

# 2023



**SGCNZ**  
Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand

## SGCNZ/Ida Gaskin Shakespeare Essay Competition with English at Otago

*"Full of wise saws and modern instances"* – As You Like It

Entries are invited in an essay competition: Categories 1 and 2 are directed to Year 13 students in 2022 and 2023 (though younger ones may enter); Option 3 is for only Year 7–10s.

### BRIEF

Choose ONE of the three options:

**Analytical Category 1:** Submit an essay on the issue of "the importance of timing" in one of Shakespeare's plays of your choice. Length 750–1250 words.

### OR

**Analytical Category 2:** Many of Shakespeare's plays achieve their drama from a tension between the desire of the individual and aims of the state, family, or other grouping. Discuss this tension in at least two plays in an essay. Length 1000–1500 words.

### OR

**Creative Category 3: For Year 7 – 10 students only.** Write a short story incorporating at least 20 phrases from Shakespeare's plays, poems or sonnets. Length 300–500 words.

### Please note:

- Readers will be looking for well-written essays that show evidence of independent thought and originality
- Spelling must be accurate
- Essays will be read "blind"; please do not identify your name or your school on the essay itself
- Ensure that you scan and email your attached form with your entry
- Entrants must be a Friend of SGCNZ either through their school or individually.

### Essays are to be sent to:

Shakespeare Essay Competition  
Department of English and Linguistics Programme  
Email to: [english@otago.ac.nz](mailto:english@otago.ac.nz)

### Closing Date: 4 April 2023

Prize winners will be announced at SGCNZ's National University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival Award Ceremony at 7.00pm, Sunday 4 June 2023 at the St James Theatre in Wellington.

Finalists may attend workshops at the National UOSWSF free-of-charge on Friday 2 June 2023 in Wellington.

### PRIZES

Donated by the Gaskin Family and the University of Otago Department of English and Linguistics Programme.

#### Analytical Category 1 and Analytical Category 2

First Prize: \$500 plus membership for 1 year from NZ Society of Authors

Second Prize: \$200 – donated by Michelle Linterman

Third Prize: \$100

#### Creative Category 3

First Prize: \$250

Second Prize: \$150

Third Prize: \$100

NB: The value of the prizes may vary depending on the entries and the judges' decisions.

For further information please email [english@otago.ac.nz](mailto:english@otago.ac.nz)

or Dawn Sanders ONZM, QSM, SGCNZ Chief Executive

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The Judges' decisions shall be final and no correspondence entered into.

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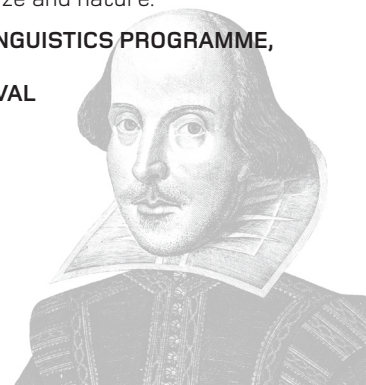
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### ENTRY FORM DUE 4 APRIL 2023

Name:

Postal address:   
 Postcode:

School:

Home School Cluster/Community Group:

Student in Year:  Date of Birth:

Mobile:  Ethnicity:

Email:  Male ☐ Female ☐ Diverse ☐

Essay option (circle one):      Option 1                      Option 2                      Option 3

Entrants may enter under their school's/home school cluster/community group's Friend's Membership or personal Membership. Please tick applicable box:

- ☐ My School/Home School Cluster/Community Group is a financial Friend of SGCNZ
- ☐ Enclosed please find my School's Friend's Fee \$200/Home School Cluster/Community Group Friend's Fee \$110  
(please circle one)\*
- ☐ I am a Student Friend of SGCNZ
- ☐ Enclosed please find my Student Friend Fee \$45

All amounts include GST. This must be paid electronically via the Membership Form on our website.

\*If necessary, please discuss reductions to the Friends' Membership Fees with the Chief Executive.

I agree to my essay being sent to Shakespeare's Globe Research Department and extracts of my essay being reproduced in SGCNZ's *Accent on Shakespeare-SGCNZ News*, and media releases, on our website and in educational material. For other use, separate permission will be sought from the author.

Student's signature Date

I verify that this work is that of the student named above.

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Teacher's/Parent's/Caregiver's name Teacher's/Parent's/Caregiver's email