



## VERMONT CONTEMPORARY PLAYWRIGHTS FORUM 2013

### SUBMISSION AND AWARD GUIDELINES

In an effort to support vibrant and innovative new American theatre, MOXIE Productions is presenting the New Work Award each year to an author of an original, unpublished play. Each year a new piece will be chosen from those submitted and given both a developmental process and a premier production. The playwright will be involved in the process of development of the piece along with the collaboration of Vermont and professional artists, musicians, and technicians (as needed). If deemed appropriate, it will enter the state, regional or national theatrical arenas in production and touring capacities under the MOXIE Productions auspices.

#### CRITERIA FOR NEW WORK SUBMISSIONS

- 1) All plays must be TYPEWRITTEN on 8½" x 11" paper. Standard play script form should be used. In addition to the play's title, the playwright's name, address, telephone number, and e-mail should appear on the play's title page. Please include a short synopsis after the title page. All of the following pages should be numbered.
- 2) No work submitted may be previously published, produced, or optioned.
- 3) Each work must be complete, original, and properly credited.
- 4) A complete bio of the playwright should accompany each submission.
- 5) All necessary production specifics should be indicated in each application.
- 6) The playwright must be willing to fulfill the requirements of an anticipated late fall 2012 staged reading (ie- attend reading, attend related rehearsals, communicate all necessary logistics, etc).
- 7) All plays must be a minimum of one hour in length, and no more than 2 hours long.
- 8) We do not accept one-acts (except as cohesive collections), adaptations, translations, screenplays, or works by non-American writers.
- 9) We cannot accept submissions electronically.
- 10) A \$25 handling fee must accompany each submission to cover costs of copying, etc.
- 11) All submissions must be post-marked no later than August 15, 2012.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Small casts and simple sets are encouraged.
- 2) Musicals will not be accepted at this time, although plays with music will be considered.
- 3) Please make sure you have included the following:
  - Author's bio and resume,
  - Synopsis/Description (no longer than 2 pages),
  - Cast List & Breakdown,
  - Running Time,
  - Set Design,
  - Prop List,
  - A signed entry form.
- 4) Always include a SASE in the event that we may safely return your manuscript. Submissions without an appropriate SASE or without the appropriate amount of postage WILL NOT BE RETURNED. Submissions will be handled with care. However, MOXIE Productions assumes no responsibility for lost or damaged scripts.

#### ON ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW WORK AWARD:

- 1) The winning playwright grants license for production and development of a premier production by MOXIE Productions, without reservation, as well as the right of first refusal to extend the development of the piece for further production or touring options.
- 2) The playwright makes themselves available for publicity opportunities as MOXIE Productions provides.
- 3) The playwright is responsible for revisions delivered in timely fashion for production, as indicated by MOXIE Productions.
- 4) The playwright makes themselves available for educational outreach and public forum and Q&A's associated with the opening of the production.
- 5) The playwright must credit MOXIE Productions with its premiere production in all future script versions.
- 6) MOXIE Productions reserves the right to amend said schedule and terms as they deem necessary for the production of the VT CPF.

Your signature indicates that you understand and agree to the terms as listed above. Violation of any of the terms of agreement at any time by the playwright could disqualify the play for said production.

Playwright's printed name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

### WELCOME TO THE VERMONT CONTEMPORARY PLAYWRIGHTS FORUM!

Return this form and the signed Application form to: Moxie Productions, PO Box 264 Waterbury Center, VT 05677