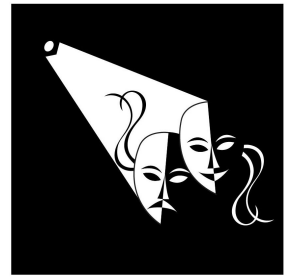


# Te Puke Repertory's Simply Short Play Festival 2023 Submission Guidelines



We invite novice and experienced writers to submit their 10-minute plays for the Simply Short Play Festival.

Submitting a play is simple, but there are some important things to keep in mind for your play to be eligible.

- Plays are to be received by 20 January 2023
- Plays are ten minutes in length with a minimum use of props, lights, sound and sets.
- Each play can have up to four actors.
- A 10 minute play is a dramatic form in its own right, with a beginning, a middle and an end.
- Your script should be an original work that has not been previously produced

A panel of three established members of our local theatre community will read the eligible plays and choose those they feel are the strongest and will best represent an exciting evening of theatre. The scripts will be read blind (anonymously).

Selected plays will then be produced by Te Puke Repertory Society for the festival season possibly late March 2023,

## **Some things to keep in mind about the production parameters:**

### **SET & PROPS**

While writing your script, please keep in mind the **limited staging requirements**. Many of the decisions regarding props and set pieces will be the responsibility of the director; however, if the action of your play requires objects, please keep in mind:

- Available set pieces are limited to 4 chairs, 1 small table, and 3 large wood boxes (they can be stood on, placed together to make a bench/platform).

### **SOUND & LIGHTS**

- There can be no recorded sound effects or music. Any sounds will have to be created live by members of the cast.
- Lighting cues within the script should be kept simple and limited to only a fade or black out, as no special effects will be provided.

## SUBMITTING YOUR PLAY

To be eligible, a script must meet these criteria:

- **Maximum of 4 ACTORS**
- **7 page maximum** in order to keep plays to 10 minutes or less
- Margins: 1 inch L/R and 0.5 inches top/bottom.
- Times New Roman font size 12.
- Pages should be numbered starting with the first page of the script (not the character list)
- Do NOT include identifying information on the script itself, only on the submission form and cover page. The scripts will be read blind (anonymously)
- All submissions must be digital (ie, no hard copies).

**The SUBMISSION PACKAGE must include:**

- Completed Simply Short Play Submission Form.
- A **digital file** of your script. **NO identifying information should be on the script itself.**
- A **title page** which includes title, playwright's name and date.
- A brief **synopsis** (100 words or less) for promotional purposes.
- A character list showing character name, age or age range, gender and any other specifics necessary for casting (e.g. accents). Please be as specific as possible in describing your characters, as this will be helpful for casting actors.

**Electronic files will be accepted Word or PDF files.**

Please check for conversional errors before submitting.

PLAYS MUST BE **RECEIVED** BY FRIDAY 20 JANUARY 2023

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