



## 2008-2009 National Youth Theatre Awards Judge Guidelines

### **Judge's Responsibilities:**

1. To attend productions as scheduled. Once scheduled, if for any reason you cannot attend, notify National Youth Theatre immediately.
2. To view the entire production. Plan to arrive at least ten minutes before curtain and do not leave during the intermission. If you arrive after the production has begun, try to reschedule to see another show. If you cannot reschedule for another date, notify National Youth Theatre immediately.
3. To fill in your scorecard online, or mail or e-mail your ballot within one week after viewing the production:

[http://www.nationalyouththeatre.com/judge\\_scorecard.html](http://www.nationalyouththeatre.com/judge_scorecard.html)

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### **Additional Important Information:**

1. Notify National Youth Theatre promptly if there are any changes in your personal contact information (telephone, e-mail address, etc.). We frequently need to contact judges for various reasons, as do theatres. Your contact information will be shared with your theatre assignments.
2. You will receive two complimentary tickets to each performance you are adjudicating. If you need more, you will need to pay for any additional tickets. Never request more than two complimentary tickets, and always offer to pay for additional tickets.

### **Judge's Guidelines for Standardization in Scoring:**

1. Please use the Scoring Guidelines to assist in assigning scores. Remember, you are evaluating both the individual production elements and the production as a whole.
2. Do not allow personal preferences or bias to influence your adjudication based on subject matter. If you cannot be impartial, please contact National Youth Theatre before the show.
3. Maintain confidentiality! Do not discuss your scores with members of the cast, crew, administration, or artistic staff. Scores are for the National Youth Theatre Awards Committee ONLY.

### **Scoring Scale**

On a "one to ten" scale, with ten being the highest, consider "five" to be "average and what is expected," and begin your judging from that point. Judge a specific category whether it is average or above average by assigning a number from 1 to 10. Fractions out to 2 decimal places (i.e., 8.75) are acceptable, but not 8.752.

Please see NYT Scoring Guidelines for further information.