

**THE ARMORY SQUARE PLAYWRIGHTS  
SHORT PLAY CONTEST  
CALL FOR ENTRIES FROM CENTRAL NY WRITERS**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE September 1, 2023**

The winning script will be presented in a staged reading in Syracuse, NY in fall 2023 and the playwright will receive a \$100.00 prize. The Armory Square Playwrights may also award additional prizes and staged readings of the plays submitted.

**CONTEST RULES**

--Playwrights must currently reside in one of these Central New York counties: Lewis, Madison, Onondaga or Oswego.

--Each playwright may submit up to two plays. Send each as a separate email as detailed below.

--There is no fee to enter this contest.

--Each script must be:

- \*received no later than September 1, 2023

- \*written in stage play format (see attached template)

- \*no longer than 15 minutes running time and have no more than 7 characters

- \*submitted as a PDF attachment.

- \*anonymized (remove your name and any identifying information from the script)

- \*title the script pdf with the title of your play only

--In your email, provide the following information:

- \*the title of your play

- \*your name and your authorial name (if different)

- \*your current address

- \*email

- \*phone number

--Email your script to [cnyplaywrights@gmail.com](mailto:cnyplaywrights@gmail.com)

**Armory Square Playwrights (ASP)** is a writers' collective which recognizes that the playwright's voice reflects the values and cultural richness of the community. As such, our mission is to encourage and foster the art of playwriting and to explore opportunities for the development and production of new plays, especially those by area writers, while at the same time developing an audience in Central New York for new plays. Armory Square Playwrights is a charter member of the Arts and Culture Leadership Alliance of Central New York.

Armory Square Playwrights presents script-in-hand readings, full productions by members of our Playwrights' Collective, and an annual show of Holiday-themed short plays. We meet monthly to read and discuss members' scripts-in-progress. We are always on the lookout for new playwrights interested in developing their craft.

## SCENE 1

This format is based on The Dramatists Guild of America's suggested traditional play format.

Here is where you will set up the beginning of your scenes and give necessary information.

Use the font is Courier New 12pt.

BILL  
(entering)

This is the standard Dialogue element for all of your character's great lines.

(Use the Action element for stage action not reliant on dialogue and always put it in parentheses.)

JANE  
(giggles)

Oh Bill, you say the sweetest things.

(Jane does a little dance.)

BILL  
Well, that's all the dialogue I have, but I'm sure the writer will use this template and finish this play. Hopefully you'll still think I'm sweet by the end.

JANE  
I guess we'll have to wait and see, but this template should get the writer on the way.