



Dear Playwright:

Thank you for downloading our information and submission package for the 2023 Playwright's Festival.

**2023 FESTIVAL THEME: Playwrights Palooza!**

The word PALOOZA means "A Wild Party" or an "Extravagant Event".

The subject of your submission is completely open, but, if possible, tie it to a party or an event.

Producers note: Please keep it as "*Family Friendly*" as possible.

**RULES:**

1. Any resident of Kern County, Los Angeles County, members of Tehachapi Community Theatre Association (no matter where you reside) or members of the Association of Los Angeles Playwright's (ALAP) is eligible to submit a script.
2. Playwrights may submit one (1) 10-minute play. Submissions must be unproduced. For the purposes of this event, a play will be deemed to have been produced if it has had one or more performances at which admission was charged, and the actors were off book; this applies whether or not the author received royalties, and regardless of the quality of the production values. The sole exception is if the show was presented as a one-performance fund-raiser in which all creative personnel donated their services.
3. Your submission must be accompanied by a completed submission form. For entries sent in by e-mail, the submission form may be scanned and e-mailed, or the form may be mailed but must be received within 10 days of the deadline. A mailed submission form must be postmarked no later than May 3, 2023.
4. Plays should not exceed 10 minutes in running time; please verify this by reading your play aloud and editing as necessary before submitting. **Any play which, in the opinion of the judges, will substantially exceed 10 minutes will be disqualified.**
5. Since scripts will be judged anonymously, the title page should bear the name of the play only; **the author's name must not appear anywhere on the script.** Author information will be collected on the required submission form.
6. Submissions may be by either US Mail or e-mailed to Playwrights@TCTonstage.com. Electronic submission must be received no later May 3, 2023. TCTA is not responsible for late, undelivered, or misdirected submissions. Plays submitted by e-mail must be in PDF, Word Document or Open Office format. If mailed, **please do not staple or clip pages.**



7. An e-mail acknowledgement will be sent upon receipt of the submission.

#### TWO JUDGING COMPONENTS:

The Festival competition is in two parts:

Component One: **LITERARY**; Your work will be read and scored by our judges. Based on the scores, eight finalists will be selected for production.

If your play is Component One winner, you will be notified no later than May 10, 2023. Eight plays will be selected to be produced in July 2023 at the BeeKay Theatre in Tehachapi.

Component Two: **AUDIENCE**; The audience votes for their top three favorite plays at the end of each live performance.

The Audience top 3 favorite plays will be announced at the final performance, on Sunday, July 23, 2023.

FIRST PLACE \$200.00

SECOND PLACE \$100.00

THIRD PLACE \$75.00

#### JUDGING:

1. Every play submitted will be judged by a panel of 6-8 judges.
2. Each judge will score the play based on originality and concept.
3. During the performance, the audience will vote for their top three favorite plays.  
In the case of a tie, the top scoring play in the LITERARY COMPONENT will be awarded an additional point.

Mail submission to:  
TCTA Playwrights' Festival  
C/O Kenny Chugg  
913 Oakwood Street  
Tehachapi, CA 93561



## Playwright Festival Details

The Playwright's Festival will run for 2 weekends (6 performances).

The dates of the Playwright Festival are:

Friday, July 14, 2023, at 7:30 pm

Saturday, July 15, 2023, at 7:30 pm

Sunday, July 16, 2023, at 2:00 pm (*Matinee performance time subject to change*)

Friday, July 21, 2023, at 7:30 pm

Saturday, July 22, 2023, at 7:30 pm

Sunday, July 23, 2023, at 2:00 pm (*Matinee performance time subject to change*)

Ticket price is \$20.00.

Closing day of the Festival is a busy one for the selected playwrights.

Following the show, all writers and judges are introduced, photos are taken of the Playwright with Director and Cast, and the Audience Favorite Awards are presented. A reception will be held nearby immediately following the awards presentation.

Each playwright will receive two complimentary tickets for the closing performance.

Your complimentary tickets will be on call at the BeeKay Theatre Box Office.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three audience favorites.

First prize: \$100.00

Second prize: \$ 75.00

Third Prize: \$ 50.00

The Playwrights' Festival has become a major event in Tehachapi, with very generous media coverage and ever-increasing attendance. We look forward to receiving your submission and appreciate your participation.

Kenny Chugg  
Co-Producer

David Faber  
Co-Producer

Lisa Meridth  
Co-Producer



2023 TCTA PLAYWRIGHT'S FESTIVAL  
Submission Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of play: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Characters: M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ Either \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Actors: M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ Either \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate on the Cast of Characters page of your script which roles, if any, may be doubled.

In the event my script is selected for production, I will  will not  be available for telephone or email consultation with the director selected by the Festival.

Please provide a short synopsis of your play: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SUBMISSIONS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- A signed, fully completed submission form.
- A copy of your play with a title page containing the name of the play only

If the author's name appears anywhere on the script other than on the submission form, the script will be disqualified.

If my entry is selected for production, TCTA may \_\_\_\_\_ may not \_\_\_\_\_ make a video recording for archival purpose.

I plan on attending the Playwright's Festival final Sunday performance and Awards presentation: Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending. \_\_\_\_\_

**THE FINE PRINT:** Each play chosen for production will be allotted minimal scenery and basic costumes only. Playwrights will be allotted two complimentary tickets for the closing matinee. TCTA is unable to guarantee the availability of actors of a specific ethnic origin for any individual play. If your play is selected, this submission form will act as a release of performance only in the Tehachapi Community Theatre Association 2023 Playwrights' Festival. No other performance may be produced without the written consent of the playwright or their authorized representative.

Your signature below certifies that you have read the rules and agree to abide by them, and that the entry submitted to the TCTA Playwright's Festival is the property of the author and does not violate any existing copyrights nor is it subject to any restrictions.

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Signature of the Playwright Date