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Speech and Drama

2024

Dates:

Monday 19th August to Friday 23rd August

(Subject to entries)

VENUE:

Australian Catholic University (ACU)

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**SECTIONS**

UNDER 8 YEARS

**600 NURSERY RHYME OR RHYME ~ Entry Fee $8**

* Own Choice, memorised
* Time limit ~ 2 minutes
* Prizes: Medals First, Second & Third. HM & HC Ribbons

UNDER 10 YEARS

**610 RECITITATION ~ Entry Fee $15**

* Own Choice poetry, memorised
* Time Limit ~ 2 minutes
* Prizes: Medals First, Second & Third. HM & HC Ribbons

**611 PREPARED READING OF OWN CHOICE ~ Entry Fee $15**

* Prose
* Time Limit: 2 minutes
* Prizes: Medals First, Second & Third. HM & HC Ribbons

**612 ROALD DAHL IN COSTUME ~ Entry Fee $15**

* Any selection from Roald Dahl, memorised
* Time Limit: 2 Minutes
* Prizes: Medals First, Second & Third. HM & HC Ribbons

**613 IMPROMPTU MIME ~ Entry Fee $15**

* Choice of three subjects
* Preparation time: 30 seconds
* Time Limit: 1 minute. A warning bell will be rung at 30 seconds and a double bell will be rung at 1 minute.
* All competitors must be present at the commencement of this section
* Prizes: Medals First, Second & Third. HM & HC Ribbons

**614 POEM FOR TWO ~ Entry Fee $15**

* Prepared reading.
* Two competitors share the reading of a poem for two – must also include some unison work
* Time Limit: 3 minutes
* Prizes: Medals First, Second & Third. HM & HC Ribbons

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR UNDER 10 YEARS

**THE KAVAL FAMILY PRIZE:** $20 and a trophy will be awarded to the competitor with the highest combined points scored in sections 610, 611, 612 & 613 using the aggregate scoring method. (General Rule 7.3)

UNDER 12 YEARS

**Medals kindly donated by the Margery James Trust Fund for the Under 12 section.**

**620 RECITATION ~ Entry Fee $15**

* Own Choice poetry, memorised
* Time Limit: 2 Minutes
* Prizes: Medals First, Second & Third. HM & HC Ribbons

**621 PREPARED READING OF OWN CHOICE ~ Entry Fee $15**

* Prose
* Time Limit: 2 minutes
* Prizes: Medals First, Second & Third. HM & HC Ribbons

**622 CHARACTER PERFORMANCE ~ Entry Fee $15**

* Own choice selection one character from a play, novel or film memorised.
* Characters should be located within an imagined scene
* Time Limit: 2 minutes
* Prizes: Medals First, Second & Third. HM & HC Ribbons

**623 IMPROVISATION WITH OBJECT ~ Entry Fee $15**

* While this is first and foremost an improvisation with object sections, the object may be used to prompt an improvisation in a story telling genre. Competitors will have a choice of three physical objects; they choose one with which to develop their improvisation on stage. The object may be believably transformed eg: a wooden spoon may become a wand.
* Preparation time: 30 seconds
* Time Limit: 2 minutes. A warning bell will be rung at 1 minute 30 seconds.
* Prizes: Medals First, Second & Third. HM & HC Ribbons

**624 DEVISED FAIRYTALE CHARACTER IN COSTUME ~ Entry Fee $15**

* Any character from a fairy tale, fable, legend, or myth, or similar, devised in a scene that differs from the original story, by the competitor. The character may be presented in any context (not necessarily in the context of the original story) but must be recognisable as coming from a fairy-tale (e.g., the witch from Snow White is not the same as the witch in Hansel & Gretel.)
* Time Limit: 2 minutes
* Prizes: Medals First, Second & Third. HM & HC Ribbons

**625 POEM FOR TWO ~ Entry Fee $15**

* Prepared reading
* Two competitors share the reading of a poem for two, must include some unison work
* Time Limit: 3 minutes
* Prizes: Medals First, Second & Third. HM & HC Ribbons

**626 DEVISED SCENE ~ Entry Fee $22**

* Groups of two, three or four members.
* Three subjects to be chosen by the adjudicator which will be sent to competitors after entries close
* Time Limit: 2 minutes
* Prizes: Medals First, Second & Third. HM & HC Ribbons

SPECIAL AWARDS UNDER 12 YEARS

**SALLY VAWDREY MEMORIAL PRIZE**

* The six competitors with the highest combined scores in sections 620 and 622 are invited to compete for the Sally Vawdrey Memorial Prize.
* This is awarded to the competitor who according to the adjudicator, performs best in a short impromptu poetry reading. The poem will be selected by the committee.
* Competitors will be given one minute to look over the poem prior to beginning.
* Appropriate allowances will be made for children with reading disabilities.
* Prize Money for this award kindly donated by families of Ballarat & Queens Anglican Grammar School.
* Prizes: First $100, Second $50 & Third $25

**Campion Education (Aust) Pty Ltd AGGREGATE PRIZE**

* $25 voucher will be awarded to the competitor who is the winner of sections 620, 621, 622, 623 and 626 using the aggregate scoring method. (General Rule 6.3)

**Campion Education (Aust) Pty Ltd ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS**

* Two $20 book vouchers will be awarded at the discretion of the adjudicator, to competitors who have not placed first, second or third in any solo section and are worthy of encouragement.

UNDER 14 YEARS

**630 RECITATION ~ Entry Fee $15**

* Own choice poetry, memorised
* Time Limit: 3 minutes
* Prizes: First $25 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons
* Prize money donated by the Adam Lindsay Gordon Memorial Fund.

**631 PREPARED READING OF OWN CHOICE ~ Entry Fee $15**

* Prose
* Time Limit: 3 minutes
* Prizes: First $25 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons
* Prize money donated by the Adam Lindsay Gordon Memorial Fund.

**632 CHARACTER PERFORMANCE (or recital)~ Entry Fee $15**

* One character from a play, novel or film own choice, memorised
* Characters should be located within an imagined scene
* Time Limit: 3 minutes
* Prizes: First $25 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons
* Prize money donated by the Adam Lindsay Gordon Memorial Fund.

**633 IMPROVISATION BASED ON A HAT ~ Entry Fee $15**

* Competitors will draw a hat out of a bag and are required to develop an improvisation around the hat.
* Preparation time: 30 seconds
* Time Limit: 2 minutes. A warning bell will sound at 1 minute 30 seconds
* Prizes: Margery James Trust Fund First $25 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons

**634 DEVISED FAIRYTALE CHARACTER IN COSTUME ~ Entry Fee $15**

* Any character from a fairy tale, fable, legend, or myth or similar, devised in a scene that differs from the original story, by the competitor. The character may be presented in any context (not necessarily in the context of the original story) but must be recognisable as coming from a fairy-tale (e.g. the witch from Snow White is not the same as the witch in Hansel & Gretel).
* Time Limit: 2 minutes
* Prizes: First $25 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons
* Prize money donated by the Adam Lindsay Gordon Memorial Fund.

**635 POEM FOR TWO ~ Entry Fee $15**

* Prepared reading
* Two competitors share the reading of a poem for two – must include some unison work.
* Time Limit: 3 minutes
* Prizes: Margery James Trust Fund First $25 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons

**636 LEANNE McINNIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ~ Entry Fee $15**

* Two items to be performed ~ a lyric poem and a selection of prose or drama.
* memorised
* Time Limit: 5 minutes overall
* Cash Prizes donated by the Leanne McInnis Memorial Fund
* Prizes: First $100 + Trophy. HM & HC Ribbons
* Trophy donated by Mr Brian McInnis in memory of his daughter Leanne.

**637 PREPARED SPEECH ~ Entry Fee $15**

* Own selection of topic.
* Competitors must write their own speeches; other people’s words and ideas must be adequately acknowledged
* Time Limit: 4 minutes.
* Prizes: Margery James Trust Fund First $25 + Medal; Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons

**638 IMPROMPTU SPEECH ~ Entry Fee $15**

* Competitors will have a choice of three topics chosen by the adjudicator.
* Preparation time: 1 minute
* Time Limit: Minimum 1 Minute – Maximum 2 minutes
* A bell will be rung at 1 minute and a double bell will be rung at 2 minutes
* All competitors must be present at the commencement of this section
* Cards and a pen will be provided, and competitors are welcome to use notes
* Prizes: Margery James Trust Fund First $25 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons

**SPECIAL AWARDS FOR UNDER 14 YEARS**

**THE MR & MRS R MORGAN AGGREGATE PRIZE**

* $50 will be awarded to the competitor who is the winner of ***Sections 630,631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 638 & 639*** using the aggregate scoring method

**ZONTA CLUB OF BALLARAT MAUREEN CHRISTIE MEMORIAL PRIZE**

* The Ballarat Zonta Club prize of $30 awarded to a competitor in sections 630-639, who has not placed first, second or third in a solo item, and who is determined by the adjudicator as worthy of encouragement.

**ROTARY CLUB OF BALLARAT EAST JAMES F O’SHEA MEMORIAL PRIZE**

* $50 will be awarded to a competitor in sections 630-639, who has not placed first, second or third in a solo item and who is determined by the adjudicator as worthy of encouragement.

**UNDER 16 YEARS**

**640 RECITATION ~ Entry Fee $16**

* Own choice poetry, memorised
* Time Limit: 3 minutes
* Prizes: Margery James Trust Fund First $30 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons

**641 PREPARED READING OF OWN CHOICE ~ Entry Fee $16**

* Prose
* Time Limit: 3 minutes
* Prizes: Margery James Trust Fund First $30 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons

**642 CHARACTER PERFORMANCE Entry Fee $16**

* One Character from a play, novel, or film
* Own Choice, memorised
* Characters should be located within an imagined scene
* Time Limit: 3 minutes
* Prizes: Margery James Trust Fund First $30 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons

**643 IMPROVISATION BASED ON A LINE OF PREVIOUSLY UNSEEN DIALOGUE - “PULLED OUT OF A HAT” ~ Entry Fee $16**

* A range of different lines of dialogue will be in a hat; each competitor will choose one, 30 seconds before performing
* Preparation time: 30 seconds
* Time Limit: 2 minutes
* A warning bell will sound at 1 minute 30 seconds
* Prizes: Margery James Trust Fund First $30 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons

**644 IMPROMPTU WEATHER FORECASTER IN COSTUME ~ ENTRY FEE $16**

* A script, map and pointer will be provided.
* Competitors present the weather in character (this is a character of their own choice and does not need to be a ‘traditional’ weather forecaster)
* \*The task requires competitors to read, refer to the map and engage with the audience while maintaining character.
* Prizes: Margery James Trust Fund First $30 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons

**645 POEM FOR TWO ~ Entry Fee $16**

* Prepared reading
* Two competitors share the reading of poem for two – must include some unison work
* Time Limit: 4 minutes
* Prizes: Margery James Trust Fund First $30 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons

**646 IMPROMPTU READING ~ Entry Fee $16**

* To be read from a book selected by the adjudicator.
* All competitors must be present at the commencement of the section
* Preparation time; 30 seconds
* Prizes: Margery James Trust Fund First $30 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons

**647 BALLARAT NATIONAL THEATRE PRIZE ~ Entry Fee $16**

* Taking Direction as an Actor
* Competitors prepare a monologue of not more than one minute in length.
* Immediately after performing this monologue the competitor draws a prompt from a hat and must perform the monologue again, applying the direction of the prompt.
* Examples of prompts might be: Busting to go to the bathroom; in love with the chair; you can only shout or whisper
* Prizes: First $100, Second $50, Third $25. HM & HC Ribbons

**648 PREPARED SPEECH~ Entry Fee $16**

* Own choice of topic
* Competitors must write their speeches; information taken from the internet and other sources must be appropriately acknowledged.
* Time Limit: Minimum 4 minutes Maximum 6 minutes
* Prizes: Margery James Trust Fund First $30 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons

**649 IMPROMPTU SPEECH ~ Entry Fee $16**

* Competitors will have a choice of three topics chosen by the adjudicator
* All competitors must be present at the commencement of this section. Cards and a pen will be provided, and competitors are welcome to use notes.
* Preparation Time: 1 Minute.
* Time Limit: Minimum 2 minutes Maximum 3 minutes
* A bell will be rung at 2 minutes and a double bell will be rung at 3 minutes
* Prizes: Margery James Trust Fund First $30 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR UNDER 16 YEARS

**W S HOOPER MEMORIAL PRIZE**

* $50 will be awarded to the competitor who secures the highest number of points in sections 640-647, 650, 652 and 654 using the aggregate scoring method (General Rule 7.3)

**ZONTA CLUB OF BALLARAT MAUREEN CHRISTIE MEMORIAL PRIZE**

* The Ballarat Zonta Club prize of $30 awarded to a competitor in sections 640-654 who has not placed first, second or third in a solo item and who is determined by the adjudicator is worthy of encouragement. - TBC

**ROTARY CLUB OF BALLARAT EAST JAMES F O’SHEA MEMORIAL PRIZE**

* $50 will be awarded to competitor in sections 640-654, who has not placed first, second or third in a solo item and who is determined by the adjudicator is worthy of encouragement.

SENIOR DIVISION

Competitors must be 14 years of age or over

Prize money supported by Rotary Club of Ballarat South - TBC

**650 MEMORISED FREE VERSE ~ Entry Fee $18**

* Including rap and spoken word poetry; not lyric
* Prizes: $40 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons

**651 PROSE READING ON THE THEME OF LOSS (not drama) Entry Fee $18**

* A reading from any prose reading, where loss is a dominant image, environment, or symbol
* Time Limit: 4 minutes
* Prizes: $40 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons

**652 CHARACTER PERFORMANCE (not Shakespeare)~ Entry Fee $18**

* Own choice of one character from a novel, play or film, memorised.
* Characters should be located within an imagined scene
* Costume optional
* This forms part of the Margery James Trust Fund Louie Dunn Prize
* Time Limit: 5 minutes
* Prizes: $40 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons

**653 IMPROVISATION SET IN AN UNUSUAL LOCATION Entry Fee $18**

* A location will be drawn from a hat.
* The competitor bases their improvisation on the location drawn
* Examples of locations are in a dog’s ear; in a lead pipe; under a shoe
* Time Limit: 3 minutes with a warning bell will sound at 2 minutes
* Prizes: $40 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons

**654 A FAIRYTALE CHARACTER, DEVISED, IN COSTUME ~ Entry Fee $18**

* Any character from a fairy tale, fable, legend, or myth or similar, devised in a scene that differs from the original story.
* Competitors are encouraged to explore the character in a different or unusual setting; however, the character must be identifiable and not just a stereotype. (e.g., the witch from Snow White is not the same as the witch in Hansel & Gretel)
* Time Limit: 3 minutes
* Prizes: $40 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbon

**655 THE ALMA PURCELL EFFECTIVE READING FROM THE WORK OF AN AUSTRALIAN POET**

**Entry Fee ~ $18**

* Own Choice
* Time Limit: 4 minutes
* Prizes: $40 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons

**656 SHAKESPEARIAN PERFORMANCE Entry Fee $18**

* Solo or Duo
* Own choice from original Shakespearian text or from an adaptation, memorised
* This forms part of the Margery James Trust Fund Louie Dunn Prize.
* Time Limit: 4 minutes
* Prizes: $40 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons

**657 THE Margery James Trust Fund LOUIE DUNN PRIZE\***

* The six competitors who gain the highest total of points in sections 660, 663 & 664 will appear in a final for the Louie Dunn Prize.
* They will present any selection from drama or prose which they have not presented by such finalist RSSS in the current year.
* Costume **NOT** permitted
* Competitors must have a prepared piece ready to be presented in order to qualify
* Competitors must compete in all three qualifying sections to be eligible to compete in this section.
* Time Limit: 6 minutes
* Prize money of $250 is generously supported by The Margery James Trust Fund

**658 PREPARED SPEECH ~ Entry Fee $18**

* Own choice of topic.
* Competitors must write their own speeches
* Information taken from the internet and other sources must be appropriately acknowledged.
* Time Limit: Minimum 4 minutes Maximum 6 minutes
* Prizes: $40 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons

**59 IMPROMPTU SPEECH ~ Entry Fee $18**

* Competitor will have a choice of three topics chosen by the adjudicator
* All competitors must be present at the commencement of this section. Cards and a pen will be provided, and competitors are welcome to use notes
* Preparation Time: 1 minute
* Time Limit: Minimum 2 minutes maximum 3 minutes
* A bell will be rung at 2 minutes and a double bell will be rung at 3 minutes
* Prizes: $40 + Medal, Second & Third Medals. HM & HC Ribbons

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR SENIOR DIVISION

**W S HOOPER POETRY PRIZE**

* The Competitor who gains the highest total points in sections 666 & 671 will be awarded $100.

**THE IVY KEATES O.A.M AGGREGATE AWARD:**

* $150 will be awarded to the winner of sections 651-673 (excluding section 670) using the aggregate scoring method. Prize gift of the former students, colleagues, friends and family of the late Ivy Keates, O.A.M

**ROTARY CLUB OF BALLARAT EAST JAMES F O’SHEA MEMORIAL AWARD**

* One prize of $50 awarded by the adjudicator for the encouragement of a non-prize winner that performs in sections 651-673

**GROUP SECTIONS**

**Speech & Drama Special Conditions apply.**

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*\* Please refer to Special Condition 7*

**660 ACTING IN PAIRS (Under 12) ~Entry Fee $18**

* Own choice original or published material may be used
* Script to be provided for the adjudicator
* Costume Optional
* Small props that can be carried onto and off the stage by competitors can be used
* Time Limit: 5 minutes
* Prizes: Medals First, Second & Third. HM & HC Ribbons

**661 ACTING IN PAIRS (Under 16) ~ Entry Fee $18**

* Own choice original or published material may be used
* Script to be provided for the adjudicator
* Costume Optional
* Small props that can be carried onto and off the stage by competitors can be used
* Time Limit: 5 minutes
* Prizes: Medals First, Second & Third. HM & HC Ribbons

**662 ACTING IN PAIRS (Open) ~ Entry Fee $21**

**(Not Shakespeare – Shakespeare pairs should enter section 663 Shakespeare Recital)**

* Own choice original or published material may be used
* Script to be provided for the adjudicator
* Costume Optional
* Small props that can be carried onto and off the stage by competitors can be used
* Time Limit: 6 minutes
* \* Prizes: Medals First, Second & Third. HM & HC Ribbons

**663 IMPROVISATION IN PAIRS (Open) ~ Entry Fee $21**

* Two competitors create a scene of between one and two minutes in length, with 30 second planning time.
* Topics will be provided by the adjudicator, and will be randomly selected by each team, pulling their topic out of a hat.
* Time Limit: Two minutes; there will a warning bell at one minute.
* Prizes: Medals First, Second & Third. HM & HC Ribbons

**664 A SCENE FOR 3 OR MORE ACTORS (Open) ~ Entry Fee $23**

* Own choice, original or published material may be used.
* Script to be provided for the adjudicator
* memorised
* Costume optional
* Small props that can be carried onto and off the stage by competitors can be used.
* Time Limit: 10 minutes
* Prizes: Medals First, Second & Third. HM & HC Ribbons

**665 MONICA MORGAN PRIZE FOR CHORAL SPEAKING (Any Age) ~ Entry Fee $23**

* Groups of four or more may enter
* Group speaking of a text. This must include some unison work, memorised, or read.
* *This prize is in recognition of Monica Morgan’s work as a Speech & Drama teacher in Ballarat over many years. Prize money kindly donated by her former pupil, Associate Professor Jo O’Mara*
* Time Limit: 5 minutes
* Prizes: First $60, Second $30, Third $20. HM & HC Ribbons

**666 IMPROVISATIONS: Death in a Minute (Year 8 at school and below) Entry Fee $23**

* Explanation: The adjudicator provides the location and one occupation
* The group must begin their improvisation immediately, with one competitor adopting the occupation, and the group using the location appropriately. The improvisation can last no longer than one minute and must conclude with the “death “of one member only of the group.
* Groups will be adjudicated on their timing, interactions, creativity and ensemble work.
* Up to four people per group.
* Time Limit: 1 minute
* Prizes: Medals First, Second & Third. HM & HC Ribbons

**667 IMPROVISATIONS: Death in a Minute (Open) Entry Fee $23**

* Explanation: The adjudicator provides the location and one occupation
* The group must begin their improvisation immediately, with one competitor adopting the occupation, and the group using the location appropriately. The improvisation can last no longer than one minute and must conclude with the “death “of one member only of the group.
* Groups will be adjudicated on their timing, interactions, creativity and ensemble work.
* Up to four people per group.
* Time Limit: 1 minute
* Prizes: Medals First, Second & Third. HM & HC Ribbons

**668 IMPROVISATION (Year 8 at school and below) ~ Entry Fee $23**

Explanation: Each team enters the stage and draws a topic from a

hat.

* Topics may include locations (e.g. at the beach), a line of dialogue (e.g. I told you not to), a situation (e.g. a bank robbery), or similar
* Groups must begin immediately to establish and develop a scene
* Groups will be adjudicated on their interactions, particularly their ability to offer and accept offers, imagination and ensemble work.
* 4 people per group
* Time Limit: 3 minutes. A warning bell will be rung at 2 minutes.
* Prizes: Medals First, Second & Third. HM & HC Ribbons

**669 IMPROVISATION (Open) ~ Entry Fee $23**

* Explanation: Each team enters the stage and draws a topic from a hat.
* Topics may include locations (e.g., At the beach), a line of dialogue (e.g. I told you not to), a situation (e.g. A bank robbery), or similar
* Groups must begin immediately to establish and develop a scene
* Groups will be adjudicated on their interactions, particularly their ability to offer and accept offers’ imagination and ensemble work.
* Four (4) people per group
* Time Limit: 3 minutes A warning bell will be rung at 2 minutes.
* Prizes: Medals First, Second & Third. HM & HC Ribbons