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Ten-Minute Play Contest Fosters Student Talent

Halifax, NS – To encourage young people to write original works for the stage, Eastern Front Theatre, in association with Theatre Nova Scotia, and Playwrights Atlantic Resource Centre, is proud to announce the twelfth annual **Ten-Minute Play Contest**. Open to all Nova Scotia high school students in grades 10 through 12, the Ten-Minute Play Contest encourages young people to express themselves through the creation of short scripts.

A panel of professional theatre artists will choose four scripts from submitted student proposals. The four selected students will then be invited to watch as a director and team of professional theatre artists workshop each script. This will be followed by a staged reading of each show on Sunday, June 29, 2014 as part of Eastern Front Theatre's **SuperNova Theatre Festival**. The winning playwright will receive a **cash award of \$300.00**, courtesy of Theatre Nova Scotia, and the three runners-up will each receive **cash awards of \$150.00** courtesy of Eastern Front Theatre.

All high school students are encouraged to participate in the Ten-Minute Play Contest and Eastern Front suggests teachers spread the word to students or make it a class project. Plays must be ten pages long and run a maximum of ten minutes. Plays must have a minimum of 2 characters and a maximum of 4 characters with minimal set requirements. Plays submitted by mail must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2014 or may be dropped off at Eastern Front's offices by 5 p.m. on the same day.

For more information, contest rules, or the entry form, please go to www.easternfronttheatre.com or e-mail info@easternfronttheatre.com.

Eastern Front Theatre, now in its **21st Season**, explores and celebrates the Atlantic Canadian experience through the development, production, and promotion of Atlantic Canadian theatre artists. Eastern Front Theatre is generously funded by the **Canada Council for the Arts**, the **Department of Canadian Heritage** and **Arts Nova Scotia**.

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