

THE LYCEUM THEATRE OLDHAM

PLOTFEST20

A WRITERS' ONE-ACT PLAY FESTIVAL

AIMS:

1. To invite authors of not previously performed one-act plays to submit reading scripts to a Selection Committee (comprised of three very experienced actors and notable directors) who will then choose ANONYMOUSLY the best three for staging at the Lyceum Theatre, Oldham on 17 and 18 July 2020.
2. To award prizes for the best three scripts chosen: £250 for the 1st prize; £125 for the 2nd prize and £75 for the 3rd prize.
3. To arrange two nights staging of the three successful one-act plays at the Lyceum Theatre, Oldham, on 17 and 18 July with seats priced at £9.00.

RULES:

- Whilst this is a competitive festival, no entry fee will be charged and no royalties paid.
- Each one-act script submitted must contain a minimum of two cast members both with speaking parts and a maximum of 5 characters and must not exceed 30 minutes. Ideally all the cast should be adults.
- The competition is open to over 18s only.
- No more than two different scripts to be submitted by one writer.
- Authors must supply a cast-list of characters, ages, descriptions etc. when the script is submitted. If the author has a particular set of actors in mind for the parts and a particular director for the play, these may be submitted with the reading script.
- Authors must supply a list of the minimum furniture and props required, any sound-effects and suggested opening and closing music.
- The plays will be performed before black curtains.

- If the submitted play contains strong language or is of adult content, this must be stated on the title page, so that if the play is chosen, the advertising will make it clear that the play is not suitable for children to watch.
- **All reading scripts must be submitted to the Festival Organiser, Mike Russell, at 62, Lea View, Royton, Oldham OL2 5HG in printed form by 31st December, 2019. Should unsuccessful authors want their plays returned, they need to supply a stamped, addressed envelope.**
- Each script must be submitted with an application form containing personal details and contact information, which can be downloaded from lyceumtheatreoldham.org.uk or picked up from the Lyceum Theatre Oldham during opening times.
- Upon receipt of each script, the Festival Organiser will remove the front page with the title and author's name and replace it with a new page giving the title of the play and a number, so as not to unduly influence the Selection Committee's reading and grading.
- The successful playwrights will be informed by 1 March, 2020 and must be willing to take part in publicity if and when necessary.