

Calling student playwrights!

The University of Maryland's School of Theatre, Dance and Performance Studies is thrilled to announce our first main stage **Fearless New Play Festival, March 7-9 2019!**

The TDPS Fearless New Play Festival will be a three-tiered celebration of new plays in development, presented as part of our Main Stage Season. The first night will kick off with a speech from a **nationally renowned keynote playwright** (to be announced soon), followed by a staged reading of their newest play. The second night will be dedicated to staged readings of new 10-minute plays by **current students**. And the third night will be staged readings of new 10-minute plays by **alumni**.

Please follow carefully these guidelines for submitting a play:

- Plays must be written by a **current student (undergrad or grad)** in UMD's School of TDPS.
- Plays must be intended for live performance on stage.
- You may submit only 1 play.
- The script should be in proper playwriting manuscript format ([Click here for play format](#)) and should be 8-12 pages total (not including title page and character breakdown). That should give a run time of approximately 10 minutes.
- Maximum cast size of **3**. Include in the script a character breakdown including any relevant information about gender and race. If there is role doubling, please indicate.
- Deadline is **Thursday, November 1, 5pm EST**. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- To submit, email your script to Brett Englar, Dramatists Guild, at brent.englar@gmail.com. In your email, please list your full name, **your expected graduation date and degree**.
- Selections will be made **by Dramatist Guild members Ann Fraistat and Brent Englar**. We expect to select 6-8 plays by current students and will notify you in December.
- If selected, you will be invited to be part of the rehearsal process and you will be encouraged to continue developmental investigation of your play. Your play will be given a staged reading, directed and performed by members of the TDPS community and will have 2-3 rehearsals during the 2 weeks prior.
- Any questions? Email Jennifer Barclay at jbarclay@umd.edu.

Thank you, and we look forward to reading your plays!