

First Annual New Play Festival Call for Entries

The Local Actors Guild of Saratoga is proud to announce their 1st Annual New Play Festival. We will be choosing two plays from local playwrights for our December Festival (Dec 6, 7, 13 & 14) at the Saratoga Arts Center. Your play will have two showings over two weekends.

Submissions due by July 1st 2014!

The Local Actors Guild of Saratoga is committed to supporting emerging and regional playwrights by developing and producing new plays. Through our Play Festival script competition, The Local Actors Guild of Saratoga offers developmental opportunities to two local playwrights. We provide playwrights with an encouraging and focused environment in which they can develop their work.

The Local Actors Guild of Saratoga's productions offer playwrights the chance to see their work fully realized on stage. We hope, however, that the plays developed at The Local Actors Guild of Saratoga will go on to subsequent productions throughout the country. Because of this, playwrights whose scripts we produce retain the coveted "World Premiere" brand on their plays.

We are searching for commercially viable comedies and dramas with innovative storytelling that deal with important social issues. We accept only previously unproduced comedies and dramas with a running time of one hour and thirty minutes to two hours. We do not accept musicals or plays for youth. Plays that can be effectively cast within our market will be considered favorably.

Please include a cover letter with the following information:

- A brief bio (please be assured that past professional experience is not required)
- Full contact information, including phone number and email address.

The Local Actors Guild of Saratoga will provide playwrights with the highest quality actors and directors. If a playwright has a specific director in mind for their production a resume must be submitted with your submission.

Playwrights are encouraged to submit plays that require minimal technical elements and minimal set pieces.

There is no submission fee.

Hard copies will be read by at least three readers. However, the following will be rejected:

1. Screenplays or teleplays submitted as theatrical plays
2. Obvious first drafts
3. Plays with typos and spelling errors
4. Plays that require costly design elements

If you are wondering if your play is a good match for The Local Actors Guild of Saratoga or if you have any questions about the festival, please do not hesitate to send an inquiry to localactorsguild@gmail.com

Scripts must meet the following criteria:

- Script legibly typed in a standard 8½" x 11" play format margins: 1.5" left, 1" right, top and bottom page numbers in upper right corner 12 point font, either Courier New or Times New Roman
- Brief synopsis of play (200 word maximum) and cast list with character breakdown and the complete casting requirements (limited to 8 actors). Plays that utilize double (or triple or quadruple...) casting should use this technique for a dramaturgical reason. Double casting should not be an attempt to make a play with a large cast fit the guidelines.
- Script (please indicate "Fin" or "End" on the last page)
- Via e-mail: PDF of script – localactorsguild@gmail.com
- Hard copy of application and script (3 copies) need to be mailed to:

**The Local Actors Guild of Saratoga
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