

DRAMAFEST

An Exciting New Opportunity For
Stagedoor Manor Playwrights!

DRAMAFEST is a one day event, each session, during which 5 original scripts, written and produced by Stagedoor Manor students, will be performed before the student body and additional invited guests.

These invited guests will be well known industry authors, representatives from major script publishing houses, and members of Stephen Sondheim's Young Playwrights Inc. Organization!

We encourage all who are interested to participate!

Each session, 5 finalists will be chosen from scripts submitted. These 5 scripts will be performed, during a one day event, for full student audience and invited industry guests. Authors will receive detailed feedback on their work.

1) Scripts must be the original work of the student author. No collaborations, adaptations, or previously published material. No screen plays or musicals. You may submit more than one script per session, but only ONE script from those submitted may be in final 5. (Please KEEP working copies for your cast and originals of each submission.) Those whose scripts do NOT make the final 5 may re-submit for additional sessions they attend. Final 5 winners may not re-submit.

2) Scripts must run (produced) no longer than 10 minutes and have no more than 5 characters. LESS than 10 minutes, 5 characters, is fine.

Subject matter and language must be acceptable to ALL ages of audience.

Final 5 will be selected by Stagedoor Manor directors and administration using Young Playwrights Inc. guidelines. Decisions are final.

3) Scripts MUST be submitted NO LATER than the "official" postmark for each session (listed below). They must be typed, stapled, and have numbered pages.

THE NAME OF THE AUTHOR SHOULD NOT APPEAR ON THE SCRIPT.

Only the title will be used to identify material for final 5 selection. Please be sure your name and return address are on the envelope scripts arrive in!

NO EMAIL SUBMISSIONS. Typed, Stapled, Numbered Pages. Title Only.

Session 1: Postmarked by June 2 (Performance day: June 29)

Session 2: Postmarked by June 23 (Performance day: July 20)

Session 3: Postmarked by July 14 (Performance day: August 10)

MAIL TO: Stagedoor DRAMAFEST, 116 Karmel Rd., Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759

4) The productions will be cast, directed, and produced within the student body. This will happen outside of rehearsal and class time. A director/dramaturge will be available to coach, offer advice, and guide you through the process. A stage manager will be assigned to organize and facilitate production. No costumes, or props will be supplied by Stagedoor Manor. If your production requires a unique item, bring it! Sets will consist only of chairs or cubes. We provide lighting!

5) Student actors may appear in only ONE production per session.

Final 5 authors may not perform in their own productions. Final 5 authors may choose a student to direct their script or direct the production themselves.

Final 5 authors will be announced the second day of camp. There will be a meeting afterwards to organize and give the winners a chance to meet with the dramaturge. Rules and suggestions will be discussed. Questions answered. DRAMAFEST activities will not interfere with primary shows or classes.

The goal of DRAMAFEST is to give young writers the opportunity to experience the thrill of seeing their work come to life on stage. Student performers will share the excitement and all will benefit from the challenge of creating a finished product, on their own, in a limited time frame. Professionals are there to guide them and facilitate the process.

After the performances, the authors will spend time with our celebrity guests getting feedback on their efforts. This special time is the premier prize of the event. Speaking with Tony Award winning authors like Richard Maltby and Jeff Whitty; Brad Lohrenz, Director of Licensing for theatrical leasing house Samuel French; Sheri Goldhirsch, Artistic Director for Young Playwrights Inc.; having these experts view your work and discuss it afterwards is truly the chance of a lifetime!