



# 2024 New Works Contest

**THIS YEAR'S THEME: LEGACY**

1. Each entry must be an original work.
2. Final work must be submitted by July 31. No additional edits can be submitted for consideration after this date.
3. Must be an hour in length or less and able to be performed in one act.
4. Genre style is open to the playwright, as long as the theme is used/implied. Theme does not have to be overt; it can be symbolized throughout.
5. The top two plays will be performed together as a single production at Theatre Off The Square in 2025. The playwright may or may not be consulted for production. Winners may also be involved in the production as director if interested and approved by the Directors Selection Committee of Theatre Off The Square.
6. Community standards will play a role in selecting shows for the staged readings, so please keep content in mind.
7. The submitted work will be uploaded to a Google Drive specified during the submission process. The plays will be blind for unbiased judging in the first round. The person assigned to take the submissions will ensure total anonymity and will not be a judge.
8. Plays will be judged in two separate categories—Youth for playwrights 17 and under and Adult for playwrights 18+. Category is based on age as of July 31st when submissions are due.
9. Up to 6 plays will be chosen for staged readings on October 5th, where final judging will occur. This group will include 1 show from the Youth category and up to 5 from the Adult category. In the event that there are no Youth participants, all readings will come from the Adult category.