

# New Ideas Festival 2012 ♦ March 14 -31, 2012

## *Call For Script Submissions and Proposals*

**New Ideas Festival (NIF)** invites playwrights to submit completed scripts or proposals for NIF 2012, which will be held from March 14 - 31, 2012. NIF is a juried three-week festival produced by Toronto's Alumnae Theatre. All scripts are read blind by two to three readers as part of the selection process. Completed scripts chosen for the festival will receive a full production with six performances. Scripts in very early development may be selected for a staged reading.

NIF offers playwrights an opportunity to collaborate with other theatre artists. As NIF is primarily focused on script development, playwrights do not act in or direct their own scripts. Instead, they are encouraged to participate actively in the whole production process, from choosing a director and cast to attending rehearsals and revising their work as it comes off the page. NIF also offers dramaturgical support to playwrights who request it, free rehearsal and production space, technical support, access to Alumnae Theatre's costume and props collections, publicity, and sold-out houses.

Scripts submitted must be original works that have not been previously performed outside of a workshop. They may be in any genre or style, with a running time of 10 to 45 minutes. One act of a full-length play will also be considered. Playwrights submitting a proposal must provide a detailed plan of the project, including a completion schedule and at least three scenes. Preference will be given to scripts with challenging roles for women of all ages.

Submissions will be accepted now until September 15, 2011 (September 30 for Alumnae members). Playwrights may submit a maximum of two projects. A fee of \$10 will be charged per submission (fee waived for Alumnae members).

### Submission Instructions

**Scripts** or proposals must be typed on 8.5" x 11" white paper with pages numbered. Put the title of the play at the top of the first page. A separate cover page should include:

- ♦ Title of the play
- ♦ Playwright's name and contact information
- ♦ Synopsis of play (35 words or less)
- ♦ List of characters and their ages
- ♦ Short bio of playwright (75 words or less)

Please do not place the playwright's name on any of the text pages, as scripts are read blind.

Scripts or proposals for NIF 2012 may be submitted electronically in Word or PDF format to:  
**[NIFscripts@gmail.com](mailto:NIFscripts@gmail.com)**.

If submitting a hard copy version of a script or proposal, please mail or deliver three copies to:

**New Ideas Festival** - Script Submissions  
Alumnae Theatre Company  
70 Berkeley Street,  
Toronto, ON M5A 2W6

A cheque or money order payable to **Alumnae Theatre Company** for \$10 should be included with each submission (waived for Alumnae members). If submitting electronically, please mail the fee to the above address. Scripts will not be accepted until the fee has been received.

**Note:** NIF will confirm receipt of submissions by email within two weeks. Please do not telephone or email Alumnae Theatre for confirmation. Scripts will not be returned, and NIF does not provide feedback on submissions.

Visit the New Ideas page at [www.alumnaetheatre.com/ideas.html](http://www.alumnaetheatre.com/ideas.html).