



## **Poetry Contest**

One hundred and thirty-six years ago, a man named Mr. C. G. Jaeger read his 55 line eloquently written poem entitled “Dedication Ode” during the ceremony in which the Newberry Opera House was dedicated. The date was February 20, 1882. Following that precedent as part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the re-dedication of the Opera House, a poetry contest is being held. The subject of the poetry contest must be about some aspect of the Newberry Opera House—for example, the building itself, performances or events given there, personal experiences, its history, its tower in the skyline, the people and performers associated with it, or its importance to Newberry—City and County. Selected poems will be part of the upcoming celebration program marking the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A \$50 award will be presented to the winner of each level, and the winning poem for each level will read by its author during the Anniversary Celebration program beginning at 5:00 PM at the Opera House on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

### **Four Categories for Submission:**

1. Elementary Student Level
2. Middle and High School Level
3. College Student Level
4. Community Level (of any age)

### **No Restriction as to Form of Poetry or Length of Poem**

### **Deadline for Receiving Submission: Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 6:00 PM**

### **In addition to the poem, each entry MUST HAVE the following:**

1. The name of the person writing the poem
2. The Category Level
3. The Name of the Student’s School (for Categories 1-3)
4. Contact Information (including address and telephone number)

### **Poems may be submitted in one of the following ways:**

1. **Mail to:** Poetry Contest—20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
The Newberry Opera House  
1201 McKibben Street  
Newberry, South Carolina 29108
2. **Submit Electronically to:** [boxoffice@newberryoperahouse.com](mailto:boxoffice@newberryoperahouse.com) (Please put “Poetry Submission” as the Subject)
3. **Deliver to the Box Office** at the Newberry Opera House.

