



CoHo Fresh Northwest New Play Competition

2008-2009 Guidelines

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Welcome to CoHo Productions in Portland, Oregon.

Thank you for your interest in the first annual CoHo Fresh Northwest New Play Competition.

This document tells you everything you need to know. It can be found on our web site.

Overview

The goal of CoHo Fresh Northwest New Play Competition is to encourage the development of new plays about the Pacific Northwest. These plays could address any subject in any time period. They should explore some unique aspect of the region, whether cultural, historical, political, social, or environmental. We are looking for stories with a strong local connection that are fundamentally of the area.

In this the first year of the competition, special consideration will be given to plays about Oregon as it is that state's 150th birthday on February 14, 2009. However, playwrights are encouraged to write about any part of the region that interests them.

Award

First prize is \$1,000. CoHo will do a staged reading of the winning play during Portland's first annual New Works Festival in January / February 2009. Exact date TBD. If feasible, the playwright may be involved in the reading.

Dates

Submissions Due: Monday, November 3, 2008

Winner Announced: Monday, January 5, 2009

Rules and Eligibility

* Full length stage plays only. No musicals, one acts, or screen plays.



* No residency requirement. Playwrights do not have to live in the Pacific Northwest.

* Your play must be new. If your play has already been produced or given a stage reading it is not eligible.

Application

There is no entry fee.

Please read the following instructions as closely as we will read your play.

Submission is by email only to freshnorthwest@cohoproductions.org.

There is no option to submit your play by physical mail.

To enter the competition, please send one email with a subject line like:

[PLAY TITLE] by [Your Name]

Example HUGHIE by Eugene O'Neill

Attach your full length play as a PDF to the email. Please make sure your play includes a title page with the name of the play and your name. Also include the name of the play in the footer of every page. Please number your pages.

In the body of the email, include your contact info and a personal statement. Give us your name, address, email, and phone. Then give us a brief description of your experience as a playwright and tell us how your play explores the Pacific Northwest.

You must also complete the following sentence:

“I write plays about the Pacific Northwest because...”

By emailing us your application, you agree that if your play wins the competition, CoHo may produce a staged reading of the play as part of the Portland New Works Festival in January / February 2009.

We will confirm by email that we have received your application.

We must receive your email by Monday, November 3, 2008. But please do not wait until the last day to submit your play. In fact, the sooner we receive your play, the sooner we will start reading it. It benefits YOU greatly to submit your play long before the due date.



Notification

A winner will be announced on Monday, January 5, 2009. Before a public announcement is made, all playwrights who have entered Fresh Northwest will hear back from us via email on the status of their plays.

Any other questions about the competition should be directed to freshnorthwest@cohoproductions.org.

Thank you and we look forward to reading your play.

About CoHo

CoHo Productions is a non-profit theatre company located just off NW 23rd Avenue in Portland, Oregon. CoHo's mission is unique in that it co-produces with Portland area theatre artists. Each year CoHo solicits submissions and selects three shows for its main season. Since 1995, CoHo has co-produced 30 plays, including five world premieres, and won 15 Drammy Awards for outstanding achievement in Portland theatre. Supporting new plays remains a major part of CoHo's mission.