

The Association of English Singers & Speakers



in association with

**The Toni V Fell
Musical Charitable Trust**

Fell Prize for Musical Theatre

1st Prize of £1,000

2nd Prize of £500

3rd Prize of £250

to be held on

Sunday, May 13th 2018

at the Sylvia Young Theatre School, 1 Nutford Place, London W1H 5YZ

Competitors must be between 18-25 years old, of any nationality and be in full time training or preparing for a career in Musical Theatre. Competitors are required to perform a song and a scene/speech as a sequence in the original English which can come from any source and be presented in any order or imaginatively combined; they do not have to be from the same source. There must be a smooth transition between the two elements as though performing within the context of Musical Theatre and appropriate movement may be included as part of the performance.

The judges will be looking for clarity of expression, fluency of delivery, imaginative use of material and an ability to take the audience on a dramatic journey.

The programme should not exceed eight minutes. The adjudicators will require a copy of both the scene/speech and the song. Costume/props may be used.

Applications must be received by April 29nd 2018. There is a non-refundable entrance fee of £20 (cheques payable to the AESS) which should be sent with the application form to:

The Administrator, AESS TVF Competition, 1 Hillfield Road, London NW6 1QD

For full details and entry form please visit: www.aofess.org.uk and go to the competitions page.

To learn more about the Toni V Fell Trust visit: www.tonifelltrust.org

Application Form

Name

Address

Date of Birth

E-mail

Contact Number

Brief Résumé of Training (and name of current singing teacher if studying privately)

Programme (with timings)

I enclose the entrance fee of £20.00 (payable to AESS)

Tick one box

[] **Cheque** made payable to AESS and sent with entry form.

[] **Bank transfer**. Please indicate. Acc. name: Association of English Singers & Speakers,

Sort code: 40 52 40 Acc.no: 00015147 Reference - your name and Fell Prize.

[] **Direct pay-in** which must be made through an HSBC branch.

If using official accompanist please tick box (See below for details)

The AESS Centenary Toni V Fell Musical Theatre Prize

Purpose

The AESS exists to promote the performance and presentation of the English language to the highest standard in both speech and song. The Fell Prize is designed to encourage the communication of English words, in singing and in speech, with clarity, understanding and imagination in the sphere of Musical Theatre.

The Competition will be run as an 'open' performance, the audience comprising members of the AESS, competitors and friends.

Requirement

Competitors are asked to devise and present a short linked programme of no more than 8 minutes employing the twin disciplines of speech and song within a Musical Theatre context. All texts and lyrics must originally have been set in the English Language from any nationality of author or composer. No translations may be used. The entire programme must be given from memory.

Eligibility

The competition is open to full-time students at institutions of Further Education or who are studying privately with a view to pursuing a career in Musical Theatre.

Depending on the number of applicants, a preliminary round may be necessary.

Age Limit

Open to those who are 18-25 years of age on the day of the competition.

Prize

Prizes of £1000, £500 and £250 will be awarded to the winners.

Accompanists

It is expected that competitors will provide their own accompanists, but an official accompanist will be available if required. Details available on request.

Competitors must take responsibility for contacting and arranging rehearsals as required in their own time and at their own expense.

Venue

The Sylvia Young Theatre School is 5-10 mins walk from Marble Arch tube.

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