

# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

## SCHOOL of THEATRE & DANCE

# 10-Minute Play Festival Call for Submissions

The University of Houston School of Theatre & Dance is excited to announce a new 10-Minute Play Festival for spring of 2014. We will begin accepting submissions for this festival on August 1, 2013; the submission period closes on October 15, 2013. 12-14 selected 10-minute plays will receive productions as part of a multi-evening festival, produced in the newly upgraded José Quintero Theatre on the University of Houston campus. This festival is open to all applicants, amateur or professional.

### Submission rules:

- Scripts will only be accepted during a **submission window of August 1 through October 15, 2013**. Scripts received outside this window will not be accepted. The list of winning plays will be announced in early November.
- We will accept **only one play per playwright**.
- Scripts should fall in the range of **8-13 pages** and run roughly **ten minutes**. (Page count does not include the title page.)
- Characters in submitted plays should fall between the ages of 16-30, or else there should be no specific restrictions on the ages of the characters.
- Previously produced plays are not eligible.
- Musicals and plays for children are discouraged.
- Submissions will be acknowledged via email, but we do not offer critiques.
- Please staple or paper-clip copies of the script. **Do not** use binders, covers, or folders of any kind.
- 12-14 winning plays will receive productions in the José Quintero Theatre at the University of Houston in spring of 2014. The festival will present an alternating bill of 6-7 plays per evening.
- Along with production of their plays, the winning playwrights will each receive an award certificate. There is no financial compensation for winning entries.

### How to submit:

We will only accept **hard copies of plays via mail**. Scripts will not be returned. Please send two copies of your play in one envelope. One copy should include a cover page with all of the following information:

- play title
- your name
- your mailing address
- your phone number
- your email address

In addition, include a **second copy of the same play for the judges with no contact information** – just the title and the play itself. Mail **both copies in one envelope** to:

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