

TFA's First Light Mentoring Program and Competition for Mason Playwrights

Want to write a play?

Theater of the First Amendment announces the return of our professional mentoring program and playwriting competition open to current students at George Mason University.

To apply, please send an email to smaloney@gmu.edu with the following information (in Word Doc or pdf format):

Name

Local phone number

Email address

Major

Email address for a reference who is familiar with your writing (i.e., professor)

Five page writing sample that includes dialogue

All application forms and writing samples must be received by October 28!

Selected applicants will be invited to work with a professional playwright, director or dramaturg to develop their plays this fall and winter. Plays must be new works for the stage, requiring no more than 8 actors. At the end of the mentoring program, all students will submit their final plays to TFA's First Light Play Development Program and Competition for Mason playwrights.

The winning entry will receive a professional five-day workshop and public reading at this year's **First Light Play Reading in June 2012**.

Selected applicants will be notified by email and required to attend an informational session with a local professional playwright who will speak on the topic of the playwright's craft. This talk will be held on **Saturday, November 12** in George Mason University's TheaterSpace. Immediately afterwards, playwrights will be matched with professional artist mentors specializing in new play development. The mentors will set up deadlines for drafts and establish a schedule for providing feedback. Mentors will monitor students' progress from November through the final draft submission deadline February 24, 2012. The winner will be contacted in late March. All students will be encouraged to come to the First Light Play Reading in June to support the winning play.

First Light is a production of Theater of the First Amendment, the professional company of Theater at Mason. No registration fee is required to enter the competition.

For more information about the competition, visit theater.gmu.edu. You may also email Suzanne Maloney (smaloney@gmu.edu) with questions. Please include "First Light" in the subject line.