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Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette announces March 1 script submission deadline for 12th annual short play festival

LAFAYETTE, Ind. – Indiana playwrights have until March 1 to submit scripts for Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette’s 12th annual short play festival.

Raquel Lopez, Civic Theatre’s Producing Artistic Director, said playwrights can submit a one-minute play and a play up to 10 minutes in length for judging. The festival will be held June 28-30 at the historic Monon Depot Theatre, 313 N. 5th Street in downtown Lafayette.

“Last year’s festival was the first at Civic Theatre to include 1-minute plays,” Lopez said. “We received very positive feedback from audience members, actors and directors. We look forward to producing them again this year.”

Playwrights currently living in Indiana can submit one 1-minute script and one up-to-10-minute script. Submission guidelines and criteria are:

- The submission deadline is March 1 at 4 p.m. EST or when 50 scripts have been received per category.
- The scripts must be attached as a PDF or Word document in a message to playfest@lafayettecivic.org.
- The email subject line should be formatted as PLAYWRIGHT’S NAME, “PLAY TITLE,” and CATEGORY. For example: RAQUEL LOPEZ, “THIS IS MY PLAY,” UP-TO-10-MINUTES.
- Playwrights’ name and contact information must not appear anywhere on the script. Their name and contact information (mailing address and phone number) should be included in the body of the email.
- Only one script should be submitted per email.
- Musicals are not being accepted at this time.
- Playwrights must be at least 16 years old to submit.
- Submitted plays must not have been produced or published prior to submission.
- Plays that are longer than 1 minutes or longer than 10 minutes, depending on the category, will not be accepted.
- Cast size is limited to 5 people; casts will include actors ages 18 and older, only.
- Scripts should have simple set, costume and other technical requirements.

Civic Theatre will contact all playwrights by email upon receipt of the scripts. Civic Theatre will contact all playwrights by email prior to a public announcement on April 20, when its 2024-2025 season will be announced. Playwrights whose plays are produced in the festival will receive a PDF of the program, the poster, and production photos.

Auditions for the 12th annual Short Play Festival will be held May 13 and 14. All plays will be performed three times during the festival, June 28-30.

About Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette

Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette is one of the oldest continuously active theatre organizations in Indiana, founded in 1931 as the Lafayette Little Theatre, then reorganized and incorporated as Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette in 1966. Civic Theatre is Greater Lafayette's community theatre in the purest sense of the word: a theatre that entertains the community, serves the community, reflects the community, and involves the community.

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