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Plays with Purpose

(Senior Actors Guild & Education Services)



CALLING ALL Novice, Emerging, or Accomplished PLAYWRIGHTS in the TAMPA BAY AREA!

SAGES Theater is looking for LOCAL writers from the Tampa Bay community to submit short one-act plays (5-15 minutes) on topics of aging for inclusion in our Readers Theater Workshops starting in April 2024.

Our goal for this NEW PROGRAM is to:

- *encourage senior writers to share their insight through both humorous and dramatic scripts*
- *develop a partnership with new writers who may wish to collaborate with SAGES on future plays with Purpose (plays that engage, educate, and empower seniors)*
- *allow playwrights an avenue to have their original works read, critiqued, and possibly performed locally for senior groups*
- *offer Readers Theater Workshop participants a chance to provide their honest feedback on new scripts and contribute meaningful critiques*
- *facilitate discussion on how to infuse purpose into a script with education and inspire an audience to adopt that purpose*

SUBMISSION CRITERIA:

- One Act plays (or skits), to be performed in approximately 5-15 minutes
- Preferably 2-5 characters (6 characters maximum)
- Original plays only (no adaptations)
- Family-friendly content only
- Scripts must spotlight AGING TOPICS
- Playwright must be open to input and willing to collaborate with SAGES to be considered for inclusion in any SAGES program

- All submissions must be received ELECTRONICALLY no later than midnight, February 25th with the Subject Line: Short Play Submission for SAGES Readers Theater Workshop. Do not identify yourself on any of the pages of the script(s) you submit, but please include, on a separate sheet, a list of the titles you are submitting, your name, telephone number, and e-mail address. Include all scripts as individual files attached to your email.
- \$5 per submitted piece will be considered a donation to SAGES and used to support the Readers Theater Workshops and production of selected plays.

*****SPECIAL NOTE***** *Linda Goldman will hold a **SAGES Playwriting Webinar on Zoom on Sunday, January 28th from 2:00-4:00 pm** for a suggested donation of \$10 per person. (Each participant will have the fee waived for their first script submission.)*

If you or anyone you know is interested in the SAGES Playwriting Webinar, please email playswithpurpose@sagestheater.org.

Submitters will be notified of the selection process by e-mail, by the end of March.

TO PAY FOR THE \$5.00 PER PLAY SUBMISSION FEE or the Playwriting Webinar, click **HERE** to get to our donation page, enter your amount, select “Readers Theater Workshop Donation” on the dropdown menu, and then click the box below that to cover the PayPal fee. Or you can mail a check made out to SAGES Theater to c/o Linda Goldman, 2618 Cove Cay Dr, Unit 207, Clearwater, FL 33760.

You do not need to send printed copies of your submission(s).

SAGES Readers Theater Workshops will take place at the Dunedin Hale Senior Center and Gulfport Senior Center in 8-week sessions that will take place between the months of April and June. These are free to participants and will be facilitated by SAGES Ambassadors. Selected plays will be performed in a Readers Theater format at the conclusion of each workshop (performance of the voice, no set/costumes/props needed).

SAGES will then select the plays to be produced for the public in a ONE-TIME performance in November called S.O.A.P.S. (Short One Act Plays for Seniors) – these will be staged with minimal sets/props/costumes and auditions will be held to recruit volunteer directors and actors. Writers will be recognized.

If you have any further questions, please contact SAGES at playswithpurpose@sagestheater.org or call Rick Kastel at 727-804-8804.