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22nd Annual Marcia Légère Student Play Festival
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DIRECTOR APPLICANT INFORMATION
Thank you for your interest in directing for the Student Play Festival! Please read the following information carefully and then complete the attached application.
The application process:
• Applications are due on Friday, January 25th. They can be submitted via email to Jacob Turner at ml.play.festival@gmail.com com.
• Applications will be used to determine the directors for the play festival. We will be in touch with you if we have questions or feel a need to do in person interviews.
• Directors will be chosen by Friday, February 1st and will receive copies of their scripts the next day (Interviews may be called for).
The play festival process:
• Multiple scripts are currently being submitted to the festival by student playwrights. A panel of judges will choose up to 10 plays, which will then be performed at the festival.
• Up to 10 directors will be chosen to direct the winning plays. Directors will be given their scripts by Saturday, February 2nd.
• Directors will be responsible for attending auditions and choosing their actors. Auditions will be held on Sunday, February 3rd and Monday, February 4th from 6:00pm-10:00pm TITU. We will take care of promoting the event, reserving the rooms, and monitoring the audition rooms on those nights. Directors will be in charge of actually auditioning the actors.
• Actors must be chosen by Thursday, February 7th. You must send a cast list to the producers. Both the cast list and THE SCRIPT must be sent to actors at that time.
• Rehearsals will take place between Monday, February 11th, and Sunday, February 24th. Scheduling of rehearsals is up to the directors and based on the actors’ schedules. We will assist in reserving rooms for rehearsals.
• The play can be a maximum of 10 minutes in length. If it is running longer, the director should work with the playwright to negotiate some cuts. We can help with this process if needed.

• Directors are the main contact between the actors and us as the producers and are in charge of making sure their plays are ready for performance. Please remember that the Directors will have many responsibilities and decisions to make.

• Directors may choose to have a stage manager for the play to help with logistics, but it is not required. If you have someone in mind, great! If not, we will try to help you to locate someone.

• Each show will have a small budget, but keep in mind that sets, props, and costumes are traditionally minimal. Directors will be responsible for designing or pulling together these performance elements, though any actual purchases will need to be made by us due to a difficult reimbursement structure. We’ll go over this in more detail with the directors who are chosen.

• Tech/Dress rehearsals will be held the week of Sunday, February 24th. The exact schedule is TBD. Technical staff will be available to run light and sound cues and we will be looking for student volunteers for crew if needed.

• Festival Performances will be on Friday, March 1st and Saturday, March 2nd in the Hemsley Theatre inside UW Vilas Hall. All plays will be performed at each performance.

We know that this is a bit of information overload, but we want to make sure those interested in directing for the festival are aware of what the commitments are. It is a position of responsibility and we are looking for individuals who are excited about the festival and interested in working to make it great. We welcome all levels of experience, as long as you have a passion to learn and to put on a fantastic show. The festival is an amazing source of student talent, from writing, to directing, to acting, and we look forward to celebrating the 22nd year of this wonderful tradition where at UW Madison!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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