any exact duplicates arise, or if your song preferences are already taken. All ten final contestants will be notified together, by Friday, December 8th, 2017, the song assignment. Note: You can submit the same song you performed at the audition.

PICTURE & BIO:

Each contestant will need to submit a bio which will be used in the Gala Program and other advertisements. The bio is to be no more than 75 words (not including your name, school and age.) Headshots will be taken after the mandatory meeting on December 10th. Bios are to be submitted, via email to rctgala2018@outlook.com by Friday, December 8th.

THE GALA:

A **mandatory** meeting will be held on Sunday, December 10th at 1:00 pm at RCT, located on 124 N. 10th St., Reading PA 19603, to review the activities for the Gala, answer any questions, review bio's and song assignments, review judging process, rules and awards, confirm release forms and purchase tickets (if needed). Please bring a CD of your gala song to this meeting. **The parent or legal guardian that will accompany the student to the Gala will need to attend this meeting.** This is a very important meeting as a lot of information will be reviewed and discussed.

Each of the 10 contestants will be provided a seat at the Gala, however, the parent or legal guardian will need to purchase a ticket. Go to www.Readingcivic.org to purchase your tickets. Be sure to include on the order form the contestant and the parent/guardian's food selections. To make it convenient, order forms and monies can be handed in at the mandatory meeting on December 10th.