



Theatre New Mexico

THEATRE NEW MEXICO NEW WORKS SHOWCASE 2010 CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Theatre New Mexico, Inc. is proud to announce it will be hosting a Showcase of Original 10 Minute Plays during its 2010 Annual Spring Conference. Each theater performing group within the state of New Mexico is invited to produce local 10 Minute Plays for participation in this showcase. The showcase of all these plays will be performed on March 20, 2010 in the Ocotillo Performing Arts Center in Artesia, NM.

Theatre New Mexico, Inc. is the host organization for the conference and all participants and theatre groups should be members of Theatre New Mexico. Non-members will be required to pay a participation fee of \$100 for the group and \$25 non-member individual in addition to the conference registration fees. See the Conference registration information packets for further details regarding membership and non-member fee submission.

Participation Guidelines:

- 1) Scripts must be limited to a length of ten (10) pages or less in standard script format and be able to be legitimately performed in 10 minutes.
- 2) Plays may have any subject matter. Comedy or drama. Please no overuse of strong language.
- 3) Plays may have already been produced elsewhere, but any published works will not be considered. Although not required, TNM encourages each theatre group to use new original plays from playwrights in their local area. TNM is hoping to showcase the abundance of talent to be found within New Mexico's own theatre community.
- 4) Your script will be limited to the use of any/all of the following set pieces provided by the Ocotillo Performing Arts Center (pictures of each are available on the TNM web site):
 - a. 6 standard padded seat chairs
 - b. 1 small round dining room table
 - c. 1 coffee table
 - d. 1 8 ft. long portable table
 - e. 2 end tables
 - f. 1 podium
 - g. 1 small love seat
 - h. 1 park bench
 - i. 2 24" x 24" wooden boxes
 - j. 2 12" x 12" wooden boxes

Hand props and costuming will be allowed and provided by the theatre group, but nothing else. Set should be devised in such a way as to allow for rapid set changes between plays, preferably limited to 2 minutes or less. Main curtain will remain open for all changes.

- 5) Each theatre group shall provide their own director, actors, props, etc.
- 6) TNM will not pay royalties or fees for any of the performances.

The Ocotillo Performing Arts Center is a 190-seat theatre with full light and sound equipment. The OPAC will provide limited sound and light operators, the stage and a 30 minute tech time the evening before the showcase so that casts can become familiar with the space prior to the performance. Prior notice must be given that technical assistance will be needed. To insure this information is received, please send your technical requests with the script as instructed below.

Technical Need-to-Know list for the Showcase:

- a. The fly is stationary. No banners or flying backdrops. Back curtain is on travelers, can be opened partially for use as an entrance if needed.
- b. Lighting available: full wash; green, blue or red wash; no more than one special. Hand operated spotlights also available, request operators if needed.
- c. Sound: we will not provide wireless mics. CD player available for sound effects and music.
- d. Projector. Can be run from a laptop on stage or from the booth.
- e. Monitor can be placed on stage if actors need to hear music, etc. on stage.

Notification of Intent to Participate deadline: January 15, 2010. This notification will help us schedule your rehearsal and performance times.

Submission of scripts in .doc or .pdf format to Reginia Garner at <reginiagarner@yahoo.com> or mail to: TNM Conference Showcase, 803 W. Centre Ave., Artesia, NM 88210-2721. **Deadline for script submission: February 1, 2010.** Please include the mailing address, phone number and e-mail address for your group's representative.

All groups meeting TNM requirements will be sent confirmation of allowance to participate and rehearsal schedule no later than February 15, 2010.

2010 is the inaugural year for the TNM 10 Minute Play Showcase. Following the showcase presentation, participants will be encouraged to offer their comments, suggestions and ideas for future showcases to be presented during the non-festival years.