

## 2009-2010 YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is it?

High school students write and submit one-act scripts to a juried competition. Twelve semifinalists will be chosen to work with a faculty mentor to revise their scripts for a second reading. Six finalist scripts will be selected from the second reading to be produced and performed at Wharton Center by MSU Theatre Department student's preceded by a mentoring process.

What is the professional theatre mentoring aspect of YPF? (*See attached description*)

What is happening May 15 & 16<sup>th</sup>? (*See attached description*)

### What are the awards?

All 12 semifinalists will receive certificates of participation.

All 6 finalists will receive certificates of participation and a \$200 award.

The remaining 6 semifinalists will each receive a \$100 award.

### How can students learn to write scripts?

Visit Wharton Center's website for a listing of resources, playwriting tips and comments from participants in the Festival [www.whartoncenter.com/education](http://www.whartoncenter.com/education)

### What is the schedule of events in the Festival?

#### **Friday, Nov. 20, 2009 Deadline to submit scripts (postmarked by date)**

January 2010	-Twelve semifinalist scripts chosen -Playwrights work with faculty mentor to further develop scripts for a second reading
February 2010	-Six finalists selected from second reading of scripts -Finalists and directors meeting-professional theatre mentors are assigned to each finalist
Sat, May 15, 2010	-Dress rehearsal runs-playwrights see dress with their mentors
Sun, May 16, 2010 1:30 PM	-Free public performance of six finalists' plays at Wharton Center -Reception, Recognition and Awards Ceremony
4-8:30 PM	-Forum for playwrights, directors, actors to assess the work of all plays in a moderated session
Mon, May 17, 2010 10:00 AM	-Free high school performance of six finalists' plays at Wharton Center

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