

SCOTTISH COMMUNITY DRAMA ASSOCIATION

PLAY ON WORDS ONE-ACT PLAYWRITING COMPETITION



One Touch Theatre, Eden Court
Inverness
7 November 2009



PLAY ON WORDS COMPETITION 2009 - ENTRY FORM

Title of play: _____

No of cast: male: female: unspecified characters:

Estimated Playing Time: _____

Author's name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone no: _____

Email address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Amount enclosed: £ _____

SCDA Membership Number: _____

Where did you hear about this competition?

PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE A CAST LIST AND A SYNOPSIS

For SCDA use

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PLAY ON WORDS COMPETITION 2009 - RULES

1. THE PLAY:

- must not be less than 20 mins; and not more than 55 mins playing time
- must contain a minimum of two characters
- must not have been published or publicly performed prior to the performance at the *Play on Words* Festival

2. THE SCRIPT:

- must be submitted as a computer file on a CD in either of the two following formats:
 - a Microsoft Office Word document (Word 2003 compatible)
 - a PDF file able to be read using free Adobe Reader software
- must be in legible typescript – Times New Roman size 12 font; sentence case; 1” margins; numbered pages
- must have **all** references, which may identify the author, removed
- must include a cast list and a synopsis
- must specify if for performance by under 18 year-olds

If you are unable to submit your entry following the above guidelines, please contact Andrew McDade at SCDA National Office (see over for contact details).

Authors who wish to submit plays written in Gaelic or Scots dialect will be welcomed, but please include an English translation.

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3. JUDGING

In the first instance, judging will be by a panel of judges, appointed by the SCDA General Council, Playwriting Sub-committee. This panel will decide a short list of plays to be submitted to a professional judge, who will nominate three winning plays. Invited amateur clubs will perform these plays at the *Play on Words* Festival, which will be held in the One Touch Theatre Eden Court Inverness, 7 November 2009. The order of merit will be announced at this festival.

4. PRIZES

The monetary prizes awarded, which will be presented at the conclusion of the evening's performance, are as follows:

1st £500.00; 2nd £300.00; 3rd £200.00

5. ENTRY

The closing date for entries will be 31st January 2009. If you wish a receipt of entry, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard. A complete entry consists of the play script on CD, entry form and the entry fee, which is £10 per script for SCDA individual members (noting that the SCDA individual membership number must be provided), and £20.00 per script for non-SCDA members. Cheques should be made payable to: Scottish Community Drama Association.

6. SCRIPTS

Copies of the winning plays with the author's name and address, together with any other plays to which the judge may award a special commendation, will be placed in the SCDA Libraries. Members and clubs will be encouraged to read these plays with a view to performance. The plays will also receive publicity in *Scene* – the SCDA in-house magazine, and on the SCDA Web site. It is also hoped that publicity will be given by other theatrical publications.

THE JUDGES' DECISION IS FINAL.

Please send your complete entry to:

ONE-ACT PLAYWRITING COMPETITION
C/O ANDREW MCDADE
ADMINISTRATOR
SCOTTISH COMMUNITY DRAMA ASSOCIATION
5 YORK PLACE
EDINBURGH
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The rules are published on the SCDA web site <http://www.scda.org.uk/PlayonWords.htm>. They can also be requested by email from Andrew McDade at:

headquarters@SCDA.org.uk