



Raindrop Foundation is organizing the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkish Culture and Language Olympiad Southwestern States Awards Gala and everyone is invited to this exciting event that contributes in very colorful cultural life of Greater Houston area and Great State of Texas. The event's aim is to increase students' awareness of and motivation for learning a foreign language and culture and features a variety of performances in a professionally planned stage

Here are the event's details:

**Name of the event** : 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkish Culture and Language Olympiad Southwestern States Awards Gala

**Date** : Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> ,2013

**Time** : 3 PM.-5:00 PM.

**Venue** : Arena Theater in Houston

**Address** : 7326 Southwest Fwy Houston, TX 77074

**Host** : Raindrop Foundation 9301 W Bellfort Ave. Houston, TX 77031 713 974 1412 [ww.w.turkishhouse.org](http://ww.w.turkishhouse.org)

**Details** : Free and open to the public.

Turkish language is spoken by over 250 million people in the world. Today Turkish is taught in 140 countries as a second language in many leading high schools and colleges as well as in United States. Moreover, Turkish is one of the critical-need languages under the National Security Language Initiative that highlights Turkish Language as “actively sought by universities, government agencies and the business sector for their skills, experience, and knowledge!” ( [ww.w.nsliforyouth.org](http://ww.w.nsliforyouth.org) )

Raindrop Turkish House is teaching Turkish classes in 17 cities in Texas and neighboring states including Oklahoma, Mississippi, Kansas, Louisiana, Tennessee and Arkansas. In order to promote Turkish language learning and cultural diversity, Raindrop has been organizing Turkish Language Olympiads since 2007.