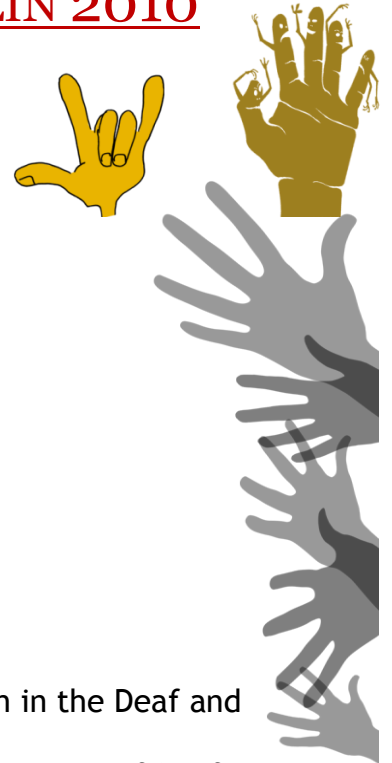


THE 7TH LANGUAGE FESTIVAL IN BERLIN 2010

In the Sign of Deafhood

Competition rules of the 7th Sign Language Festival in Berlin from 24 to 25 September 2010



1. Introduction

- a. The Sign Language Festival of Berlin has a long-time tradition in the Deaf and Sign Language movement.
- b. The aim of the Festival is to show the Language and Communication of Deaf People to the public. It wants to present its diversity and beauty, too.
- c. This is the reason why every contribution should be shown in German Sign Language.

2. Categories

The Sign Language Festival of Berlin 2010 has several categories:

- a. **Children** (up to 12 years old)
 - I. single competition
 - II. group competition (from 2 person)
- b. **Youth** (between 13 and 20 years old)
 - I. single competition
 - II. group competition (from 2 person)
- c. **Adult** (as from 21 years old)
 - I. single competition "Sign Language Performance"
 - II. NEW! single competition "Sign Language"
 - III. group competition (from 2 person)

In case of a registration to the participation at the competition please choose your category (see above). Every person may participate in more than one category - please follow the categories according to your age class.

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3. Children

- a. The contestants of the category “single competition and group for children” will participate at the preliminary round. This round will take place at Saturday, 25. September 2010 from 12:00 o’clock a.m. to 2:30 o’clock p.m. as a closed event.
- b. The jury will decide closed about the candidate’s admission to the competition. For the single competition maximal eight children will be selected, and for the group competition maximal three groups (every group should have the minimum of 2 children) will be selected.
- c. The deadline with the application form is the 31. Juli 2010.
- d. You’ll get a notification about the admission to the competition up to 30. August 2010.
- e. For the single competition you can show your thing up to 4 minutes and for the group competition you can take up to 6 minutes for your show. You can choose the form of your show and the issue.

4. Youth

- a. The contestants of the category “Youth” are requested to send a video recording (DVD) and the application form per post to the organisation team Sign Language Festival Berlin. The deadline is the 31 Juli 2010. Later transmittals couldn’t be considered.
- b. The jury will decide closed about the candidate’s admission to the competition.
- c. The candidate number depends on the number of the registration. If there are registrations only for the category “single competition”, 8 candidates will be admitted. If there are additionally at least 2 registrations for the category “group”, up to 3 groups can be admitted and the number of the single competition candidates will be reduced according to the 5th or 6th registrations admissions.
- d. You’ll get a notification about the admission to the competition up to 30. August 2010.
- e. For the single competition you can show your thing up to 4 minutes and for the group competition you can take up to 6 minutes for your show. You can choose the form of your show and the issue.

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5. Adult

- a. The contestants of the category "Adult" are requested to send a video recording (DVD) and the confirmation of participation per post to the organisation team Sign Language Festival Berlin. The deadline is the 31 Juli 2010. Later transmittals couldn't be considered.
- b. The jury will decide closed about the candidate's admission to the competition.
- c. Maximal 4 adults will be admitted (therefrom 2 women and 2 men) for the categories "Sign Language Performance" and "Sign Language". For the group competition maximal 3 groups (minimum: 2 persons) will be admitted.
- d. You'll get a notification about the admission to the competition up to 30. August 2010.
- e. For the single competition you can show your thing up to 5 minutes and for the group competition you can take up to 6 minutes for your show.

c.1 category "Sign Language Performance"

- I. To this category belong poetry, visual vernacular, rhythm, mimic and every form of Sign Language Art (Classificatory, Constructed Action etc.)
- II. You are free to choose some form of Sign Language Art.
- III. The center of the issue should be "I have a Dream".

c.2 "Sign Language"

- I. To this category belong narrations, gags, stories and everything which context is the pure Sign Language.
- II. You are free to choose one form of no. I (see above).
- III. The center of the issue should be the fairy story "Snow White".
- IV. It is giving no barrier for your fantasy, if as a sketch, gag, stories etc.
- V. You don't need to show the whole fairy story "Snow White", it is also possible to show only sections of this story.

c.3 category „group“

- I. You are free to choose the form of the show and the issue.
- II. You may take a musically inlay, if you want.

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6. Participance Authorization

- a. Persons who can use the Sign Language and are age-adequate to the respective category, are authorised to participate at the competition.
- b. These persons should make the registration.

7. Rules

- a. Your contribution can be pantomimic and visual-gesture, as long as they have the form of the German Sign Language. Pure Pantomimic, pure visual-gesture communication or pure tongue accompanying signs are not allowed. But exceptions are possible for children in individual cases.
- b. Things or additives (e.g. bringing things, added lights), which are for the decoration, is not allowed.
- c. Musically inputs for single competition are not allowed. Exception: Group.
- d. Your show, which is audistic or racist or violate religious and ethical worths, will be rejected.
- e. For the content and form of the candidate's show the coordination team of the Sign Language Festival in Berlin not responsibly.

8. Rules of the Jury

- a. The jury will decide on awarding of the Golden Hand at the single and group competitions.
- b. For the price-awarding of the category „Sign Language“ 50 % of the run-off ballot of the public and 50% of the jury will decide.
- c. Every candidate who arrive the finale will be nominated. After the nomination nobody will be excluded or disqualify. Exception: Rudely breach of the competition rules.
- d. If less than 2 persons or 2 groups in a category will be nominated, only a 1st place will be awarded.
- e. Vetos against the competiton rules and against the decisions of the jury are not allowed. The legal process is out of the question.

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