



ScriptFair



New Promotional Opportunity For Playwrights at Theatre BC's Mainstage 2004 in Kamloops!

Playwrights Given Opportunity to Showcase

As part of a Job Creation Project through Human Resources Canada, granted to Theatre BC for this year's MAINSTAGE provincial theatre festival in Kamloops, July 2-10, 2004, Theatre BC will be offering an opportunity to playwrights who have entered the Canadian National Playwriting Competition to showcase their new plays. A free admission, fringe-style lunchtime "Readers Theatre" component will be included as part of the event curriculum.

Playwrights will be invited to submit their scripts to the selection committee for consideration. Up to 20 plays will be chosen to participate. Each will receive two readings over three days, during the nine-day event. Playwrights will be encouraged to bring their own readers to ensure that the plays are prepared to their satisfaction. A pool of registrant readers may also be available to draw from. All participants will be expected to register for Mainstage for the three-day minimum package, like all other delegates, giving them access to all activities during their stay at Mainstage 2004. This, of course, includes evening and matinee competitive Mainstage performances, Workshop Plays, morning Coffee Critiques and evening Green Room Socials.

The Readers Theatre will be offered in at least two downtown venues, with each entry receiving two performances on two different days (scheduled no more than two days apart so that playwrights and readers qualify for the three-day minimum registration package, like all other participant delegates). The Readers Theatre presentations will be free admission and scheduled in the mid-day timeframe to provide "lunchbox theatre" for the visiting delegates and general public. With theatre enthusiasts in town from every region of the province, this will be a great opportunity to promote new plays.

The goal is to provide a new opportunity to promote the entered plays and playwrights who support the Canadian National Playwriting Competition. The proposal is supported both by Human Resources Canada, in the form of the Job Creation Project granted to Mainstage 2004, and the City of Kamloops, which would like to see the development of an annual cultural event that would draw delegates from across the country and encourage cultural tourism for the city. The City of Kamloops is a major sponsor of Theatre BC's New Play Festival and Mainstage 2004. It was an ideal opportunity to take advantage of the return to Kamloops of the Mainstage Festival to build the "Script Fair" fringe-type event. If the venture is successful, it could feasibly develop into an annual activity for the Tournament Capital of Canada.

Invitations will be sent to all playwrights who have previously entered Theatre BC's Canadian National Playwriting Competition (whom we have current contact info for). Anyone wishing further information, should contact Executive Director Robb Mowbray at the Theatre BC office or the Mainstage 2004 office in Kamloops.

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Playwrights Readers Theatre at MAINSTAGE 2004 Application Form

Play Title: _____

Playwright: _____

Current Contact Info:

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Submitted Play Info:

1. Full-Length One Act

2. # of characters _____ mins. run time

3. Will you provide your own readers?
 yes / no

4. Which days would you prefer to attend?
(Choose three consecutive days.)

Friday, July 2 Saturday, July 3

Sunday, July 4 Monday, July 5

Tuesday, July 6 Wednesday, July 7

Thursday, July 8 Friday, July 9

Saturday, July 10 Full Week Package

5. Have you previously entered Theatre BC's Canadian National Playwriting Competition?
 yes / no

6. Has your script been previously produced?
 yes / no

7. Please include the following with your completed application form:
- copy of submitted play, with character list
- synopsis of 1-2 paragraphs

I, the applicant, understand that, should my submission be selected, that all those involved in the presentation at MAINSTAGE 2004 must register for the event at the (minimum) 3-day package (TBC member) rate.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Submit to:
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