

fallen branches a project to benefit the family tree

About The Audrey Herman Spotlighters Theatre

Think ~ Feel ~ Act

Since 1962, The Audrey Herman Spotlighters Theatre has continued to provide the Baltimore community with exceptional, creative, diverse and affordable theatrical productions which stimulate and entertain both audience and artist. Flourishing under the leadership and artistic vision of Audrey Herman for more than 37 years, Spotlighters presented a new show every month allowing for a wide variety of productions and opportunities for directors, designers and actors in Baltimore. Several alumni, many who had their first theatre experience on the Spotlighters stage, have gone on to receive Tony Awards, Emmy Awards, Obie Awards, and Academy Award nominations.



Following Audrey's death in 1999, the theatre began its transition into a Maryland Public Charity. Today, Spotlighters is a recognized 501(c)(3) organization continuing Audrey's vision of providing a variety of quality theatre and opportunities for new artists to develop and refine their skills. Spotlighters also strives to increase and enhance the community's appreciation for and participation in the experience that is live theatre.

About The Family Tree



Providing Solutions. Preventing Child Abuse

The Family Tree is Maryland's leading 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to improving the community by providing families with proven solutions to prevent child abuse and neglect. Since 1974, The Family Tree has led the way in building awareness, educating and inspiring hope to everyone involved in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect in Maryland. They know that the quality of parenting can effect child development and behavior for a lifetime.

The Family Tree serves as the state's exclusive Parents Anonymous® and Prevent Child Abuse America chapters and is also an affiliate of the National Exchange Club Foundation. Every year, the organization reaches over 20,000 people through evidence informed parenting education, training, and public awareness activities.

Every family has the tools to raise children to become healthy, productive and competent adults. An investment today in childhood saves lives, preserves families, reduces crime, improves educational results for our children and is the best bet for our community's economic development initiatives. As a leader in the fight against child abuse and neglect, The Family Tree gives Maryland's children and families a possibility of a brighter future.

Writing Competition 2010 Application

Personal Information:

Full Name: _____ D.O.B.: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Day - () - /Evening - () -

Email: _____ @ _____

Preferred Method of Contact: Day Evening Email

Submission Information:

Title of Submission: _____

Length of Submission: _____ pages / _____ minutes

Number of Performers Needed: 1 2 3 4

Comments/Notes About Submission: _____

Yes, if chosen, I would be willing to be involved in the production process of this piece.

Yes, I would be willing to adapt (or allow adaptations to) this piece to better fit the overall production or space and time constraints.

I certify that all above information is valid and correct. I have read and agree to the guidelines, terms and conditions of the competition.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (If Applicant is Under 18) _____ Date _____

Writing Competition Terms and Conditions

1. Rights: Submitting an entry to the Fallen Branches project grants The Audrey Herman Spotlighters Theatre performance rights for the entry piece for purposes of the benefit production for the duration of the project and publishing rights for a compilation of submitted works without compensation at any point. Copyright to entry remains that of the author.
2. Entry must be an original, unpublished work written by the applicant.
3. Only 2 entries per applicant will be accepted.
4. Winning Entries:
 - a. To be chosen by a selection committee designated by the project's artistic team
 - b. Number of winners to be determined by length of submissions. Chances of winning to be determined by number of submissions and length of submissions.
 - c. Chosen submissions will be compiled into a staged performance that will be presented at The Audrey Herman Spotlighters Theatre in Baltimore, MD (Spring 2010).
 - d. Winning and honorable mention submissions may be printed into a bound book and sold before performances online and during performances at the theatre.
 - f. All proceeds raised from this project will be donated to The Family Tree and The Audrey Herman Spotlighters Theatre.
 - g. Authors of winning submissions will be notified by November 1, 2009.
5. All entries must be received by midnight on September 15, 2009.
6. Selections from submissions chosen for performance may be used in publicity for the project including, but not limited to website, press releases, and future advertisements, without compensation to the author(s).

Questions or Concerns??

Email Us:

FallenBranches@spotlighters.org

For more information on this year's project or to see photos from Fallen Branches 2008, please visit:

www.spotlighters.org/fallenbranches

Writing Competition 2010 Guidelines

Submission Guidelines:

1. Number of performers: Each piece may use 1-4 performers.
2. Performance length: Minimum of 2 minutes, Max of 10 minutes.
3. Theme: Child Abuse and Neglect
4. All entries must be original, non-published work.
Entries can be fiction or non-fiction
5. Only 2 entries per applicant will be accepted.

Entry Format Guidelines:

1. 12 pt. font (Times New Roman or Arial)
2. 1" margins
3. Electronic entries must be in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) or PDF (.pdf) file format
4. Title and page number must be in upper right hand corner of each page
5. Mark end of piece by typing "END" after the last line
6. Name should not appear on writing entry; all requested personal information should be listed on application

How to Submit:

All submissions must be accompanied by completed application form to be accepted.

To Submit Electronically:

1. Fill out application form and save.
2. Send an email to: FallenBranches@spotlighters.org
 - a. Attach both documents -
 - i. Completed application form
 - ii. Writing submission in MS Word or PDF
3. Subject line: Submission — Fallen Branches

To Submit by Mail:

1. Fill out application form and print out.
2. Mail completed application and writing submission to:
Fallen Branches Submission
c/o The Audrey Herman Spotlighters Theatre
817 St. Paul Street
Baltimore, MD 21202



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As a benefit to raise money for Spotlighters and The Family Tree of Maryland, Fallen Branches is a project consisting of three components:

- Writing competition
- Visual Art competition
- Theatrical production and display of winning submissions

The production promises to be an emotional journey to help raise money and awareness for the prevention and ending of child abuse and neglect.



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