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### **Since the Cat in the Hat is Fifty, A Poetry Contest would be Nifty!**



Tempe, AZ -- In honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *The Cat In the Hat* and of the production of *Seussical*, Childsplay announces the Seussical Poetry Slam -- where kids of all ages are welcome to be inspired by Dr. Seuss by having fun with words chosen out of vocabulary words provided.

#### Who Can Enter?

Contestants can enter as an individual, as a family or as a class. We encourage 4<sup>th</sup> graders and older to enter individual poems.

#### Why Enter?

Well, for the fun of it, of course! But you can also win fame, glory and fabulous prizes including theatre tickets for the family, Tempe Block Party tickets, Borders gift cards, a field trip for your class, and more! Winners will be selected in the following categories: family poem, class poem (grades K-3), individual poem (ages 8-11), individual poem (ages 12-15), individual poem (ages 16-106). Winning poems will be read before the opening weekend performances of *Seussical* at the Tempe Center for the Arts on Dec. 1 and/or 2.

#### Deadline

Entries need to reach us by **11/14/07**. They can be mailed to Seussical Poetry Slam, Childsplay, P.O. Box 517, Tempe, AZ 85280, faxed to 480-350-8584, emailed to [info@childsplayaz.org](mailto:info@childsplayaz.org) or entered at Childsplay's web site [www.childsplayaz.org](http://www.childsplayaz.org).

- ❖ **Visit the Poetry Slam Web page at [www.childsplayaz.org/contest](http://www.childsplayaz.org/contest) for official rules, lesson plans and entry forms.**

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