



The Wilton Playshop + The Youth Artist Project's

2024 Young Playwrights Festival

Submissions Information

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Festival information:

The Young Playwrights Festival at the Wilton Playshop, produced by The Youth Artists Project, is an evening of developmental readings of short plays by young playwrights. The festival is presented in collaboration with the Wilton Playshop with the goal of providing unique production opportunities to pre-career and early-career playwrights, and preparing short works for further festival submission. Works are presented as staged readings, with one week of rehearsal and one evening of performance. The 2024 festival will take place on August 10th. Transportation will be provided when necessary for any festival participant from Westport (Saugatuck) train station to the Wilton Playshop and back. General questions can be directed to youthartistsct@gmail.com. Applicants interested in multiple application categories should submit multiple applications.

Playwrights:

The Young Playwrights Festival at the Wilton Playshop accepts short plays ranging from 10-20 minutes in length, by playwrights between the ages of 14 and 22.

Previously accepted works range broadly in genre, size, tone, and theme, but all address fundamental elements of the human experience, and can be presented effectively as a staged reading. Submissions should be sent to youthartistsct@gmail.com by May 1st in the following format:

Subject:

Festival Submission

Body:

Name, Age

Play #1 Title

Play #2 Title (Optional)

Play #3 Title (Optional)

Attachments:

TITLEplaywright.pdf

Maximum three submissions allowed per playwright. Co-authored works are counted as one submission for each listed playwright. Notices of acceptance or rejection can be expected by May 1st. Rejected playwrights may be invited to participate in the festival as Literary Fellows, serving under the festival's Literary Director.

Directors:

The Young Playwrights Festival at the Wilton Playshop accepts applications from pre-career and early career directors between the ages of 14 and 22. Experience as a director is beneficial but not necessary. Applicants may be asked to schedule a zoom interview with the festival staff; invitations will be sent to the email address associated with the application. Applications, including resume, should be sent to youthartistsct@gmail.com by May 1st in the following format:

Subject:

Festival Application, Director

Body:

Name, Age

DRAMATURG (Optional)

Attachments:

NAMEresume.pdf

NAMEportfolio.pdf (Optional)

Applicants may receive an offer to direct one or more pieces, or to assistant direct one or more pieces. Applicants also interested in dramaturgical work should list that interest in their application using the above format. Applicants should be available all evenings the week of August 5th. Notices of acceptance or rejection can be expected by May 1st.

Actors:

The Young Playwrights Festival at the Wilton Playshop accepts applications from actors of any age. The festival employs age-accurate casting, so casting necessities will be determined by the accepted plays. Applicants may be asked to schedule a zoom audition with the festival staff; invitations will be sent to the email address associated with the application. Applications, including headshot and resume, should be sent to youthartistsct@gmail.com by May 1st in the following format:

Subject:

Festival Application, Actor

Body:

Name, Age

Attachments:

NAMEresume.pdf

NAMEheadshot.pdf

Applicants may receive an offer to perform in one or more pieces. Applicants should be available all evenings the week of August 5th. Notices of acceptance or rejection can be expected by June 1st.

Designers/Technicians:

The Young Playwrights Festival at the Wilton Playshop accepts applications from pre-career and early career theatrical designers and technicians between the ages of 14 and 22. Experience as a designer/technician is beneficial but not necessary. Applicants may be asked to schedule a zoom interview with the festival staff; invitations will be sent to the email address associated with the application. Applications, including resume, should be sent to youthartistsct@gmail.com by May 1st in the following format:

Subject:

Festival Application, Designer/Technician

Body:

Name, Age

Design/Technical Discipline

Attachments:

NAMEresume.pdf

NAMEportfolio.pdf (Optional)

Applicants may receive an offer to serve in their respective discipline(s) as designer, assistant designer, technician, or assistant technician for the festival in its entirety. Applicants interested in multiple design/technical disciplines should list all relevant disciplines in order of experience. Applicants should be available all evenings the week of August 5th. Notices of acceptance or rejection can be expected by May 1st.

Stage Managers:

The Young Playwrights Festival at the Wilton Playshop accepts applications from pre-career and early career stage managers between the ages of 14 and 22.

Experience as a stage manager is beneficial but not necessary. Applicants may be asked to schedule a zoom interview with the festival staff; invitations will be sent to the email address associated with the application. Applications, including resume, should be sent to youthartistsct@gmail.com by May 1st in the following format:

Subject:

Festival Application, Stage Manager

Body:

Name, Age

Attachments:

NAMEresume.pdf

NAMEportfolio.pdf (Optional)

Applicants may receive an offer to serve as stage manager, assistant stage manager, or on the run crew of the festival in its entirety. Applicants should be available all evenings the week of August 5th. Notices of acceptance or rejection can be expected by May 1st.

Arts Administrators:

The Youth Artists Project is seeking arts administrators local to Fairfield County CT to lead the organization in its 2025 season. Accepted applicants will serve as associates to the current artistic director, managing director, and production manager, before being confirmed to assume the roles in the following season. Applicants will be asked to schedule a zoom interview with the current YAP leadership team, invitations will be sent to the email address associated with the application. Applications, including resume, should be sent to youthartistsct@gmail.com by May 1st in the following format:

Subject:

YAP Administrator Application

Body:

Name, Age

Attachments:

NAMEresume.pdf

Applicants should be available all evenings the week of August 5th. Notices of acceptance, rejection, or continued deliberation can be expected by May 1st.