

Riot Act, Inc. New Play Festival Guidelines

Deadline and Submission Fee

\$30 per entry. All entries must be submitted no later than Feb. 1, 2014.

Basic requirements

- Plays must run 20-30 minutes total (20 to 30 pages.)
- Plays should require no more than six actors total.
- Set and prop concepts should be simple and must be easily broken down and moved.

Format requirements

- Title page should include the play title, playwright's name and full contact information.
- Subsequent pages should include page numbers and play title in a header or footer.
- DO NOT include playwright's name in header or footer.
- Body of the play should be no more than 30 pages long, double spaced, with a 10- to 12-point font.
- Unfamiliar with play formatting? Please visit www.playwriting101.com/chapter06 for more information and examples.

All plays must be submitted electronically with a registration form as either a Word file or as a PDF. Registration fees may be paid by credit card on the Riot Act, Inc., website or by check or money order mailed to Riot Act, Inc. Please email all submissions to riotactplaycomp@earthlink.net.

Four finalists will be chosen and winners notified no later than March 30, 2014. The final four plays will be produced as party of the Riot Act, Inc., series of shorts June 12-14, 2014. The selection of directors and actor auditions will be held in early April, 2014. Rehearsals will run April through May, 2014.

Playwrights are encouraged to sit in on a meeting of local playwriting class/club Off Square Theatre's ThinkTank 47, which has generously offered to help authors. Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month. In addition to getting advice on their work, playwrights can request a round table reading as long as they provided at least six weeks notice.

For more information on ThinkTank 47, please contact John Hanlon at fivechameleons@hush.com.