

THEATRE NEW MEXICO (TNM) 10-MINUTE PLAY SHOWCASE 2018

In an effort to involve as many people as possible in conferences, Theatre New Mexico has instituted a 10-minute play showcase. We will host the Fifth 10-Minute Play Showcase during the 2018 Annual Spring Conference. Companies are invited to produce as many pieces as they wish to present the evening of *Saturday, March 10* at the *Community Players of Hobbs Playhouse* in Hobbs, New Mexico.

10-minute plays don't require the lengthy rehearsal period of full-length plays. 10-minute plays also afford people who may have been afraid or unable to commit to a full-length play the opportunity to act, direct or write.

We limit the technical aspects of the 10-minute plays to further reduce the complexity of the pieces. These plays are intended to be a fun and relaxed way to experience and learn about theatre. Following the showcase, there will be a talk back session led by a TNM moderator during which we can share ideas and impressions of the pieces and the companies can share their experiences in producing the pieces.

Because TNM is the host organization for the conference, all participants and theatre groups must be members of Theatre New Mexico.

Participation Guidelines:

- 1) Scripts must be limited to 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 and be comedy or drama. Please no overuse of strong language.
- 3) Plays may have already been produced elsewhere. Although not required, TNM encourages companies 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) Companies must provide proof of permission to perform the play from the playwright, publisher or owner prior to performance.
- 5) Your piece will be limited to the use of selected pieces provided by the hosting group:
 - a. 4 standard chairs
 - b. 5 wooden boxes (3 larger brown, 1 smaller red, 1 smaller pink)
 - c. Small round table

For pictures, visit the Community Players of Hobbs Facebook page in the photo album "TNM 2018"

- 6) Hand props and costuming are allowed and provided by the performing group, but nothing else. The set should be such that rapid set changes between plays, preferably limited to 2 minutes or less can occur. No curtain will be in use.
- 7) Each theatre group shall provide its own director, actors, props, etc.
- 8) TNM will not pay royalties or fees for any of the performances.

There will be minimal stage lighting. Companies will need to provide their own light and sound operators. CPOH will provide direction. Each play will be assigned a 30 minute rehearsal period in the space during the day on Saturday to become familiar with the space prior to the performance.

Notification of Intent to Participate deadline: *Friday, February 23, 2018.* This notification will help us schedule your rehearsal and performance times.

Please send a copy of the script to Christie Harkness in doc or .pdf format at christie.harkness@yahoo.com

or mail a copy to

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Deadline for script submission: *Friday, March 2, 2018.* Please include the mailing address, phone number and e-mail address for your group's contact person.

All groups meeting TNM requirements will be sent a confirmation to participate and a rehearsal schedule by *Tuesday*, *March 6*, 2018.