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### **Stables Theatre New Play Competition Rules**

- Plays must be submitted between March 1 – 31
- Any plays submitted after 12-midnight on March 31 will be automatically rejected
- Plays must be submitted in either MS-Word or PDF format
- Plays should be sent to email: [info@stablestheatre.co.uk](mailto:info@stablestheatre.co.uk)
- We will only accept plays that have not been previously submitted to the Stables Theatre, even if the play has been significantly altered since the previous submission
- Plays submitted must NOT have been previously publicly performed anywhere
- No more than two plays per playwright will be accepted each year for the competition
- In April a Stables play reading committee will start reading all the submitted plays:
- The Committee will consist of a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 9 individuals
- The names of those on the committee will not be released
- Each committee member, after reading a play, will rate that play on a scale of 1 – 5 (5 being best)
- The readers will not know who the playwrights are, only the committee chairperson will have those names (playwright names will be removed from each script)
- Once all plays have been read and rated, the committee will meet to discuss the top rated plays
- During that meeting the committee will select the winning play(s) – a minimum of 1, maximum of 3
- At some point in August the playwrights will be notified if they have won or not
- The scores of each submitted play will not be publicly released, but individual playwrights may request to be given the final average score and ranking of their own play, if they wish to know
- The winner(s) will then be publicly announced, along with a brief explanation of why they won
- The winning play(s) will be given a staged reading at the Stables Theatre
- All decisions by the play reading committee are final.