

Call for Script Submissions & Proposals

The New Ideas Festival is a juried, three-week festival of new writing, works-in-progress and experimental theatre, with a new program of plays each week, and a staged reading on Saturdays at noon. It runs from March 5 to 22, 2008.

THE NEW IDEAS FESTIVAL:

- ▲ Began in 1989 as one of the few juried theatre festivals in Toronto;
- ▲ Encourages playwrights to stay involved in the project throughout the rehearsal process;
- ▲ Is part of The Alumnae Theatre, a not-for-profit and non-union company, which actively encourages diversity in its casting and membership;
- ▲ Is focused on development and community. It does not charge entry fees to participants, or pay fees, royalties or a box office share to participants;
- ▲ Provides dramaturgical support to assist in script development;
- ▲ Provides Directors, Stage Managers, technical, front of house staff, rehearsal space and publicity.

Alumnae Theatre Company will retain creative discretion over the festival as a whole.

ALL PROJECTS MUST:

- ▲ Adhere strictly to the New Ideas Festival Guidelines, including time limits;
- ▲ Involve an original script or concept that has not been performed outside of a workshop presentation;
- ▲ Have the potential to develop through the dramaturgical process New Ideas will offer;
- ▲ Have limited technical requirements. The focus will be on script development, not production values;
- ▲ Any future productions must include the program credit: *"Originally produced by the Alumnae Theatre Company in the New Ideas Festival (year)"*.

SUBMISSION CRITERIA:

You may submit a completed script or a proposal. Each writer/creator can submit not more than two projects for consideration by Alumnae Theatre.

If you are submitting a completed script, you can:

- ▼ Submit a work in any genre or style;
- ▼ Submit a play that runs from 5 to 45 minutes in length;
- ▼ Submit a full-length scripts with the understanding that only a portion will be performed.

If you are submitting a proposal you must:

- ▼ Provide a detailed outline/synopsis of your project and its aims (1 to 2 pages);
- ▼ Submit a description of your creation process and a schedule of completion (1 page);
- ▼ Include any completed written work relating to the project (e.g, the first scene) and previous work if it directly pertains to the project in question.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

- ▲ Deliver or mail 4 copies of your script or proposal to Alumnae Theatre by **September 15, 2007 at 5 pm**. We will not accept any submissions by fax or e-mail.
- ▲ Scripts must be typed on 8.5 x 11 white paper. Number the pages. Include a cover sheet with the title, your name(s), and all pertinent contact information. ***Put the title on the first page of your script.***
- ▲ Do not put your name(s) on the text pages of the submission copies. ***All scripts are read blind.***
- ▲ We will e-mail you confirmation of receipt of your submissions within two weeks. Please do not phone or e-mail the theatre for confirmation.
- ▲ Scripts will not be returned. We do not provide feedback on script submissions.

PLEASE NOTE: Submissions that do not satisfy all of the above criteria will not be considered.

SEND TO: NEW IDEAS FESTIVAL - Call for Script Submissions
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For further information, call 416-364-4170 or check our website at www.alumnaetheatre.com