

Play on Words 2021 Playwriting Competition



The Scottish Community Drama Association was founded in 1926. We work to promote all aspects of community theatre in Scotland. For over 20 years, our regular 'Play on Words' competitions have brought many new writers to the theatre.

The competition

The competition is for new plays from playwrights based in Scotland. Entries should be in one of two categories:

- an open category for playwrights of any age
- a young playwright's category for those under 30 years of age.

The winning playwrights from each category will be selected in summer 2021. They will be able to develop their scripts for production, through one-to-one workshop sessions, mentored by Guy Hollands, former Artistic Director of Glasgow's Citizens Theatre.

The developed scripts of the two winning plays will have a performance, or rehearsed reading, in autumn 2021. They will also have an offer of publication by Cressrelles Publications. Copies of the winning plays will be held in the SCDA National Library at Summerhall, Edinburgh, and receive publicity in the SCDA's magazine SCENE.

Judging

All plays will be read by at least three assessors from a panel appointed by SCDA to determine a short list of the best plays in each category. All entrants will receive a brief basic feedback on their script. The winning play in each category will be chosen by Guy Hollands. His decision is final.

Rules

Entries must have a running length of at least 20 minutes and not more than 55 minutes. The play when performed must have at least two speaking roles.

Entries must not have been previously published or publicly performed. Copyright stays with the author.

If a play is intended for young performers, (under-18), this should be specified

Scripts must be typed and legible. Submitted in A4 portrait format using a plain 12 pt font with headings and numbered pages. The script should contain a cast list and synopsis. The author's name should not appear on the script.

Entries should be emailed to POW@scda.org.uk with the scripts and completed entry form attached as pdf files. Receipt will be acknowledged by email and a reference provided to pay the entry fee by Paypal.

Entry fee for SCDA Individual Members : £20 for first script, £15 for subsequent scripts
for non-SCDA Members : £25 for first script, £20 for subsequent scripts

The closing date for receiving entries is **31st March 2021**.

Enquiries to POW@scda.org.uk, phone 01786 440077 or visit our website : scda.org.uk



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Entry Form

I would like to enter a script in SCDA's Play on Words competition.

Name

Address

Postcode

Email Phone

Entry category If you qualify as a Young Playwright, (under 30) please tick

If the play is intended for performance by young people, (under 18) please tick

Title of play

I confirm the play has not been published or publicly performed.

Signature

Please complete this entry form and send it with your script as pdf files to POW@scda.org.uk We will acknowledge receipt and provide details of the competition's judging criteria and on how to pay the entry fee.

While we prefer email entries, we accept that these are not accessible to everyone. We will accept paper entries which should be sent to Scottish Community Drama Association

Suite 88, Stirling Enterprise Park, Springkerse, Stirling FK7 7RP.

Please include a S.A.E. if you wish an acknowledgement by mail.

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