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### **NORTHWEST 10 SEEKS SUBMISSIONS OF 10-MINUTE PLAYS BY NORTHWEST WRITERS FOR 2022 FESTIVAL *NW10 Celebrates 14 Years of Collaboration with Oregon Contemporary Theatre***

**Eugene, OR** — The Northwest Ten Festival (NW10) returns for its fourteenth year running, continuing on its mission to be the premiere ten-minute play festival in the Pacific Northwest. Playwrights from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia are eligible to participate. Submissions are open from September 1 through October 31, 2021. Selected works will be presented at Oregon Contemporary Theatre in February/March 2022.

This year's festival is titled ***Long Story Short***, a nod to the excitement and impact of the short play format. "The beauty of the ten-minute play is that it jumps straight into action," says Erica Towe, one of the NW10 producers. "Playwrights are challenged to explore big ideas and pack them into bite-size chunks. ***Long Story Short***: do you accept the challenge to condense your novel down to a poem? Can you tell a lifetime in a moment? We can't wait to hear your story!"

The 10-minute play has been called the haiku of the American stage, a form that condenses an entire story into just ten exhilarating minutes. 10-minute play festivals have spread nationwide since they were first introduced at the Actors Theatre of Louisville in the mid-1970s. Continuing the spirit of collaboration in local theatre, the festival is co-produced by NW10 and Oregon Contemporary Theatre.

### **Guidelines for 2022 NW10 Submissions**

- Open to residents of Idaho, Oregon, Washington state and British Columbia
- Submissions are open to the first 100 scripts received from September 1, 2021, through October 31, 2021

- Scripts must be original, unpublished and not produced or scheduled for production in the Pacific Northwest (ID, OR, WA, or BC) at the time of submission
- Scripts must have a running time of approximately 10 minutes, totaling 10 pages or less (exclusive of title and cast pages) in a 12-point font
- Plays with small casts, simple sets, and minimal technical requirements are strongly preferred
- Plays focused on the COVID-19 pandemic are strongly discouraged
- Scripts will only be considered if they follow submission guidelines; NW10 may ask writers for an updated submission if guidelines are not followed
- Limited to one submission per playwright per festival
- Selected playwrights will be notified by January 1, 2022
- Playwrights consent, if selected, to permit NW10 and Oregon Contemporary Theatre to produce their play in 2022
- All selected playwrights will receive an honorarium and retain copyright and full ownership of their play
- Plays will be presented live during a two-weekend run in 2022; playwrights will be contacted regarding any digital presentation or update to production scheduling
- Playwrights are asked to participate in an audience talk-back following the closing matinee

## SUBMISSION PROCESS

- Send entries to: **NW10Festival@gmail.com** with the subject "*NW10 Submission – [Play Title]*"
  - In the body of the email, include the following:
    - Play title
    - Playwright's name, address, phone number(s) and email address
  - Attach two PDFs:
    - 1) [*"Play Title - BLIND"*] -- your play, free of all contact information
    - 2) [*"Play Title"*] -- the complete version of your play, including contact information, to be used by actors and directors for selected scripts
    - Submissions must be sent as PDF attachments only; no hard copy submissions or other formats will be accepted
- All submissions should be in a standard professional play format
- The first page of the script should include the title, characters, and basic setting; title and page number should appear at the top of each page
- **Deadline: Submissions must be received on or before October 31, 2021**
- Only the first 100 submissions will be considered; playwrights will be notified immediately if their submissions arrive after the cutoff date or the submission cap has been reached

Learn more about the Northwest 10 Festival of 10-Minute Plays at [octheatre.org/nw10](http://octheatre.org/nw10).

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