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SONTA CREATIVE WRITING AND MUSIC COMPOSITION COMPETITIONS, 2015

CALL FOR ENTERIES

The Society of Nigeria Theatre Artists (SONTA) hereby invites entries for the following creative writing and music composition competitions:

- a) **SONTA-OLU OBAFEMI PRIZE for Playwriting**
– Prize Worth: N100,000.00
- b) **SONTA-CHRIS IYIMOGA MASTER PLAYWRIGHT PRIZE**
– Prize Worth: N300,000.00
- c) **SONTA-CHRIS IYIMOGA DANCE LIBRETTO PRIZE**
– Prize Worth: N200,000.00
- d) **SONTA-CHRIS IYIMOGA ART MUSIC PRIZE**
– Prize Worth: N200,000.00

This is the first edition of the prizes which shall be competed for annually. The prizes are, for now, endowed by Prof. Olu Obafemi and Dr Chris Iyimoga to encourage creative writing in the performing arts and shall be awarded to the author of the best creative work in each of the categories. The competitions are open to published and unpublished works by Nigerian creative writers domiciled within and outside Nigeria.

Submission Procedure

Seven copies of the play texts/manuscripts being entered for the competition are to be submitted by the authors and their electronic copies, if available. Entry works should be submitted to the Society of Nigeria Theatre Artists, the host and administrator of the prize, by the stipulated deadline. This being an annual competition, the copyright on published works submitted must be two years to the competing year of entry. For example, published works competing for the Master Playwright prize in 2015 cannot be copyrighted earlier than 2013. Comprehensive contact information is required: Full postal address, home address, email address and telephone numbers should accompany each submission. An author is entitled to make only one entry under each category, except under SONTA-CHRIS IYIMOGA ART MUSIC PRIZE where a composer may make two entries or less. Any work that has previously won any other competitive award cannot be entered. Officers of SONTA Executive body are not eligible to compete. Failure to meet the stipulated conditions will lead to the disqualification of the entry.

Panel of Judges

A panel of three judges shall be appointed by the SONTA executive body to assess all the submitted works. They shall be respected performing artists, theatre practitioners, dance librettists, musicologists and dramatists/playwrights, known for their objectivity, broad knowledge of the performing arts mechanics.

Prize Presentation

The winner will be announced by the judges at the next SONTA International conference in August 2015 at Abuja, Nigeria.

Close of Entry

All entries must be received by May 15th, 2015. Late entries will not be honoured.

Judges

Dr Barclays Ayakoroma – Chairman
Prof Victor Dugga
Prof Tracie Utoh-Ezeajugh
Prof Chris Ugolo
Dr Stephen Olusoji

Entries shall be sent to:

The General Secretary (Dr. Gowon Ama Doki)
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