



Benchwarmers 2019

Benchwarmers is Santa Fe Playhouse's annual short play festival. The presentation will be a series of 10-15 minute plays which all have only one set piece, a park bench.

Benchwarmers is open to any playwright in New Mexico. 2019 marks the 18th anniversary of Benchwarmers. Performances will take place November 7th-24th, 2019.

Submission Guidelines

Please read all the information before you submit your script.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION:

All plays are set on a bare stage with a single set piece: a park bench. Although the park bench may represent anything, it must appear on the stage.

There is **no** other furniture on the stage and only those props that can fit easily inside a standard size file box may be used. **Plays with elaborate sets, lighting or sound will not be considered.**

A playwright may submit up to two original one-act plays, each 15-minutes in length or less. This is 14 pages or less using either the Samuel French format or the Dramatists Guild Format style. Plays over 14 pages, or fewer than 3 pages, will not be accepted. Benchwarmers is only open to playwrights with a current New Mexico address.

Plays must be unproduced and unpublished.

A script which is identified with its playwright's name will not be accepted.

Casts are limited to no more than six (6) actors.

- Only new scripts submitted for this season will be selected. Scripts re-submitted from years past need to have had significant rewrites to be considered.
- Playwright's must own the copyright to any material submitted. This includes not only the script itself, but also any musical numbers written explicitly into the script or any other copyright protected material.
- Plays can be submitted online at santafeplayhouse.org/submissions or they can be mailed to us using the form on page 4 of this document.

BLIND SELECTION PROCESS:

- If submitting by mail, please complete and attach the “Benchwarmers Submission Form” to your script. **All author information is to appear on the “Benchwarmers Submission Form” ONLY.**
- If submitting online, please fill out the online submission form at santafeplayhouse.org/submissions. **All author information is to appear on the online submission form ONLY.**
- Each play will be given a number and the author information will remain separate during the judging process.
- All plays submitted will be read by a panel of 3 judges and scored using a rating system of 1 to 5.
- The highest scoring plays will be selected for performance, but no more than one play per playwright will be chosen.
- No scripts are selected for production until all scripts submitted have been judged and scored.

PLAYWRIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Should your work be selected, the following guidelines will apply:

- The Playhouse will assign a director and stage manager for Benchwarmers, and it will be performed by an ensemble cast who will all appear in multiple plays.
- Open auditions will be held in early August and will be open to all playwrights.
- The Playhouse Artistic Director will act as Executive Producer and, along with the Benchwarmers’ Stage Manager and Director, will have the authority to advise and veto should issues unbecoming to the Playhouse arise.
- Playwrights will be welcome, but not required, to attend all rehearsals of their play.
- The Playhouse will provide sound, lighting, stage and house management, box office and publicity.
- Once accepted to the festival, a play may not be pulled from production without the written consent of the Playhouse Board of Directors.
- Once a play is selected for the festival, playwrights will sign a contract outlining all the details of the agreement.
- Benchwarmers is a fundraising benefit for the Santa Fe Playhouse and all funds raised will go to assist in future programming.

DATES

Submissions for *Benchwarmers*:

- Open - May 1 at 12:00 am
- Close - June 15 at 11:59 pm

*Submissions received before May 1st or after June 15th will not be read or considered for *Benchwarmers*.

- Final Selections will be announced on August 1st

SUBMITTING

- Scripts can be submitted online, by mail, or in person at the Playhouse. If possible, please submit online.
- Submit online at santafeplayhouse.org/submissions
- Submit via mail or in person using page 4 of this document.
- Submissions must be postmarked no later than the deadlines outlined above.

If you have any questions, please email artisticdirector@santafeplayhouse.org



For Playhouse Use Only:

Script # _____

Benchwarmers 2019 Submission Form

Please read all the information before you submit your script.

Please fill out the submission form below and attach to the top of your script with a paperclip. DO NOT STAPLE or BIND your script. Manuscripts must be typed, single-sided and pages numbered. DO NOT put your name on any page of the script. Scripts are judged blindly and must remain anonymous.

BENCHWARMERS *(Please print)*

Author Name:	Address:		
Mobile Phone:	Home Phone:		
Email Address:			
Title of Play:			
Cast Needs:			

Submissions must be postmarked by Saturday, June 15th, 2019. Scripts will not be returned. Email submissions can be made at santafeplayhouse.org/submissions.

Selections scheduled to be announced on August 1, 2019.

Please mail or drop off your submission(s) to:

BENCHWARMERS
C/O The Santa Fe Playhouse
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Santa Fe, NM 87501