



Footlight Theatre's Christmas Play Competition 2011

Competition Objectives

1. To stimulate the development of new Canadian plays
2. To provide access to a developmental opportunity for Canadian playwrights.
3. To produce this play in November/December 2011 at the Burnaby Village Museum.

Rules and Regulations

1. Open to all professional and non-professional playwrights resident in Canada.
2. Plays must be original (not produced at time of postmark), professional or amateur, and submitted in English. New plays having received a workshop or reading without full public production are eligible but must be accompanied by a letter (outlining circumstances, date audience, etc)
3. Plays of ethnic origin are welcome but must be submitted in an English translation for adjudication.
4. First-time stage adaptations of work from another medium are welcome but must be noted on the script's title page.
5. Scripts must be typewritten or work-processed, double-spaced between speaking parts printed on the front side of 8.5 X 11 inch pages only. Please provide a cast list. Scripts do not need to be bound but must include page numbers.
6. Footlight Theatre Company reserves the right to cancel the contest if there are no plays submitted which adhere to the limitations of the contest as decided by the jurors.
7. The play must take place between 1850 and 1925 with appropriate manners and behaviors of that time.
8. The play must be appropriate for all ages and families.
9. The play is limited to 30 to 45 minutes in duration.
10. The number of cast members should be limited to less than 10.
11. There should be a respect for the multicultural nature of British Columbia.
12. Playwrights must submit one copy of each entry. Do not send your original.
13. Playwrights must notify Footlight Theatre Company of any changes in mailing address or phone numbers. Include an e-mail address for speedy receipt of updates and announcement of winner.
14. The winner shall prepare a supply of the final draft of the winning script for deposit into the Footlight Theatre Company script library.
15. By entering this contest, playwrights acknowledge that they have granted Footlight Theatre Company their permission to produce the winning play.

How to Enter

1. Submit a title page bearing only the play title and Playwright's pseudonym. More than one play may be submitted per playwright. However, please use a different pseudonym per play.
2. There will be no entry fee. Entrants wishing to have their scripts returned following the contest must include a self-addressed envelope with the required postage.
3. Plays must be received between March 1, 2010 and June 1, 2010.
4. Submit all contact information on a separate sheet with the play's title. This will be kept separate and will not be available to the jurors until after the competition. This should include the play title, the pseudonym, the Playwright's true name, mailing address, phone numbers, and e-mail address.
5. Submit a two or three line synopsis of the play for announcement purposes.
6. Submit a list of the previous workshops or readings if applicable.
7. Entries in hard copy format only – no electronic submissions will be accepted.
8. Mail all entries to: Footlight Theatre Company
6584 Deer Lake Avenue
Burnaby, B.C.
V5G 3T7

Prize:

1. \$200 reward to the winning play.
2. The show will be produced in November/December 2011 at the Burnaby Village Museum.
3. The show will be entered at the New Play Competition in Kamloops in 2012 if cast is available or appropriate substitutes are available as decided by the director selected by Footlight Theatre Company or the producer as chosen by the Board of Directors of Footlight Theater company.

Selection Process

1. The Jurors will consist of a professional director, a member of the staff of the Burnaby Village Museum, and an actor all of whom will be of Footlight Theatre Company's choosing. Each juror will be sent a copy of each entry.
2. Once the Jurors have read all entries they shall meet to select the winning playwright (the Winner).
3. Jurors identities remain confidential until the announcement of results.

Announcement of Results

1. Official announcement of winner will be made on or about June 2011.
2. Winner will be contacted directly by Footlight Theatre Company.
3. Prize will be sent by mail to the address provided by the winner.

Limitation of Liability

By entering this contest, all entrants agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless Footlight Theatre Company, Burnaby Village Museum, their agents, employees, officers, directors, and representatives from any claims, losses, and damages arising out of their participation in this contest.

Conditions

Entrants agree that this contest shall be subject to and governed by the laws of British Columbia and the forum for any dispute shall be in British Columbia, Canada.