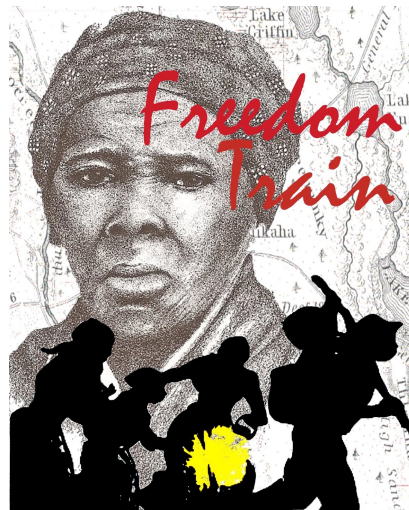




STUDENT CONTEST

WHAT FREEDOM MEANS TO ME

TO CELEBRATE OUR UPCOMING PRODUCTION OF *FREEDOM TRAIN*, MATTHEWS PLAYHOUSE OF THE PERFORMING ARTS IS HOSTING A CONTEST FOR ALL STUDENTS.



- 1) ENTRY MUST BE SUBMITTED ON AN 8 ½ X 11 SHEET OF PAPER.
- 2) ENTRY CAN BE CONSTRUCTED USING ANY CREATIVE FORM (WRITING, DRAWING, PHOTOGRAPHY, ETC.). COMBINATION OF FORMS ALSO PERMITTED.
- 3) ALL ENTRIES DUE TO MATTHEWS PLAYHOUSE BY 12:00PM ON FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND.
- 4) WINNERS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT THE FINAL PRODUCTION OF *FREEDOM TRAIN* ON SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH.

General Rules of Matthews Playhouse *Freedom Train* Student Contest

1. No purchase necessary to enter or to win.
2. Age Requirement (Must be in Kindergarten-12th grade)
3. Only one (1) entry per person will be accepted.
4. Entries may be submitted
 - a. electronically to the email event@matthewsplayhouse.com
 - b. by mail (Matthews Playhouse ATTN: Marie-Michele Darcy, 100 E McDowell Street, Matthews NC 28105)
 - c. in person to the Matthews Playhouse Office (Room 205, Matthews Community Center) or drop off at the front desk downstairs.
5. **Submission Deadline:** 3/2/18 at 12pm. Any entries submitted after this time will not be eligible to win prizes. Matthews Playhouse cannot be responsible for entries not received due to technical issues and accepts no responsibility for technical support of any entries.
6. **All entries must include** student's name, age, date of birth, grade, school name, and contact information.
7. **Winners:** There will be 3 winners — one for K-3rd, one for 4th-6th, and one for 7th-12th. The students who author the winning submissions will receive a certificate of recognition and be honored at the March 4th matinee performance of *Freedom Train*. The students will each receive a \$50 Barnes & Noble gift card, a family four pack of tickets to the March 4th show and they will have a Meet and Greet with the cast after the show.
8. **Guidelines & Judging Criteria**

This section describes general guidelines for what our judges are looking for when deciding award merits. Before submitting your entry for consideration, please understand the following guidelines.

 - a. **Appropriate Content-** Content should fit the category and should be appropriate for public use.
 - b. **No Copyright Infringement** - All work must be released for individual usage or purpose usage grants. All entries must contain copyright-free art or art released for artist's and public use. No unauthorized use of any copyright images, text, or other material will be accepted.
9. **Authorize Rights to Matthews Playhouse.** By submitting your entry you authorize MPH to post your entry on our site indefinitely, and grant MPH the right to use and display copies for marketing purposes. Original work will not be returned.
10. **MPH Reserves the Sole Right to Determine Eligibility.** Each entry will go through an approval process to determine if the content meets our criteria before the entry will be available for judging in its category.
11. **MPH Reserves the Sole Right to Adjust Contest Rules Without Notifying Contestants.** Based on the volume of entries or legal requirements, contest rules can be changed and updated without notice. Contest participants are responsible for checking the site for changes, and should review the rules prior to each submission.

FREEDOM TRAIN STUDENT CONTEST
SUBMISSION FORM

WHAT FREEDOM MEANS TO ME

Date Submitted _____

Name _____ DOB _____

Address _____

Grade in School _____

Name of School Attended _____

OR

Homeschooled ()

Item Submitted (check one)

() Essay

() Poetry

() Visual Art – For example, a drawing, photo collage, etc.

Electronic submissions (for essays or poetry) can be emailed to the attention of Marie-Michele Darcy at event@matthewsplayhouse.com

OR

Please download and print this form for all other entries, and:

1. Mail this form along with your entry to: Matthews Playhouse, ATTN: Marie-Michele Darcy, 100 E McDowell Street, Matthews NC 28105

OR

2. Drop it off in person to Matthews Playhouse, ATTN: Marie-Michele Darcy, 100 E McDowell Street, Matthews NC 28105 (Room 205, Matthews Community Center) or drop off at the front desk downstairs.