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SELMA ORIGINALS

The San Joaquin Valley is home to so many talented artists who are constantly yearning to put their work out in the world. Here at the Selma Arts Center we want to give our local playwrights a place to showcase their abilities as storytellers and give artists original work to produce. This summer we invite writers of the community to submit original short plays for an opportunity to be produced and performed in our *Selma Originals* two-night Showcase. Submissions will be evaluated by our *Selma Originals* committee and a group of plays will be selected to be performed. Along with playwrights, *Selma Originals* is looking for Directors, Designers and Actors to bring these pieces of art to life. Reach out to us and share your talents with the valley.

Selma Originals Showcase will be held May 22ndth, 23rd, and 24th 2019, consisting of five or more original plays, 10 to 15 minutes in length. <u>Short Plays & Submission Forms are due</u> <u>March 1st through April 6th</u>. Criteria and contact information listed below. A committee will evaluate each submission and finalists will be chosen by April 10th. Interested **Directors** must also submit their consideration forms by April 6th. They will then go through a small interview process before selections are made. <u>A playwright has the opportunity to direct their</u> own play but must go through the director interview process.

Guidelines: Playwrights and Directors must be over the age of 17. If you are interested in submitting your play for consideration, please follow the <u>Criteria and Formatting</u> guidelines below. Please fill out a Playwright Submission Form and include it with your submitted work.

Directing: If you are interested in directing an original play, please fill out a Director Submission Form and email to the contact below. <u>Director interviews will take place on April</u> <u>17th & 17th</u>. More information will be emailed. Directors chosen are required to establish a production team (if needed) and schedule their own rehearsal times and locations. Props, costumes and limited set pieces can be pulled from the Selma Arts Center inventory. Review rehearsals and Technical rehearsals will be arranged with the Selma Original Director and committee.

Submission Forms and a copy of your play can be sent one of two ways:

Digital Submissions: <u>submissions@selmaartscenter.com</u> Subject Line - Selma Originals

> Hard Copies: Selma Arts Center 1710 Tucker Street Selma CA, 93662

Thank you very much for your interest, Claudio Laso Selma Original Program Director

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Criteria

- Must be 17 years of age or older to submit a play.
 - 10-15 minute running time.
 - Must not exceed a PG-13 rating- Over use of profanity & highly triggering incidences are not allowed. No onstage simulated intercourse or extreme drug use.
 - Minimum of two characters required. Maximum of eight characters allowed.
 - Must be a through storyline, meaning, no blackouts mid show.
 - Must be original idea, cannot parody any mainstream media, film, television, podcast, etc.

Formatting

- Courier New 12 point font.
- First page must include: list of character names, character descriptions, character age range, and the time and place of the play.
- Cover page must include play title, date of submission, and playwright's name.
- Place character names before each bit of respective dialogue such as "Hector: Dialogue..."
- Files should be sent as a PDF