

## The Pen to Print Playwriting Competition 2020

Updated 23 March with COVID-19 Updates

Write a One-Act Play The competition is open to entries from new playwrights. Shortlisted entries will be performed as part of an evening of script-in-hand readings at the Broadway Theatre, Barking. The winning play to be announced on the night.

### Pen to Print Playwriting Competition 2020 Rules

#### First Prize: Tablet PC

- The theme of your play must be '**International Stories**'
- Entries should have between 2 and 4 characters
- They should be only one Act long.
- Please give your play a title.
- Entries must be the exclusive work of the author.
- They must not have been published before and not be currently entered in any other competition.
- This is for debut playwrights, you must not be a professionally performed or published playwright.
- All entries will be judged anonymously: do not include your name on your script. All entries **must** have entrants, **Name, Address**, contact **telephone number** and/ or **email address** and the **title** of their submission **on a separate coversheet**.
- Scripts must be typed in English using double-spaced text in a Microsoft Word document format.
- Printed entries must be on A4 size paper.
- The title of the play and a page number must appear on every page.
- Plays must be of 10 minutes running time and must not exceed 15 minutes, or less than 7 minutes. (A 10-minute play is approx. 4 to 10 A4 pages in length, most typically 2 minutes per page. Entries which exceed or fail to meet the stated length will be disqualified.
- You must be based in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and be prepared to travel to Barking and Dagenham to attend the final performance.
- No correspondence can be entered into, the judges' decisions are final.
- You can only enter once.
- Amendments cannot be made to entries after they have been submitted, nor substitutions made.
- Please note that scripts cannot be returned, so you are advised to keep a copy of your work.
- You retain the copyright to your work, by entering the competition you are agreeing to give permission to the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Pen to Print to publish all or part of your story in any format using any media it chooses.

For further information or questions please email [PentoPrint@lbbd.gov.uk](mailto:PentoPrint@lbbd.gov.uk)

The results of the competition will be announced at the final. Finalists will be contacted prior to the event and the winner will be presented with their award on the night.

#### How to Submit Your Entry

Entries must be submitted by the new deadline **Friday 25 September 2020, 5pm**.

You can email your entry in a **Microsoft Word document format** to [PentoPrint@lbbd.gov.uk](mailto:PentoPrint@lbbd.gov.uk) with the **Subject line: Pen to Print Playwriting Competition 2020**.

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Whilst COVID-19 restrictions in place please email your entries.

(Once restrictions are lifted, hard copies can be sent to:

**Pen to Print Playwriting Competition 2019.** Pen to Print, Dagenham Library, 1 Church Elm Lane, Dagenham, RM10 9QS

Entries can be delivered in person or can be posted. If receipt of a script is required, please provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Pen to Print cannot accept any responsibility for scripts lost in the post.)



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