



Dear Educator:

The San Diego branch of the English-Speaking Union is hosting a poster contest to promote the **2009 SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION** for high school students.

The student who designs the winning poster will receive a \$100.00 prize, an invitation to the 2009 competition, and name-recognition in the 2009 program. The poster will be displayed in schools throughout San Diego.

Rules for the poster contest are:

1. Size: 11 x 17 inches
2. Full color
3. It needs to be appealing and interesting, creative and able to catch one's attention on a cluttered bulletin board
4. It must include the following info:

## **24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION**

**First Prize: \$300.00, plus a trip to New York to compete in the  
National Competition**

**Second Prize: \$150.00**

**Open to students in the 10<sup>th</sup> through 12 grades**

**Contact your English or Drama Teacher**

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5. The due date is June 30, 2008 and should be submitted by electronic media containing the student's name, school name and a contact phone number. It should be submitted to Rhoda Auer, P.O. Box 880708, San Diego, CA 92168 or [rhodahar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rhodahar@sbcglobal.net).

A sample of a winning poster for the Cincinnati branch appears below:



Annually, students from the 60 ESU Branches across the United States explore the beauty and scope of Shakespeare's language through the interpretation and performance of his monologues and sonnets. Students participate in three qualifying stages: at their school, Branch, and national levels. The National Competition winner is awarded a full tuition scholarship to the British American Drama Academy's *Midsummer Conservatory Program* in Oxford, England.

Please encourage as many of your students as possible to participate. We will judge the entries over the summer and announce the winner in September. For additional information, please contact Rhoda Auer at (858) 874-5260 or [rhodahar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rhodahar@sbcglobal.net).