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The Modell Lyric asks Baltimore City Students to “Dream BIG”

Baltimore’s Premier Live Entertainment Venue announces its second annual essay contest

“The moral arc of the universe bends at the elbow of justice.”

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

[Baltimore, MD | 9/19/18]- The Modell Lyric is proud to announce its second annual Dream BIG Essay Contest, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech that took place on August 28, 1963 during the historic March on Washington.

The 300-word essay contest is open to all Baltimore City students in grades 5th through 12th. Dr. King had an incredible vision built on principles of justice, equity, and love. In honor of his memory, the Modell Lyric is asking students to write about the important dreams they have for their lives, communities and families. Ten finalists will have an opportunity to read their essays at the Modell Lyric and will receive a \$100 honorarium.

Submissions will be accepted from Monday, October 15th through Friday, December 7th through our online portal at <https://modell-lyric.com/dream-big-essay-contest-application/>. Students may also mail their essays to The Modell Lyric c/o the Education Department, The Modell Lyric, 110 W. Mt. Royal Avenue, Baltimore 21201. Late submissions will not be accepted.

The 10 finalists will be announced on January 8, 2019.

The Dream BIG Essay contest encompasses new Executive Director Jonathan Schwartz’ vision to transform the Modell Lyric into the “People’s House.” “Education and community programs are at the heart of what we do,” says Schwartz, “and our work throughout the region supports the imagination, voice, and artistic agency of young people and adults. Our in-school and summer programs in dance, theater, music, and creative writing are underpinned by the belief every person has a unique and important story to share.”

The awards ceremony and essay reading is scheduled for Monday, January 21, 2019 at 6 pm at The Modell Lyric. For more information about education programs please contact Denise Kumani Gantt, Director of Education dgantt@modell-lyric.com or Ron Williams rwilliams@modell-lyric.com.

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