59th OTERO ARTS FESTIVAL
STORY TELLING COMPETITION – APRIL 1, 2015
RULES AND REGULATIONS

Storytelling is the art of using language, vocalization, and/or physical movement and gesture to reveal the elements and images of a story to a specific, live audience. A central, unique aspect of storytelling is its reliance on the audience to develop visual imagery and detail to complete and co-create the story.

Story Telling Competition is a competition in which participants use language, vocalization, physical movement and gesture to reveal or interpret the elements and images of a story.

1. Storytelling styles are oral narratives and spoken word.
2. Genres that may be used are historical tales, oral histories, family stories, personal stories, and proverbs.
3. Contestants will have 5 to 7 minutes for the presentation of the story.
4. Contestants must provide a typed copy of the story (on 8-1/2” by 11” white paper, double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12 point font) on the day of the competition.
5. Time will start when the contestant first speaks.
6. The judges will signal time to the participant(s) using flags:
   a. Green flag: the participant begins his/her story-telling. (5-7 minutes)
   b. Yellow flag: the story-telling has been performed for 5 minutes (minimum time).
   c. Red flag: the time is up (7 minutes = maximum time).
7. 15 seconds will be given as a grace period after the 7th minute. If the story has not yet been finished, the judges will give 5 knocks to signal that time is up.
8. The grace period will affect the score; every second past the tolerance time will reduce the score by 1 point.
9. The score margin is 0 to 100.
10. The judges’ decision is final.
11. Scoring Criteria:
   a. Content (Story is delivered in logical order and is appropriate to the theme.)
   b. Pronunciation (Articulation and Intonation)
   c. Fluency (Pace, Voice Quality, Vocal Expression)
   d. Performance (Confidence, Gesture, Mimicry)
   e. Creativity
   f. Time Management
   *The Maximum Point for each criteria is 4 and The Minimum Point for each criteria is 1.
   *The Final score is Total Points times 5.
10. Presentation of pictures is not allowed.
11. The story must be original and relevant to the theme.
12. Conservative attire is required.
13. Participants may not use props or costumes.
14. No mechanical or electronically produced sound effects are allowed.
15. The story must be delivered from memory and any movement is confined to the performance area (approximately 6’ by 8”).
16. Microphones will not be available for performers.