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A 10 PAGE

PLAY

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The Drexel University 2008 High School Ten-Page Playwriting Contest

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What kind of play can I write in ten pages?

It's up to you! Ten pages are long enough for love to be found and lost (or lost and found), an immovable object (or person) to be moved, an argument to be started (or ended). Long enough for the decision that changes a life. Can you give us characters that we can care about? Can you tell us a story from beginning to end?

SEVENTEEN

Can an entire play really be written in ten pages or less?

Yes. It's true. Trust us. What we want to know is: Who can do it well? Who among the high school students reading these words has the potential to write plays that can move an audience? If you think you have that potential, sit down and write for us. Write a short play – no more than ten pages – and send it to us neatly typed in standard play format with a cover page and a character page (don't include these in your page count). Make your play interesting. Make your play fun.

What can I win?

- 1st Prize:** \$5,000 Drexel University Scholarship
- 2nd Prize:** \$3,000 Drexel University Scholarship
- 3rd Prize:** \$1,000 Drexel University Scholarship
- Special Recognition:** The top five scripts will be given staged readings in a public showcase at Drexel University in the fall of 2008.
- Honorable Mention:** Professional notes and feedback to the writers of the ten best plays.

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NO PURCHASE IS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE OR WIN. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW All scholarship awards are conditioned upon the winners applying and being admitted to Drexel University's Screenwriting & Playwriting Program during the normal application cycle. Scholarship awards must be redeemed within 3 years of receiving the scholarship award. Winners are solely responsible for all federal, state, local or other applicable taxes with respect to prizes awarded by Drexel.

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Okay, so how do I enter the contest?

Send us the following:

- Your play (don't forget the title page).
- A self-addressed, stamped postcard so we can tell you we received your entry.
- A copy of the completed entry form.

TWO

What will I be judged on?

How well you can hold our attention in ten pages. Whether we think you have something interesting to say. Whether we think your writing will work well on a live stage, with live actors. How well you are able to make us laugh, feel sad, think, or have some other response that stays with us after we finish reading your play.

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What is the Screenwriting & Playwriting Program anyway?

Glad you asked. We're a comprehensive four-year undergraduate program aimed at teaching everything we can about writing for the stage or screen, along with providing a good grounding in the basics of show business and film and video production, while simultaneously giving students a first-class liberal arts education. Whew. Our faculty is made up of pros — people who write movies and plays for a living. We're here to teach what we know about the way things really work. You can find out a lot more about our program and our courses by taking a look at our website <http://www.drexel.edu/westphal/academics/undergraduate/screenwriting/>.

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Who are the judges?

- First-round:** junior- and senior-level Screenwriting & Playwriting students.
- Final-round:** Faculty of Drexel's Screenwriting & Playwriting Program.

What's the deadline?

All entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, December 1, 2007.

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Does it cost anything to enter?

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What if my play runs more than ten pages?

We won't even read it. No more than ten pages, no fewer than three scenes, proper play format. That's the law. No excerpts— make it a complete story (and no fair submitting on legal-size paper, or in little teeny fonts, either.) And, please, number your pages.



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Can my play be an adaptation?

Nope. We want something original.

Who's eligible?

Any student enrolled as a junior or senior at an American high school during the 2007-2008 school year.

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What's this "play format" you keep talking about?

There are a number of excellent resources out there that define the format and provide professional examples, including "Dramatists Sourcebook," available for purchase at www.tcg.org. You can also get good guidelines at http://www.scriptwritingsecrets.com/Play_format.htm.

ELEVEN

Do I get my play back?

Alas, no. So, please don't send your only copy!

Can I submit more than one play?

Nope. Take your best shot and hold your breath.

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Do I need a cover page?

Of course you do, and it better have your name, phone number, email address and any other way we can contact you. Not to mention — it should also have the play's title.

FOURTEEN

Where do I send it?

Ten-Page Playwriting Contest
Drexel University - UCROSS #051
3141 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

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When do I find out if I won?

We'll let you know by January 15, 2008.

ENTRY FORM

Please type or print clearly and completely, and send this form along with your script.

Your Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Play Title: _____

Your English or Writing Teacher (Full Name): _____

School: _____

School Phone: _____

School Address: _____

RELEASE: Please read the following release and sign where indicated in connection with the play named above submitted to The Drexel University 2008 High School Ten-Page Playwriting Contest: As a condition of entering the Contest, I hereby certify that: I am enrolled in my junior or senior year in an American high school. I am the sole author of the play, titled above, which I herewith submit to The Drexel University 2008 High School Ten-Page Playwriting Contest. I am the sole and exclusive owner of all rights thereto and I have full right and authority to submit the play to you. I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Contest, Drexel University, the Screenwriting & Playwriting Program and Contest judges, individually and collectively, including their heirs, personal representatives, officers, directors, employees, successors and assigns, from and against all claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, judgments, liabilities and expenses (including attorneys' fees) arising out of or in connection with any and all claims of third parties based on any screenplays or other materials submitted by me to the Contest. I hereby grant the Contest the non-exclusive right to use my name, photograph and likeness in connection with any and all publicity and promotional activities regarding the Contest. I understand the Contest accepts no liability whatsoever for non-receipt or loss of my play, and I hereby agree to remain fully liable in connection therewith. I further understand that the Contest is not obligated to return my play (or any other materials that I have submitted to the Contest) to me. I hereby agree to abide by the decisions of the Contest Sponsors and Contest Judges with regard to all matters and decisions, including those decisions involving their sole discretion, relating to the Contest.

Name of Signatory (please print): _____

(Parent or Legal Guardian If Under 17 Years of Age) Signature: _____

Date: _____