



Call for Directors

Alumnae Theatre Company is seeking directors - new and experienced - to join us in the development of a dozen new Canadian plays for the 23rd annual New Ideas Festival. Deadline is Friday November 12, 2010.

New Ideas Festival, March 9 to 26, 2011 - is a juried, three-week annual festival of new writing and works-in-progress featuring a new program of plays each week, and staged readings on Saturdays at noon. Plays run 10 to 25 minutes. Rehearsals start early February. It's an excellent and exciting opportunity to work with a playwright and full cast in the beautiful, historical Studio at Alumnae Theatre in Toronto.

The New Ideas Festival:

- ▲ Is focused on development. Playwrights are encouraged to stay involved in the project throughout the rehearsal process.
- ▲ Provides dramaturgical support to assist in script development.
- ▲ Provides Directors, Stage Managers, technical & front of house staff with rehearsal space & publicity.
- ▲ Does not charge entry fees to participants, nor pay fees, royalties or a box office share to participants.
- ▲ Is part of the Alumnae Theatre, a not-for-profit and non-union company, which actively encourages diversity in its casting and membership.
- ▲ *Alumnae Theatre Company retains creative discretion over the festival as a whole.*

All Directors Must:

- ▲ **Not be a member of CAEA or ACTRA**, as the Alumnae is a non-professional company. Cast and crew lists are submitted to both unions for review. Union involvement is reserved for members in good standing.
- ▲ Be prepared to develop the project/script through the collaborative and dramaturgical process that New Ideas is designed to offer.
- ▲ Follow all production guidelines established by the New Ideas Festival.
- ▲ Keep technical requirements of the project to a minimum: the focus will be on script development, not production values. The Festival provides only limited access to costumes and props.

To Apply to Direct:

- ▲ E-mail new.ideas.festival@gmail.com by **Friday Nov. 12, 2010**. The subject line should read 'Director Application [your last name]'.
- ▲ Include your name, phone number, e-mail address; whether you have directed before; what (if anything) you have directed for Alumnae Theatre; and what else you have directed (or attach cv).
- ▲ You will then receive instructions for reviewing the selected scripts and an interview date.

Check out www.alumnaetheatre.com/ideas.html for more details.