

Call for 1-Act Plays

First Company Theater seeks 1-act play submissions for a 1-night show in August, 2020. Prizes will be awarded to the First (\$250), Second (\$100), and Third (\$50). Place scripts/playwrights based solely on the decision of our judges.



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Parameters:

- Deadline for submission is April 30, 2020.
- Scripts must be original, unpublished works, in English, and 10-20 minutes in length (run time).
- 2-5 actors, minimal scenes/sets, minimal props.
- Themes, storylines, and dialogue must be “family friendly” and adhere to [First Company guidelines](#).
- Submissions must be accompanied by a \$25/script non-refundable application fee. [Pay online](#).
- *First Company* reserves the right to judge and/or reject script submissions at its sole discretion.
- Playwrights grant *First Company* rights to perform selected scripts at a 1-night-only performance in August 2020 without remuneration of any kind.
- Scripts should adhere to standard professional play format. The name of the play and the page number should appear on all pages. Please include a synopsis and a casting/character breakdown.
- Winners will be notified by mid-May and monetary awards will be distributed by June 30, 2020.
- Plays with “hate speech” of ANY KIND (racial, religious, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, disability, or gender, etc.) will NOT be considered for production.
- Location: First Company Theater <http://www.fumc-cs.org/drama/visual-arts>
420 N. Nevada Avenue <https://www.facebook.com/firstcompanytheater/>
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Submission:

- Send an electronic copy of your script to firstcompany@fumc-cs.org. The subject line should include “1-Act Submission.” The body of the email should include your name, the playwright’s name if different, and contact information. No other form of submittal will be accepted.
- Redact any indication of who the playwright is from the script itself.
- Pay the application fee: [pay online](#).
- Indicate in the email if the playwright is interested in directing the play. Choice of directors will be entirely at the discretion of *First Company*.

Other Details:

- *First Company* members and families are excluded from participation as playwrights.
- Directors will be chosen by *First Company*.
- One round of actor auditions will occur late June 2020 for all 1-acts. A given actor may appear in no more than two 1-acts. All directors will attend the audition.
- Roughly five or six scripts will be chosen for performance.
- Run time of the show will be approximately 90 minutes plus intermission.
- Directors will be responsible for their own rehearsal schedule. *First Company* will determine rehearsal space availability at the theater. 1-acts may rehearse elsewhere.
- *First Company* will recruit stage manager, A/V crew, house manager, and box office volunteers.
- Directors/cast will provide their own stage crew and prop handlers.
- Simple lighting and audio setup will be provided and run by *First Company*.
- *First Company* will promote performance night and sell tickets at \$5/each. 240-seat capacity.
- Questions (NOT submissions) may be sent to 1-Acts@jf2.com.