

## **Guidelines for The Annual Jim Henson Award for Puppetry**

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

**4 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 2018 semester in the Cafritz Theatre. Dates TBD. A tech rehearsal will be scheduled for the day before the performance/presentation.

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 2016;
- 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 March 1, 2017.

**Please submit complete application packets to Susan Miller via email only at [smille13@umd.edu](mailto:smille13@umd.edu) by Friday, December 1, 2017**

## **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 \_\_\_\_\_