

Ipswich Little Theatre Inc. 2024 One Act Play Festival

9, 10 & 11 August 2024

Festival venue: Incinerator Theatre, 15 Burley Griffin Drive (off Griffiths Road), Ipswich, OLD.

Conditions of Entry

- 1. There are 4 sections in the Drama Festival: 10 Minute Plays, Youth Plays, Open Plays and Shakespeare Shorts.
- 2. The **10-MINUTE PLAY section** is open to actors, directors, and crew of all ages with a performance time of no more than 10 minutes. Plays can be excerpts of full-length plays and performance rights are the responsibility of the performers. 10-Minute Play entries are usually scheduled separately on Friday night and the awards presentation is usually held following the last 10-Minute Play.
- 3. The **YOUTH section** is open only to actors aged 18 and under at 31 December 2023. The Director and crew of Youth entries may be any age. Plays must be at least 20 minutes in length and no longer than 50 minutes and have at least 2 speaking parts. Plays can be excerpts of full-length plays and performance rights are the responsibility of the performers. Youth entries are usually scheduled separately on Saturday morning and afternoon. The awards presentation is usually held following the final Youth Play.
- 4. The **OPEN section** is open to actors, directors and crew of all ages. Plays must be at least 20 minutes in length and no longer than 50 minutes and have at least 2 speaking parts. Plays can be excerpts of full-length plays and performance rights are the responsibility of the performers. The awards presentation is usually held at the conclusion of the Drama Festival.
- 5. The **Shakespeare Shorts section** is open to individual actors of any age. Performance pieces can be from any Shakespeare play, either in their original form, or adapted for a modern audience. The performance must not be longer than 5 minutes. This section is not judged by the adjudicator, with performances scheduled throughout the weekend.
- 6. The **entry fee** is \$30 per play for the Youth and Open section and \$20 per play for the 10-Minute Play section. There is **no charge** to perform in the Shakespeare Shorts section. Fees are not refundable if the group cancels.
- 7. Scripts must be supplied electronically at time of entry including sound and lighting cues If the cues change between submission of your entry and performance time, entrants are responsible for providing an updated copy to the Stage Manager and Technical Services Manager.
- 8. Your entry pack must be received by 11:59pm on 30 June 2024.
- 9. The Festival Committee reserves the right to decline any entry. In the event of any dispute or protest, the decision of the Executive Committee of Ipswich Little Theatre Society Inc will be final and binding.
- 10. Awards (apart from the Shakespeare Shorts) are decided by the Adjudicator and the Adjudicator's decision is final and binding.
- **11. LATE ENTRIES MIGHT NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Contact the Festival Director Di Johnstone at festivalsecretary@ilt.org.au.
- 12. Groups are required to arrive at least ONE HOUR prior to the start of their allotted session and to advise the Stage Manager when they have arrived.
- 13. Should another play be withdrawn from your session, every effort will be made to reschedule plays in that session, which is why you must be there one hour before the start.
- 14. The Festival Stage Manager and Technical Crew will be in complete charge of the stage and back-stage areas during the festival.
- 15. Each group will be responsible for the arrangement of stage setting for their play. Each group in the **Youth** and **Open** sections will be allowed ten (10) minutes to set and five (5) minutes to strike. Each group in the **10 Minute** section will be allowed five (5) minutes to set and five (5) minutes to strike.

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- 1. Where possible, each group will provide a lighting and sound operator/advisor who will be responsible for the technical direction of the production. At all times, the Ipswich Little Theatre Technician will oversee equipment operation. All script marking and cue sheet entries **MUST** be able to be read in low lighting e.g. pencil and yellow fluoro highlighter cannot be read.
- 2. Use of the stage prior to set-up is for sound and lighting checks only and is limited to 10 minutes. No rehearsing is permitted on the festival stage throughout the festival weekend.
- 3. No curtain calls are permitted.
- 4. Each group will be allocated time to view the stage prior to each session, but once a session begins, there will be no admittance within the stage area until the allotted time.
- 5. Simple furniture or props may be available from ILT but must be requested with your entry form by **11:59 pm 30 June 2024**.
- 6. Where possible, cast and crew of each play will be allowed to watch the other plays in the session in which they have performed. However, priority is given to paid ticket holders and there may not be seats available for cast and crew. If possible, we will provide a CCTV image and sound of the performances in the theatre grounds and the Jean Pratt Building dressing rooms.
- 7. By entering the Ipswich Little Theatre's One Act Play Festival, you agree that you have obtained all applicable performance rights to stage your play. Please note, entrants will be disqualified if they cannot produce evidence of performance rights (e.g. a royalties receipt) when requested.

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2024 Awards

All awards are subject to a minimum number of entries and are awarded at the Adjudicator's discretion.

10 Minute Play Section

Best Play - \$100

2nd Place Play - \$70

Best Director

Best Actor & Best Actress

Best Supporting Actor & Best Supporting Actress

Best New Australian 10 Minute Script, first performed in 2024 - Ian Pullar Award

Incentive Certificates

Youth Section

Best Play - \$150

2nd Place Play - \$100

3rd Place Play - \$70

Best Director

Best Youth Actor & Best Youth Actress

Best Supporting Youth Actor & Best Supporting Youth Actress

Best Youth Actor in a Minor Role

Best Youth Actress in a Minor Role

Best New Australian Script, first performed in 2024 - Tony Erhardt Award

Incentive Certificates

Open Section

Best Play Drama - \$200

Best Play Comedy - \$200

Runner up Drama - \$150

Runner up Comedy - \$150

Best Director Drama - Patti Jordan Memorial Award (Sponsored by Phil McCormack)

Best Director Comedy

Best Actor in a Dramatic Role

Best Actress in a Dramatic Role

Best Actor in a Comedy Role - Ipswich Little Theatre Life Members' Award

Best Actress in a Comedy Role - Ipswich Little Theatre Life Members' Award

Best Supporting Actor

Best Supporting Actress

Best Actor in a Minor Role

Best Actress in a Minor Role

Best New Australian Script, first performed in 2024- Helen Haenke Memorial Prize

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