

Rooftop Production's Second Annual 10 x 10 New Play Festival

Submission Deadline is April 15 by 11:59 p.m. **Submissions must be emailed to Rooftop10by10@gmail.com**

Call for Directors will be announced on May 1, 2023.

Auditions for Actors will be held June 5 and 7.

Performances August 24, 25 and 26, 2023 at the ART factory.

Submission guidelines

- 1. Plays will be accepted for consideration From February 15 thru April 15, 2023 by 11:59.
- 2. Playwrights may submit no more than two (2) plays.
- 3. Entry fee is \$10 per play. High school entry fees will be waived for 2023.
- 4. Plays submitted will not be returned.
- 5. Plays entered in the competition should not have been produced in any format in the world before, other than a staged reading including Zoom or other online platforms.
- 6. Plays should not have been published.
- 7. We will only accept PDF submissions. No word, google docs, text, or other document formats will be accepted. We will not accept any scripts that are mailed or dropped off.
- 8. All plays should be in 12pt font.
- 9. The cover page must include the title of the play, playwright's name, playwright's bio, playwright's picture, playwright's complete address, phone number, and email.
- 10. Please do not list your contact information on the dialogue pages. If you do, your script will not be considered.

- 11. For general play formatting guidelines, please visit: http://www.playwrightslocal.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Samuel-French-Formatting-Guide.pdf.
- 12. We will not consider musicals.
- 13. Plays must be between 8 10 pages: submissions under or over will not be accepted.
- 14. Plays may not go over 10 pages. The cover page, title page, synopsis of characters- *to include gender/race/ethnicity neutrality or flexibility* or other playwright suggestions will not be counted in the 10 pages. **Pages must be numbered.**
- 15. We will only accept one version of the script. Once scripts have been selected, alterations will not be permitted. Please do not send revisions.
- 16. We want plays, not skits. There should be a beginning, middle and end with a plot.
- 17. No multiple scenes, no extensive set/costume/light/projection requirements. The directors will be given very limited set pieces for staging.
- 18. Character number must be between 2 and 4.
- 19. Please let us know if the characters can be gender or ethnically/racially neutral or flexible on the character description page (#14)
- 20. Feedback from our play readers will only be given to the plays selected for the festival.
- 21. The selected scripts will be notified prior to public announcement on May 15th. We will post selected plays and authors on Facebook and our website, VirginiaART factory.org immediately after that notification. We will only email the playwrights of selected plays.
- 22. The only accepted method of submission is an email to *Rooftop10by10@gmail.com*.
- 23. Failure to follow these guidelines for submission will automatically disqualify a script from consideration.
- 24. Please do not ask for special consideration for any of these requirements.
- 25. By submitting a script for consideration, the playwright agrees that Rooftop Productions may produce the script during the 10 x 10 New Play Festival on August 24, 25 and 26, 2023. The playwright agrees to waive any royalty for the production of the piece in the festival and relinquishes all rights to casting decisions or scenic choices.
- 26. Ten Plays will be selected from the pool of adult submissions. 1 play will be selected from our high school submissions. A panel of script evaluators will determine selected plays. Winners will be notified via email from Rooftop Productions. The selected playwrights will be notified via email prior to public announcement. The decision of the

evaluators is final. There will be three playwriting prizes awarded: First Place -\$175, Second Place - \$125, High School Winner - \$100 and one performance award: Audience Favorite - \$100.

27. Judging Criteria is as follows: Producibility, Originality, Creativity, Entertainment Value, Evaluator Judgment. Adherence to all other requirements must be met (ie page limit, character number, etc.)

FOR SUBMISSION: Please submit through email at Rooftop10by10@gmail.com

For questions or further information, contact *Deb Hansen, Festival Producer*, at Rooftop10by10@gmail.com