LAKESHORE PLAYERS THEATRE 17th ANNUAL TEN-MINUTE PLAY FESTIVAL SUBMISSIONS

Lakeshore Players Theatre is now accepting submission of 10-minute plays for its 2020-2021 season’s contest. The ten winners of the contest will be performed for our 17th Annual Festival, in the spring of 2021. **Play submissions will be accepted through November 15, 2020.**

ALL PLAYWRIGHTS
Please read the following rules and requirements carefully. Plays not meeting the requirements will be disqualified:
- The play should be approximately ten-minutes in length.
- The play must have no more than five on-stage (speaking or non-speaking) characters.
- You may submit only one play, so send us your best! Please do not make more than one submission.
- The play should be in a “play format” making it easy for the readers. (We suggest 12-point, easy to read fonts, such as Times New Roman or Arial)
- **The play must be unpublished and unproduced at the time of submission** to our contest. We DO screen for this, so do not send us your play if it has been produced. Staged readings are not counted as “produced.” However, if you have had a staged reading of the play, please let us know so that we do not accidentally disqualify it.
- Submitting your play to our contest grants Lakeshore Players the right to produce your play in our annual festival and photograph and/or videotape it for archival purposes if it is chosen as a winner.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYWRIGHTS
High school playwrights are encouraged to enter. Plays must include a letter from a teacher or school administrator, written on school letterhead, verifying that the play was written during high school, in addition to the guidelines below. If the committee chooses to name a high school entry as a winner, the play will be produced with the other winners in our festival.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES:
- The play should have simple technical requirements. There won’t be much of a set — a few furniture pieces and a few props only — we only have about one minute in between plays to change scenes
- As a community theatre, we want to appeal to the largest possible audience, therefore plays with excessive offensive language are less likely to be selected - please keep that in consideration.

NEW THIS YEAR! - **SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH OUR ON-LINE ENTRY FORM or By Email.** Your play must be submitted no later than November 15, 2020 to be eligible for consideration. Please submit all entries through the following form: **LPT 17th Annual 10-MPF Entry Form.** We would prefer you use this new convenient method of submission. If you are unable to make the on-line entry form work for you, we will also accept submission by way of email this year to **10mpf@lakeshoreplayers.org.**
Only plays submitted as outlined below will be accepted:

- You MUST submit two copies of your script.
  - One copy must contain all contact information on the title page:
    - Play title
    - Playwright’s name
    - Playwright’s mailing address
    - Playwright’s phone number
    - Playwright’s e-mail address
  - The other copy **MUST BE “BLIND”** (neither playwright name nor contact information on any page). The blind copy is VERY IMPORTANT so that our judges may choose plays with absolutely no bias.
- Please confirm that your play has not been previously produced or published.
- Please confirm that there are no more than five on-stage characters
- If you would like, please let us know how you heard about us.

**SPECIAL CONTINGENCY FOR 2021**
Due to the current public health emergency, Lakeshore Players reserves the right to determine the format in which the 10-Minute Play Festival (10-MPF) will be produced and presented in 2021. We would like to fully produce the plays on stage at the theatre if health guidelines at the time permit. However, we may need to adjust for social distancing or revert to staged reading format. Also depending on health guidelines at the time, it may be feasible to have a live audience or we may choose to record the productions and provide them for limited on-line viewing to our patrons, or we may do both. In any case, each winning playwright will receive an $80 royalty, a copy of (or link to) the program, a link to any additional photos taken, and a link to a digital recording of their play if made for archival purposes or for presentation to our on-line patrons.

Any questions? Please e-mail Lakeshore Players at 10mpf@lakeshoreplayers.org