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Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand

SGCNZ / Dawn Sanders Shakespeare Costume Design Competition 2025



SGCNZ/DAWN SANDERS SHAKESPEARE COSTUME DESIGN COMPETITION 2025

Chances to win money and the exciting opportunity to have your Design constructed and exhibited in New Zealand and at Shakespeare's Globe in London!

Your work can count towards NCEA if applicable.

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Design a costume for a character from any Shakespeare play

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Sketch your costume design on A3 paper – laminate where possible

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Write an accompanying rationale of approximately 300 words describing:

- for which character the costume is designed
- why you consider your design is appropriate for the character
- why you chose your particular style

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Include one page of research and the development process of the design

- instructions on how the costume should be constructed

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Include a draft budget for materials amounting to no more than \$200 including

- reasons for choices of fabrics and samples of them

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Send with the attached entry form to each design by 8 April 2025 to:

Costume Design Competition
SGCNZ
PO Box 17 215
Wellington 6147

or courier to:

SGCNZ Office 2
Level 1, 65-69 Abel Smith Street
Wellington 6011

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Enclose a suitable prepaid envelope or courier sticker and return-to-sender address for returning the original of your entry.

CRITERIA

Designs may be contemporary or period in style – though not separated into different categories

Remember that this is a costume for a play which will be seen quite close and up to 20m away, depending on the venue

It needs to be able to be moved in easily when interacting with other actors on stage

Be aware that a costume is a guide to establishing the character for the audience

Consideration must be given to having the other characters costumed empathetically

Costume size needs to be a minimum of size 10 and for a range of heights and physiques

All spelling must be accurate

Entrants must be a Friend of SGCNZ either through their school, home school cluster OR community groups, OR individually

PRIZES

\$350

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\$500

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\$250

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two entrants will be awarded third place

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

Prize winners will be announced at SGCNZ's Shakespeare Festival Award Ceremony at 7.00pm, Sunday 1 June 2025 at the St James Theatre in Wellington.

The finalists may attend workshops at SGCNZ National Festival free-of-charge on Friday 30 May in Wellington.

The winning designs will be displayed at the National Festival and will then be displayed in Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition, London for 6 weeks and in other locations in NZ.

The four winning designs will be constructed and modelled at the Award Ceremony

The Supreme Winner, or if not available, another winner will be offered the position of Student Costumier at SGCNZ's National Shakespeare Schools Production, 20 September – 28 September 2025 in Wellington and also be considered for selection as a member of the SGCNZ YSC 2026 travelling to the Globe in London.

(Standard fees for these will apply)

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The Judges decisions shall be final and no correspondence entered into.
SGCNZ reserves the right to retain the winning costumes and copies of designs.



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Due 8 April 2025

Name:

Postal address:

Postcode:

School:

Home School Cluster/Community Group:

Student in Year: Date of Birth:

Mobile: Ethnicity:

Email: Male Female Diverse

Character:

Play:

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 Group is a financial Friend of SGCNZ
- Enclosed please find my School's Friend's Fee \$220/Home School Cluster/Community Group Friend's Fee \$115 (please circle one)*
- I am a Student Friend of SGCNZ
- Enclosed please find my Student Friend Fee \$45
- I enclosed a prepaid envelope for the return of my designs

All amounts include GST. This must be paid electronically via the Membership Form on our website. Please scan form to sgcnz@sgcnz.org.nz

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

I agree to my designs and constructed costume (if applicable) being exhibited in NZ and at Shakespeare's Globe, and photos of them to appear in the media, SGCNZ Accent on Shakespeare-SGCNZ News, on websites, in magazines, and sent to other sponsors.

Student's signature

Date

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

Teacher's/Parent's/Caregiver's signature

Teacher's/Parent's/Caregiver's mobile/landline

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

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