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### **Local young actors invited to compete in the National Society of Arts and Letters Chapter Drama Competition**

**ST. LOUIS, MO** – Local young actors are invited to compete in the National Society of Arts and Letters (NSAL) 2019 Chapter Drama Competition. NSAL is a non-profit organization that recognizes and supports talented, young emerging artists. Actors between the ages of 18 and 27 who live or go to college within the NSAL Saint Louis Chapter region of Missouri, southern Iowa, Kansas and southern Illinois are eligible to apply. The application is now open and the deadline is March 1, 2019. Contestants will perform two audition monologues for a panel of top-ranked professional judges at the NSAL Chapter Drama Competition on March 16, 2019 at Webster University in St. Louis.

The first place NSAL Saint Louis Chapter Drama Competition winner will receive \$2,000 and full financial support to compete for up to \$12,000 at the national competition in Washington D.C., May 30 through June 2, 2019. The second-place chapter winner will receive \$1,000. The third-place chapter winner will receive \$750.

“This is an incredible opportunity for those that aspire to be professional actors to take an important step towards fulfilling their dreams!” said Cecilia Nadal, chair of the NSAL

St. Louis Drama Competition. "Contestants must start planning now since they must provide two audition monologues from memory including a comedic and serious piece."

"It is an exciting time for our Chapter Members to meet talented young performers and send our first-place winner to compete at the National Conference where the top prize is \$12,000!" said Elizabeth Branstetter, president of the St. Louis Chapter of NSAL.

For more information or to view the 2019 NSAL Saint Louis Chapter Drama Competition application form, rules and performance requirements, visit <https://nsalstl.org/competitions> Applications should be emailed to [nsal.drama.19@gmail.com](mailto:nsal.drama.19@gmail.com) or mailed to NSAL Saint Louis Chapter, P.O. Box 50101, Clayton, Missouri 63105. General inquiries should be sent to Cecilia Nadal, competition chair, at [info@gitana-inc.org](mailto:info@gitana-inc.org).

### **ABOUT NATIONAL SOCIETY OF ARTS AND LETTERS**

*Founded in 1944, the National Society of Arts and Letters (NSAL) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping promising young artists through competitions, financial assistance, master classes and career introductions. Each year, NSAL awards more than \$60,000 through national and regional chapter competitions in a designated field of art, which rotates between art, dance, drama, literature, music and musical theater. The NSAL Saint Louis Chapter was founded in 1953 and showcases the work of young artists, conducts competitions and awards merit and financial assistance to students. Through their Artist Support Fund, NSAL Saint Louis provides grant funding to young artists, ages 14 to 30, who demonstrate exceptional talent and promise of future success in their artistic field. NSAL membership is open to professionals in the arts and to supporters and patrons of the arts. For more information about NSAL, visit <http://arts-nsal.org> For more information about the NSAL Saint Louis Chapter, visit <https://nsalstl.org>*

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