

Los Angeles



# Submissions Now Open For The Blank Theatre's 29th Annual Nationwide Young Playwrights Festival

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The Blank Theatre is now seeking submissions from playwrights 19 years of age and younger for its 29th Annual Young Playwrights Festival.

Submissions must be made online or postmarked by March 15, 2021. The winning plays will be presented (four performances each) by professional actors and directors in June of this year. The Blank Theatre's Young Playwrights Festival is a nationwide competition that produces the work of 12 young writers each year. Since 1993, the festival has produced 345 plays by playwrights 19 and younger from 34 states.

The productions are made possible in part by grants from Los Angeles County Arts Commission, Department of Cultural Affairs - City of Los Angeles, **Mitch O'Farrell**,

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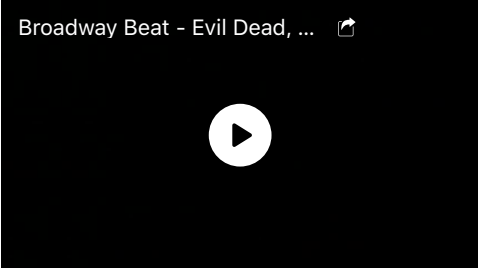
Councilmember 13th District, Plum Foundation, Rosenthal Family Foundation, YPFuture Founding Members, Deb and Ed Koehler, and the Raymond N. Plank Philanthropy Fund. The Blank is a 501(c)(3) non-profit arts organization.

The rules for the festival competition are as follows: playwrights must be 19 years of age or younger on March 15, 2021; original plays and musicals can be any length, on any subject. Scripts must be legible and pages must be numbered and unbound. Submissions may be made online at TheBlank.com or via email at

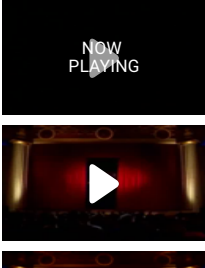
[ypfsubmissions@theblank.com](mailto:ypfsubmissions@theblank.com) or hard copies may be mailed to YPF, c/o The Blank Theatre, PO Box 1094, Los Angeles, CA, 90078 (and must be postmarked or emailed by March 15, 2021). There is a limit of three (3) plays per playwright. All plays must include a cover sheet with the play's title, playwright's name, date of birth, school (if applicable), mailing address, contact phone number, and e-mail address. Scripts will not be returned.

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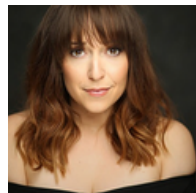




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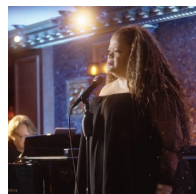
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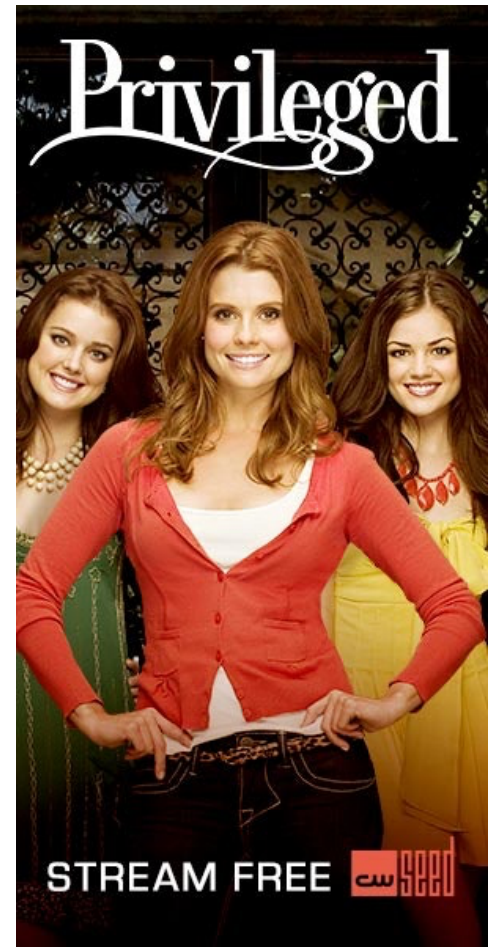
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creator and executive producer of *Sorry for Your Loss* and four-time YPF winner **Kit Steinkellner**, Tony Award-nominated composer **Michael John LaChiusa**, writer Jeff Greenstein (*Will & Grace*), producer **Todd Milliner** (*Hot in Cleveland*, *Grimm*), writer **Irene Mecchi** (*The Lion King*, *Brave*), Tony Award-winning director **Michael Mayer** (*Dear Evan Hansen*, *Spring Awakening*), Tony Award-winning playwright and three-time YPF winner **Stephen Karam** (*The Humans*, *Sons of the Prophet*), playwright and two-time YPF winner **Lauren Yee** (*King of the Yees*, *The Great Leap*, *Cambodian Rock Band*), the late television and film director **Garry Marshall**, and many others. The playwrights then experience the thrill of seeing their plays performed by industry professionals in fully staged productions.

Said **Daniel Henning**, Founding Artistic Director of The Blank, "Each Spring for the past 28 years, The Blank has found the freshest, most original voices in the American theatre, invited them to Los Angeles, and promoted their work during a month-long festival in June. This thought-provoking work, performed and directed by seasoned professionals, has entertained thousands of audience members over the years. While these authors are often as different as the states from which they come and the subjects with which they deal, they share something truly improbable. They're teenagers. These are not only the voices of today's theatre - they are the voices of tomorrow's as well."

Through the years, many of the winning plays have been nominated for LA theatre awards, including an Ovation Award for Best Writing-World Premiere, and an LA Weekly Award for Best One-Act Playwriting. Many alumni playwrights are populating the nation's theatres and sound stages with their work. Many YPF winners have gone on to successful writing careers on Broadway, are filling regional stages, and have created network TV shows. Alumnus **Stephen Karam** has been a two-time finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama and is a Tony Award-winner for Best Play of the 2016 Broadway season for *The Humans*. Alumnus **Lauren Yee** is a 2019 Doris Duke Artist and she is the second most produced playwright in the 2019-2020 season according to American Theater Magazine (with her plays *The Great Leap*, *King of the Yees*, and *Cambodian Rock Band*).

For more information, visit the The Blank Theatre's website at [www.TheBlank.com](http://www.TheBlank.com).



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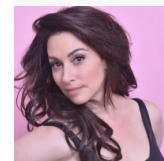
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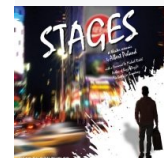
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