

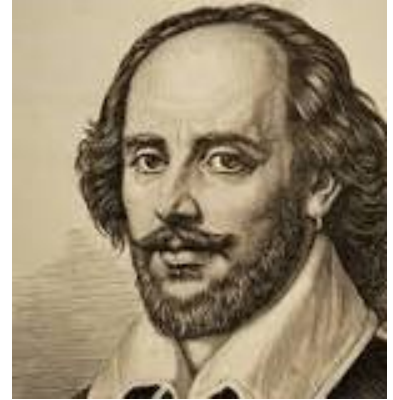
The English- Speaking Union Naples Branch

ANNUAL SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION

Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024
Time: 9:00 AM – 11:30 PM
Place: Collier County Public Library, Main Branch
2385 Orange Blossom Drive
Naples, FL 34209

We are pleased to announce the kick-off of the ESU's 2024 National Shakespeare Competition (NSC)! Now in our 41st year, the NSC has already engaged hundreds of high schools in 44 ESU branches across the country in 2024! Branch competitions are beginning soon, with winners advancing to our final competition held LIVE on stage at Lincoln Center! Once again, students, family members, teachers and branch representatives will be invited to join us in New York City for a weekend of exciting events culminating in the Final Competition.

The Naples Branch sponsors Shakespeare competitions at area high schools. The winners from each high school will participate in this competition in the Sugden Theatre in the Collier County Library Main Branch. Each competitor will perform a selection from one of Shakespeare's plays and a sonnet of his/her own choosing and will be given another sonnet to perform "cold." The winner of this Naples competition will be sent to the National Competition in New York City, competing at the Lincoln Center against winners from other ESU branches. Finally, the winner of the National Competition receives a scholarship to attend the British American Drama Academy in England this summer.



A large audience is a great encouragement to the performers. You are urged to attend this competition in support of these budding young thespians. Their enthusiasm is contagious. It is guaranteed to make you feel years younger. Bring a friend and show your support for this worthwhile event.

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

Please visit our website www.esuus.org/naples



**The 2024 ESU National Shakespeare Competition Finals
will be held on Monday, April 15, 2024 at the Mitzi Newhouse Theater in Lincoln Center!**