

McLaren Memorial Comedy Play Writing Competition

PRODUCTION NOTICE

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Your signature below grants permission to Midland Community Theatre for First Production Rights of your play. MCT desires that McLaren Winners are a “Premier” of the playwright’s work – whether locally, regionally or nationally. A request for another theatre to have access to your winning entry will most likely result in a “yes, absolutely!” unless it directly conflicts with our promotion or production timeline.

The McLaren Festival is the final step in the Competition. Finalists are staged as 60-minute readers’ theatre presentations for a live audience. The audience vote selects the Winner of the McLaren Memorial Comedy Play Writing Competition. All Finalists are eligible for a regular slot in an upcoming MCT Season.

- Should you choose to not continue in the competition, (*not grant production rights to MCT*) your status as a McLaren “Finalist” will not change; you are simply not able to be a McLaren Winner and may not be included in the Festival.
- If you enter into a contract with a publishing company before the Festival date, this does not automatically exclude you from the Festival or from winning the Competition.
- If you enter into a contract with another theatre before the Festival date, this does not automatically exclude you from the Festival or from winning the Competition – *it depends upon the production dates and distance from West Texas if such an obligation would endanger your status.*

Midland Community Theatre’s Play Selection Committee may select a Finalist for inclusion in the next (or an upcoming) Season. Once their selection is made the production rights to your play may be released.

- MCT reserves the right to control production of all Finalists for one year of the Festival date (*especially within West Texas and Eastern New Mexico*).
- Contact MCT to release any “hold” on your script before pursuing other venues. *We are happy to support new playwrights – whether it is on our stage or not.*
- Should your play be chosen for a full production at Midland Community Theatre, production rights will be released only after the MCT production has opened.
- All Finalists are listed on our website, with a brief synopsis, for other producing companies to peruse. Your or your agents, contact information will be included.
- The McLaren Winner will be hosted by MCT during the Final Dress Rehearsal and Opening Weekend of their show – this includes round-trip transportation and lodging (*for the playwright only*). Royalties are paid for each performance in the run.

Please sign and date below, keep a copy for your records, and send to us so we may include your play in the McLaren Festival.

Send in enclosed envelope to: Midland Community Theatre, McLaren Memorial Comedy Play Writing Competition, 2000 W. Wadley, Midland, TX 79705.

I, _____ grant
First Production Rights to Midland Community Theatre for my play:

- I understand that MCT reserves the right to control production (within the guidelines above) of all Finalists for one year of the Festival date.
- I grant permission for MCT to list my contact information on their website.

Signature

Date