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## **Stables Theatre New Play Competition Rules (Nov 2021)**

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

Plays must not use more than 8 actors

No more than one play 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 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 between April and July 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