OVERTURE AWARDS ESSAY CONTEST 2010
BACK IN TIME TO OVER THE RHINE
RULES AND REGULATIONS

TOPIC

Students will write an essay on the subject of immigration in the 1870s. It should be written from the perspective of a young person their own age who has immigrated from Germany to Cincinnati.

A $250 prize, provided by the German-American Citizen's League of Greater Cincinnati (www.gacl.org) will be awarded to the winner, who will be chosen by three judges who are professional writers/historians/teachers.

Please include details such as:

- how these people traveled from Germany to Ohio (steamship, railroad, etc.)
- where they lived in the city and what their house/apartment was like
- information about their schools
- stores, restaurants and entertainment. (Findlay Market, singing societies, for example)
- what their father did for a living
- **Also required is information about Music Hall as it was at that time.**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All Tri-state students in grades 6-9 for the 2009-2010 school year are eligible.

HOW TO APPLY

There is no application fee.

Please send a ***notice of intent to apply*** to overtures@cincinnatiarts.org by November 1, 2009. Put "Essay Contest" in the subject line and include in the message your name, address, telephone number, school, grade and an e-mail address.

Submit four stapled copies of your manuscript with the entry form. You can download a copy from our website, www.cincinnatiarts.org/essaycontest

The deadline for submission is Monday, February 1, 2010. Entries received after this deadline **will not be considered**. Mail materials to:

Overture Awards
Cincinnati Arts Association
650 Walnut St.
Cincinnati, OH 45202

CRITERIA

All papers must be:

- original work
- no more than ten pages in length
- typed, double-spaced and have a one-inch margin on all sides of the page

Submissions will be judged on the following criteria:

- Originality: the essay topic is approached with creativity and imagination
- Quality of content: the essay is presented clearly and its material is well organized, well developed and accurate.
- Footnotes are not required, but a bibliography is highly recommended.
- Style: the essay must have a clear structure with a title, introduction, body and conclusion. Use paragraphs and be sure punctuation, spelling and grammar are correct.

Several resources are listed on our website, www.cincinnatiarts.org/essaycontest
These are merely suggestions; feel free to search for your own materials as well.

JUDGING/RESULTS

The winner of the concert will be announced no later than March 1, 2010. The decisions of the judges are final. Thank you for participating in our contest!