

## Writing Contest

Your story could become a part of an original musical *All Aboard South America: Mighty Mysteries, Wonder and Mayhem!*

If you're a third through sixth grade student living in eastern North Carolina, you're welcome to write a colorful story (fiction or historical) about a South American personality, mystery or wonder. Your story must show evidence of research and have a beginning, a middle and an end. Include rich details about the setting and characters you've selected. Submit your story (no longer than two typed pages, please) by the deadline, and you might win our contest.

All entrants get a certificate of participation. If your story is selected, it will become a part of the production, which means we'll adapt your story for the stage. Winners will receive a set of tickets so that their entire class may attend the 10:00 a.m. production, tickets for family and friends for the 7:00 p.m. production, a photo op with the cast and an introduction to the audience.

This contest is open to public, private and home school students. Teachers, your entire class may participate if you like. Stories will be judged by a panel of ECU professors and academic types. We don't care whether you type or handwrite your story, but we do insist on exceptional grammar and spelling.

Each entry must be original and include the author's name, age, mailing address, school, grade and teacher's name. Stories are due by **October 7, 2009**. We will announce the winners by **October 12, 2009**.

Send your entry to

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Questions? Email or call 252-328-5386.

Need resources? Try <http://author.ecu.edu/cs-lib/trc/bibguid.cfm> under "South America" and "Mystery Writing."