


**CYS challenges you to "Raise the Bard"**

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**Chicago Youth Shakespeare has granted over \$18,000 in program scholarships in the past two years, and \$12,000 in 2014 alone. We expect that number to double in 2015.** You can help CYS fulfill our promise to guarantee program scholarships to every qualified student by [Sponsoring a Scholar](#) today. Visit our [Raising the Bard](#) campaign or click on a "scholar's" name below to read **real stories** from CYS students and parents.

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**Upcoming...**





**Battle of the Bard 2015**

High School Shakespeare Slam

**Preliminary Bouts**

**April 11** at Niles North High School

**April 18** at Benito Juarez Community Academy

Battle of the Bard teams perform in one of two

**Preliminary Bouts** hosted by participating schools.

**and we hope you'll join us on**

**Participating High Schools**

- Benito Juarez Community Academy
- ChiArts | The Chicago High School for the Arts
- Christian Fenger Academy
- De La Salle Institute
- Deerfield High School
- DRW College Prep
- Edwin G. Foreman High School
- Fenton Community High School
- Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep
- Homewood-Flossmoor High School
- James B. Conant High School
- Kelvyn Park High School
- Kenwood Academy
- Lincoln Park High School

**MAY 5, 2015** for the  
**Battle of the Bard FINALS**  
 to cheer on the top 10 teams as they perform  
 on the Courtyard Stage at Chicago  
 Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier!

Loyola Academy  
 Mather High School  
 New Trier High School  
 Niles North High School  
 Oak Park and River Forest High School  
 ORR Academy High School  
 SELAH | Southside Enrichment for  
 Language Arts & History  
 Senn High School  
 St. Benedict Preparatory High School  
 The British School of Chicago  
 University of Chicago Lab School  
 UNO Rogers Park  
 Westinghouse College Prep  
 Westmont High School

**Sponsor a Team** and help Battle of the  
 Bard students raise funds to support the  
 arts in schools. **Learn more**

**Mark your calendars**  
 for the CYS Summer production of  
 William Shakespeare's  
**JULIUS CAESAR**

**July 30 - August 2**  
**The Hoover-Leppen Theatre** at **Center on Halsted**  
 3656 N. Halsted Street, Chicago

**Save the Date**  
 for Chicago Youth Shakespeare's (first ever)  
**'Raising the Bard' BALL**  
*Yes, you read that right. We're having a BALL!*  
*(The jean-friendly kind where you don't have to wear a tux, unless you really want to!)*

**Join us on Sunday, August 2 2015**  
 for our closing performance of **Julius Caesar** followed by food, fun, & festivities!\*

\*Featuring special presentations by CYS Youth Ensemble alums!



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