

## Video Rules

### The Rules and Fine Print

1. The contest is only open to any full time students. Be able to prove it, we will check.
2. You must have permission to use any music present in your video, we will check.
3. You may enter as many videos as you like, but can only win one place.
4. Group entries are fine, but only one prize package is awarded per place.
5. Your entry must contain all original footage. All video entries must be the original creation of the entrant. The video must not have been previously submitted, distributed, aired or have won any other award in any other competition. All entrants will be required to sign an affidavit verifying the originality of the video and compliance with contest rules. Entry cannot defame or invade the rights or privacy of any person, living or deceased, or otherwise infringe upon any third party personal or proprietary rights. Any entrant whose work includes likenesses of third parties or contains elements not owned by the entrant (such as, but not limited to depictions of buildings, trademarks or logos) must be able to provide legal releases for such use including Sponsor's use of such entry, in a form satisfactory to judges.
6. Entries will not be returned.
7. Fort Worth Opera has permission to use your video (in whole or part), name, and likeness in the future for promotional purposes.
8. Judges decisions are final. In the event of a tie, an additional judge will be secured to judge the top scoring entries to break the tie.
9. Fort Worth Opera employees, their dependants, and those of any Board Member or Education Committee member may not enter.

### Hints

1. Make sure you video has saved onto your disk or flash drive properly. Each year we get entries that won't read on our computers. **TEST IT BEFORE YOU SEND IT**, ideally on someone else's computer.
2. **DO NOT** have anything else on the disc/drive. Please **DO NOT** put your video in a menu program. Simply save the file itself onto your media.
3. Be **CREATIVE**. The more outside of the box you think, and more excited about opera you are, the more points you'll earn.
4. **ONLY USE PUBLIC DOMAIN MUSIC**. Seriously, we have to disqualify you if you are using someone else's music without permission.

5. Anybody can Google or Wikipedia a few random facts, but what can you do that's BETTER and MORE INTERESTING? Then, how can you CREATIVELY PRESENT those facts?