

THE READING CIVIC THEATRE



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2021

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 24th or October 25th, 2020 at RCT at a time to be determined.
- You sign up for an audition time by the deadline, Friday October 2, 2020
- You and a parent or legal guardian will attend the RCT Gala from 5-10 pm on February 13, 2021 at the Double Tree Hotel in Reading.
- You are not related to, or be a student of, a Gala judge. The names of the judges will be provided by the audition. Note: You may be related to or a student of an RCT member or be an RCT member yourself.

The Audition Process

SIGN UP:

Auditions will be held on October 24 and October 25 (Saturday and Sunday) at RCT located at 126 N. 10th St., Reading PA 19603. You **MUST** schedule your audition by 12 noon Friday, October 2 via email to rctgala2021@outlook.com. The email must contain your name, school, teacher who nominated you (if applicable), 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 receive an email back with your day/time by Friday, October 9. To secure the audition date/time of your choice, email your preference early. They will be scheduled on a first come-first serve basis.

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

The purpose of the audition is the selection of 10 contestants that will perform at the Gala in competition for Scholarship Funds.

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 will be judged based on their completed segment only.

WHAT TO BRING:

1. Two (2) forms of ID that show proof of your age and photo - birth certificate and one of the following photo IDs: your school ID, driver's license, or state ID). At least one of these forms must have your photo.
2. Two (2) copies of your pre-recorded, non-vocal musical accompaniment on a flash drive or cd. Please test your flash drives/cds before arrival and label with your name. No live music, no accompanist and no "a cappella" allowed.
3. You will be allowed only 1 family member to accompany you in the audition due to limited space.
4. Your audition registration fee of **\$10 in cash or check** made payable to "Reading Civic Theatre."

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 evaluated in the following areas:

Character:

- o Clear character development
- o Establishment of mood or setting
- o Consistency and believability
- o Timing and pace

Voice:

- o Projection
- o Pitch, tone
- o Diction, vocal honesty
- o Interpretation
- o Energy
- o Connection to movement

Movement:

- o Use of body to convey character
- o Staging, use of space
- o Stage presence
- o Gestures and nuances
- o Connection to voice

Overall Presentation:

- o Appropriate material within your ability
- o Lines/blocking memorized
- o Commitment to the scene
- o Focus and concentration
- o Talent well showcased

NOTIFICATION:

The ten final contestants will be notified through email (rctgala2021@outlook.com) by Friday November 6, 2020 of their selection to perform at the Gala. RCT reserves the right to reduce the number of final contestants that perform at the Gala if there are last minute openings (after Friday, December 11, 2020) or there are not enough qualified audition contestants.

If you were not selected for the Gala this year, you are invited to audition next year.

SONG ASSIGNMENT:

If you are notified of RCT's acceptance as a Gala contestant, you will have until Friday, November 27, 2020 to email your list of songs that you would like to perform at the Gala. This list should include least three (3) songs and the musicals they are from. 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 there are exact duplicates or if your song preferences have already been assigned to another contestant. All ten final contestants will be notified, by Friday, December 4, 2020, of their song assignment. Note: You may submit the same song you performed at the audition.

HEADSHOTS & 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.) Submit your bios via email to rctgala2021@outlook.com by Thursday, December 31, 2020. Headshots will be taken at the meeting in January.

THE GALA:

A mandatory meeting will be held on Sunday, January 10, 2021 at 1:00 pm at RCT, located at 126 N. 10th St., Reading PA 19603, to review the activities for the Gala, answer questions, review bios and song assignments, review the judging process, rules, awards, confirm the release forms, and purchase tickets (if needed). Please bring 2 copies on flash drive/cd of your gala song labeled with your name to this meeting. A parent or legal guardian must accompany the contestant to this meeting and will **need to sign a Release form**. 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 back of 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 January 10.

