

Guidelines for The Annual Jim Henson Award for Puppetry

The Jim Henson Fund for Puppetry was established by the Jane Henson to honor the memory of Jim Henson (1960), creator of the world famous Muppets.

Awards in the amount of \$1,500 will be offered to undergraduate or graduate students in the School of Theatre, Dance, and Performance Studies for the creation of a puppet project or performance. You may not be awarded the Henson Award for two consecutive years.

Application for the award includes a name of the project, an abstract, a detailed written concept, your intended audience, and an itemized budget. **Current projects or already-made items are not eligible.**

There will be a 30-minute performance/presentation showcase for each project awarded during the Spring 2020 semester in the Cafritz Theatre. **The final performance will be held on April 7, 2020 at 7:30pm. A tech rehearsal will be scheduled for the day before on April 6, 2020 from 5pm-11pm.**

Students who wish to enter this annual prize competition must meet the following guidelines:

- Be a current School of Theatre, Dance, and Performance Studies undergraduate or graduate student as of September 2019;
- Complete the attached application form;
- Submit an abstract (250-500 words);
- Submit an essay discussing the significance of the piece, a detailed project description, and scope of the work. Essays should not exceed three (3) pages (1500 words total).
- Submit an expected itemized budget for the project;
- Submit a CV or resume;
- Submit up to two 8" x 11" drawings or conceptual images (preferably .jpeg or .pdf);
- Chosen projects must be completed and ready for performance by April 1, 2020.

Please submit complete application packets to Susan Miller via email only (no Google Docs) at smille13@umd.edu by Monday, December 2, 2019

Jim Henson Award for Puppetry Application Form

Name:

Phone Number:

UID#

Email address:

Check One: Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___ Graduate Student _____

Cumulative GPA:

Name of Project:

Intended Audience:

Abstract:

I certify that I am a current TDPS student. To the best of my knowledge, the information provided on this application is true and accurate.

Signature _____ Date _____