

**2019 November 3rd-5th Conference in Chicago**  
**Solo Performers' and Playwrights' Showcase**

**Call for Submissions**

A panel of peers will curate short-plays/sections from longer plays and solo performances for the *Solo Performers' and Playwrights' Showcase*. Pieces will be accepted on the basis of quality and Jewishness as defined by theatre-maker. All pieces must be performed for 8-minutes or less.

**Submissions (one piece only in each category) accepted through September 27, 2019. Acceptances will be sent by Early October, 2019.** IMPORTANT: Playwrights and solo performers must be paid-up AJT members, and they must attend the entire conference for their work to be performed at the conference. Non-members can submit and then the applicant can join the Alliance for Jewish Theatre upon their work being accepted.

**PLAYWRIGHTS**

Playwrights must submit an 8-minute (or less) play or an 8-minute (or less) section of a longer play. All submissions must include on a separate page:

- Playwright's name and contact information
- Cast of characters page, title page without the author's name
- Three sentence 'elevator-pitch' about the play and what is "Jewish" in it. For instance "This is from the beginning of a 30-minute play called Father-Son Campout. It is a modern depiction of the binding of Isaac story in the Bible about a father named Abe and his son Ike. Hebrew National hot dogs are nearly sacrificed and Uncle Sam appears, since G-D is on vacation, showing that even when keeping kosher (sort of) it's hard to find G-D. It has been performed at ...."
- Production history, marketing, press or media about the play

**SOLO PERFORMERS**

Solo performers must submit a 8-minute (or less) or 8-minute (or less) section of a longer solo work encompassing any theme, topic, or idea in history, culture, religion, and/or Jewish identity. All submissions must include on a separate page:

- Performer/Playwright's name and contact information.
- Three sentence 'elevator-pitch' about the performance and what is "Jewish" about it. For instance "This is from the beginning of a 30-minute one-woman show called "Fanny Brice in Wonderland." It is about the great diva Fanny Brice and how she hates the musical "Funny Girl" because they made her life into a car-

icatured story. She comes back as a dybbuk and inhabits the women playing the role of Fanny Brice. It has been performed at ....”

- Written script of the exact under 8-minute section being performed and/or link to video. If no video is available of that piece, please send a link to another performance example.
- Production history, marketing, press or additional information

#### ALLIANCE FOR JEWISH THEATRE PROVIDES

- \* Professional actors for the staged readings (local to the conference), to perform with script-in-hand
- \* Professional director (local to the conference) to cast and a stage manager for the readings and the entire Showcase
- \* A theatrical venue with simple lighting and simple tech (e.g. recorded music) for the entire Showcase and AJT will not guarantee any stage set pieces, piano, or intricate tech cues
- \* The opportunity to attend a rehearsal and/or consult directly with the director in the conference city (this is self-funded)
- \* Attendance, membership and registration by the playwrights is mandatory for the conference
- \* There will be a short rehearsal during the time of the conference (TBA)

The AJT Conference will be November 3rd-5th, and the Showcase is currently scheduled for November 4 in the evening at Victory Gardens Theater in Chicago.

A familiarizing with the stage will be scheduled before the showcase in Chicago, before the conference at the convenience of AJT and the local actors. AJT will pay the actors a \$25 stipend for their work. The playwrights can be present if they choose but AJT is not responsible for their travel, room, and board.

#### CONTACT

All applications are to be emailed to [INFO@ALLJEWISHTHEATRE.ORG](mailto:INFO@ALLJEWISHTHEATRE.ORG)

Alliance for Jewish Theatre Conference information can be found at [ALLJEWISHTHEATRE.ORG](http://ALLJEWISHTHEATRE.ORG)