

NSAL FLORIDA
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**THE MARK BRUCE & MARILYN LEE SWILLINGER
MUSICAL THEATER COMPETITION**

presented by NSAL Florida

**OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS
IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2027

10 AM

AT

LYNN UNIVERSITY, BOCA RATON

Applications Due By March 13, 2027

FIRST PRIZE: \$3,500

SECOND PRIZE: \$2,000

THIRD PRIZE: \$1,500

For Information Contact: President Shari Upbin
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2027

The National Society of Arts & Letters – NSAL Florida

The Mark Bruce & Marilyn Lee Swillinger

Musical Theater Competition Award

Saturday, March 27, 2027 – Morning

Lynn University, Boca Raton, FL

Competition Rules & Performance Requirements

- 1 Contestants must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States or US Territories with a valid taxpayer identification number or social security number. Contestants must have a valid United States Social Security number and a United States residence address.
- 2 Contestants must show career potential but not be under exclusive contract to a theater, film or television agent at the time of competition and must not be under professional management.
- 3 Competition is open to all high school students who are currently in their junior or senior year of high school as of Saturday, March 27, 2027. Proof of current grade level and school enrollment must be supplied (for example, a current school ID or a letter/printout verifying enrollment).
- 4 Contestants may not be related to any member of NSAL involved in any decisions relating to this competition.
- 5 The meaning and interpretation of the above rules, along with any related contestant rules, will be determined by NSAL Florida. If such meaning or interpretation is questioned or not understood, the decision of NSAL Florida will be final and binding.

Performance Requirements

- 1 Contestants must present two songs. Contestant's vocal selections must be from the genre of American Musical Theater. Vocal selections must be from a published, produced work of musical theater and contestants must cite publisher and year(s) of publication and initial production on their application. Each contestant must provide the judges with one copy of each of their songs upon arriving for the competition.

Vocal selections should include one song from the Golden Age of Musicals (prior to 1960) and the

- 2 Contemporary Musical Theater era (after 1960).

- 3 Contestant's vocal selections must include one up-tempo / comedy song and one ballad / soliloquy / lyric song. Selections must demonstrate contrasting characteristics.

- 4 Upon entering the stage, contestants will announce their contestant number, and the order of their performance pieces; including the titles of their songs and the title of the musicals from which they are taken, and the name of their characters in each. The announcement time will not count in the performance time.

- 5 The total performance time may not exceed six (6) minutes for both songs. Transition time will be included in the timing.

- 6 Contestants will begin their performance after the timekeeper has announced "begin". If a contestant's performance exceeds 6 minutes the timekeeper will call "stop", at which time the contestant must end their performance.

- 7 A chair will be available on stage. Hand props, costumes or recorded music / sound are not permitted.

Performance attire: Contestants must wear all black clothing and black shoes for their performance in the competition. Contestants are not to wear articles of clothing or jewelry that can be used as props.

Contestant Number

Postmark Date

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Contestant Application Form:

Application deadline: March 13, 2027. You will find contact information below. Competition: Saturday, March 27, 2027, at Lynn University, Boca Raton, FL.

(Please print in black ink or type—complete all pages.)

Name: _____

First

Middle

Last

Current Street/Apt. Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Telephone _____ FAX _____

Address where I can also be reached:

C/O Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

High School Currently Attending _____

Current Grade (Junior or Senior) _____ Expected Graduation Year _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Sex and Preferred Pronouns _____

Social Security Number _____

(All monetary awards are taxable by the IRS.)

U.S. citizen? Yes _____ No _____

If No, form of legal residence: _____

Other form of legal residence _____

Enclose a photocopy of a document verifying your date of birth (birth certificate or passport) and a document verifying current high school enrollment and grade level (student ID or enrollment letter).

Audition Selections:

First Song: _____

Musical from which song originated: _____

Publisher: _____

Book, Music, Lyrics by: _____

Date of musical's original production: _____

Second Song: _____

Musical from which song originated: _____

Book, Music and Lyrics by: _____

Publisher: _____

Date of musical's original production: _____

Performance Highlights, Honors and Awards

DECLARATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete. I agree to conform to the rules and regulations of the competition. I further certify that I am not under professional management and that I am currently enrolled as a junior or senior in high school.

Image Release: My name and photograph may be used on the NSAL website, social media and any other media NSAL uses to market and promote the organization. Winning contestants will be expected to sign a release form.

Award-winning contestants will be expected to update NSAL from time to time on major career developments.

Signature of contestant _____ Date _____

CHECKLIST FOR COMPLETE APPLICATION INCLUDES:

_____ Photocopy of a valid legal document verifying your date of birth (valid birth certificate, passport, naturalization papers or permanent alien registration card)

_____ Proof of current high school enrollment and grade level (student ID or enrollment letter)

_____ JPEG of contestant's headshot (Please, no name on resume or headshot.)

_____ Copies of clearly marked sheet music for the accompanist

_____ Completed application form

EMAIL APPLICATION AND MATERIALS TO: Shari Upbin

DEADLINE: MARCH 13, 2027

Contact: ShariUpbin@gmail.com