

DEUTSCHES

THEATERFEST

San Diego

Come and compete for prizes in various categories or just watch and enjoy a fun and entertaining day of German Theater!

We cordially invite you and your students to participate in the **4th Annual German Theater Festival and Competition**, which will take place on **Saturday, May 8, 2010.**

The Theaterfest will again be held at the Patrick Henry High School Auditorium in San Diego.

Dramatic presentations in German of **10 - 15 MINUTES IN LENGTH** will be judged by a jury consisting of German professors and representatives of German Cultural Institutions.

Performances will be judged on the basis of **language proficiency, creativity and acting skills**, as well as **appropriateness of material to the level of the group.**

Prizes will be awarded on different language levels for Elementary School, Middle School, High School and College. Additional prizes will be given out for a) Best Acting and b) Creativity (original writing and/or costumes and/or set).

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

AUDITORIUM: STAGE DIMENSIONS

26 feet wide & 26 feet deep Wings: 8 feet

There is no entrance fee for the competition, but **donations at the door are welcomed!**

Participating groups must provide their own transportation to and from Patrick Henry High School.

Participants should plan to spend the entire or part of the morning and early afternoon at the school in order to present their performance, watch other contestants, and participate in the awards ceremony and **raffle** at the conclusion of the Theaterfest.

Snacks and drinks (pizza, cookies, water, etc.) will be offered for a small fee by the AATG in front of the auditorium.

Presentation Rules

1. Presentations may consist of
 - a one-act play
 - a scene from a longer drama
 - an adaptation of existing material
 - an original dramatization or skit.

 - A video of a skit (also original material) - **For colleges and universities ONLY!!**
2. The presentations should be **no less than 10 minutes in length and MUST NOT EXCEED 15 MINUTES!** Teachers or instructors of German may not participate as actors. **All parts must be memorized.** Groups are permitted to use a student prompter.
3. Students, whose native language is German, should not play major roles. If you have many native speakers, please let the jury know before the performance. The skit will then be judged in a different category.
4. Students should arrive at the auditorium in costumes and makeup, if possible!
5. Basic furniture items (2-3 tables, wooden chairs) as well as some wall panels painted with trees will be available on stage. **Additional special needs and all hand props must be provided by each group.**
6. Each group is responsible for setting up and striking its own set. There will be a short break (max. 5 min.) between performances for this purpose.
7. Front curtains and stage lighting will be provided. Special lighting effects (other than dimming or blackouts) **are not possible!** A big projection screen as well as a CD/DVD player will be available.

8. COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Students may also participate with self-produced videos!

Each video presentation should not exceed 10 Min! Have your students write their own skit (an advertisement, a funny skit, etc.) or use published material (an act from a play, or e.g., a skit by a German comedian). The rules listed above (#1- #7) also apply to video presentations. In addition, please make sure that your video doesn't contain any sexual or violent material, since there will be elementary school students in the audience and among the participants. If you have questions regarding this matter, please email the Theaterfest committee at aronke12@gmail.com or dorisherwig@hotmail.com.

You must bring the presentation in DVD format and drop it off at the tech station in the back of the auditorium immediately upon arrival. Students or their teachers should supply their own lap top computer, if needed.

9. The **deadline for submission** of entry forms for the competition is:

Friday, April 16, 2010

Schools or individual college students wishing to participate are asked to fill out the **ENTRY FORM** (Anmeldefomular) and to provide a **brief English summary** (one paragraph) of their presentation.

We are looking forward to your participation!

