

WAYSIDE THEATRE'S YOUNG PLAYWRIGHT'S FESTIVAL 2010

The Wayside Theatre is please to announce the **Tenth Annual Shenandoah Valley Regional Playwright's Festival** for Students in High School (9th-12th)
Middle School/Junior High (6th-8th grades)

Entry Deadline: Must be post marked by Friday, February 20, 2009***

***** Extended to February 19, 2010**

Virginia SOLS:

Elementary: 1.11, 2.1, 2.3, 2.8, 3.5, 3.6, 4.4, 4.5, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7,

Middle School/Junior High: 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.7, 8.2, 8.3,

High School: 9.1, 9.3, 9.6, 10.7, 10.9, 11.6, 11.7, 12.6,12.7

West Virginia COS: English/Writing 9.40, 9.42, 9.43, 10.43,

10.44, 11.50, 11.54, 11.57, 12.42

Theatre 9.1, 9.12, 10.1, 10.8, 11.1, 11.4, 12.1

GUIDELINES

WHO CAN ENTER:

- Writer must be under the age of 19 on February 19, 2010.
- Writers must be a current Virginia (counties: Frederick, Clarke, Warren, Page, Shenandoah, Rockingham, Loudoun County, Fauquier County and Winchester) or West Virginia (counties of: Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Hampshire or Hardy) resident, attending Public, Private school, or in a Home School program in listed counties.

WHAT MAY BE ENTERED:

- The choice and style is up to you.
- Scripts should be **ONE ACT** in length and no longer than 20 minutes.
- Scripts must be original. **No** musicals, and screenplays are not eligible, nor adaptations of other authors' work.
- Scripts must be submitted by the author/s.
- Collaborations are acceptable with a limit of 3 writers (all writers must be under the age of 19).
- Submit 3 copies of your play. Keep the original at home because scripts will not be returned.

FORMAT REQUIREMENTS:

- Scripts must be in Standard American Format.
- Font Size: typed 12 point
- Scripts must be typed (dark enough to be read easily) and stapled with just one staple in the upper left side.
- Page Numbers: script pages must be numbered.

- Title page: 1) Author's name, 2) Date of Birth, 3) Home and permanent address, 4) Home telephone number, 5) Parents' phone numbers, 6) grade, 7) teacher's name, 8) school name, address, and school phone number.
- Inside First Page: 1) List of characters, 2) gender of characters, 3) Synopsis of the play.

Some Points to Remember:

- In plays, the story should be told through speech and action rather than just description. Try to avoid using a narrator and keep stage directions to a minimum.
- Avoid using too many characters; we suggest 8 maximum.
- In the theatre, unlike film or television, you cannot easily switch from one setting to another.
- Keep in mind that whatever you write must be able to be produced on a stage in front of a live audience.

High School Contest Winner's will receive:

The T. Carter Fussell Award in Playwrighting

- First Place will receive a \$100.00 Savings Bond and Staged-Reading Presentation and two tickets to a play during the upcoming Season.
- Second Place will receive a \$50.00 Savings Bond and two tickets to a play during the upcoming Season.
- ***First Place winning play will be produced by Wayside Theatre and performed in a Reader's Theatre, a staged-reading presentation, in the spring.*** The First Place student playwright works with a dramaturg to refine his or her script for performance and remains an active participant in the rehearsal process.
- Honorable Mention will be presented to participants as deemed by the Judges. Also, they will receive two tickets to a play during the upcoming season.

Elementary and Middle/Junior High School: If the Judges designate a First Place winner in this category, then the chosen play may be performed at one of the Winter, Spring or Fall Young Performers Workshop recitals at Wayside Theatre. A dramaturg will work with playwrights to refine their plays. (Using 8 to 10 characters with the possibility to switch genders or doubling of characters as needed to work with the workshop participants. Age groups are 7-11 or 12 to 18 years old)

First Place of Middle/Junior High School/Elementary-- winner will receive two tickets to a play during the upcoming Season.

Mail your script to:

Cephe F. Place, Outreach Coordinator
 Wayside Theatre
 P.O. Box 260
 Middletown, Virginia 22645

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STYLE SHEET

Please use the following guide to be sure your scripts are in Standard American format before submitting them. We need to ask that you adhere to these requirements. **Thank you.**

Please always type your script. Type on one side of the paper only.

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<u>Characters:</u>	
Mammy, protective mother, who is superstitious.	
John-Boy, a not very courageous young man.	
<u>Act I, Scene I</u>	
MAMMY	
Thar's a tale to be told about them swamps....but not on a moon lite nite, like to nite!	
JOHN-BOY	
Mammy...was it like this yer nite when Pa went awalkin' in tha swamp to git some frogs?	
MAMMY	
Yep! It wer!	
(Looking sharply around)	
Just like tonite! Ther was noises I ne'er heerd befor'. Pa, he wern't afreerd. He went a lookin'. And ne'er returned.	
JOHN-BOY	
Wer' ther' green monsters?	
MAMMY	
(walks to the edge of the forest, swamp)	
Nope!	
JOHN-BOY	
What wer' it?	

- A lack of page numbers can cause pages to get lost or mixed up, ruining the script. Number pages in the upper right hand corner, large enough to be read easily.

- Stage directions **should** be indented with parentheses. If stage directions in middle of speech start on a new line (indented), and speech continues on the next line.
- **Always** type your script with a space between the last line of one character's dialog and the name of the next speaker. If scripts are not properly spaced it is hard to read.
- **VERY IMPORTANT:** List the full name of the speaker (character) IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS in the center of the line, where it is visible. If the character's name is on the left-hand side of the page it makes it hard to distinguish from the dialog and to who is speaking.
- Please always list all of your characters at the beginning of your script. This helps the director to cast your play. Offer some description of each character after their listing.

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