

## **SEASON 23 FESTIVAL OF NEW WORKS CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

**Call for Submissions:** Festival of New Works

**Presented By:** The Premiere Playhouse (TPP) – Artist Development Series

Are you a playwright, composer, or performance creator with a story to tell? We invite you to submit your original work to the Festival of New Works, produced by Sioux Falls' premiere non-profit educational community theatre and adjudicated by local theatre professionals. Selected pieces will receive world premiere performances in a future production (*The Premiere Premieres* - February 20-22, 2026), showcasing bold, local voices onstage.

**Submissions Open:** May 27, 2025

**Submissions Deadline:** July 30, 2025 at 11:59 PM

**Festival Dates:** October 25 & 26, 2025 (daytime)

**Festival Venue:** Rock Island Building | 300 N. Phillips Ave. Suite 120

### **Eligibility & Guidelines:**

- Writers must reside within a 100-mile radius of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- Open to ages 14 and above.
- All submissions must be new, original works that have not been performed publicly, including staged readings.
- We welcome any genre or style of live performance: one-person shows, dramatic or comedic plays, musicals, plays with music, choreo poems... and more!
- Time Lengths Accepted: 10–25 minutes, 26–55 minutes, 56–75 minutes
- Cast Size Limit: Up to 15 performers (more characters permitted via actor doubling)
- Tech Requirements: Basic lighting, sound, and scenic design is desired
- Staging Compatibility: Works suited for small proscenium, in-the-round, or traverse staging

### **Festival Theme:**

This year's Festival theme is: "Growing", "Changing", "Evolving", or "New Beginnings". We encourage you to interpret this theme freely and creatively.

### **Submission Instructions:**

- Email your script to [newplays@thepremiereplayhouse.com](mailto:newplays@thepremiereplayhouse.com) with the subject line: “Festival of New Works Submission”
- Attach your script in two formats: A version with a title page and contact information and a version without any identifying information

**Semi-Finalist Selections:** Writers whose works are selected as semi-finalists will receive access to the theatre’s rehearsal facilities and designated personnel to support the development of their piece in preparation for a staged reading at the Festival of New Works. Writers will collaborate with TPP’s team to identify a director for their piece and to create a minimal rehearsal schedule based on guidelines provided by TPP. This process is designed to give writers the opportunity to hear their work aloud, engage with performers, and further refine their piece in a supportive, process-focused environment. Semi-finalist selections will be announced in late August or early September 2025.

**Questions?** Email us at [newplays@thepremiereplayhouse.com](mailto:newplays@thepremiereplayhouse.com) for more information.

***Let your voice be heard.*** This is your opportunity to bring something entirely new into the world of theatre – boldly, locally, and for the very first time!