

Fishamble's A PLAY FOR IRELAND - Submission Form

In 2011, Fishamble called out for tiny plays for contemporary Ireland, and received over 1,700 submissions. TINY PLAYS FOR IRELAND subsequently played to sell out runs in Ireland, generated similar initiatives in Australia and Russia, transferred to the Kennedy Center and Irish Arts Center in the US, and was called 'a brilliant project...really wonderful' by President Higgins.

Now, in 2017, Fishamble is looking for an idea for one, big ambitious play for a cast of 4-6 actors, that bursts with humanity and tackles a subject about which the playwright feels passionate. We are looking for A PLAY FOR IRELAND that captures the zeitgeist of the country.

This will be a two-year process, which will encourage the citizens of Ireland to write plays, engaging people of all ages, from all communities, throughout the country. The initiative will mentor playwrights throughout the island of Ireland, and result in the production of a very special new play.

Fishamble is committed to new plays that have something important to say about the world in which we live. It wants to encourage the citizens of Ireland to express themselves through theatre, to engage the public in making plays, and to engage with audiences throughout Ireland.

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We strongly recommend that you look at this form, read the guidelines and FAQ before submitting.

These are all available on our website at www.fishamble.com/APFI

Please note, you CANNOT save or re-edit a submission.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 1ST FEBRUARY 2018

* Required

1. Email address *

Eligibility

You must be able to check ALL the boxes to ensure you are eligible to submit an idea to A PLAY FOR IRELAND. Please confirm the following statements are correct at the time of application.

2. Please confirm the following: **Check all that apply.*

- I am not a current staff member of Fishamble
- I am not an immediate family member/partner of any Fishamble staff member
- I am not currently commissioned by Fishamble
- I have never had a full length play produced by Fishamble
- I am an Irish citizen OR am currently resident on the island of Ireland
- I will endeavour to attend the 6 development sessions between April - November 2018 (28th April, one Saturday/Sunday each in May, June, September and October, and 10th/17th November)
- I am over 18 years of age at time of application (date application is submitted)
- The idea I am submitting is my own, previously unpublished / unproduced work
- I have read and understood the guidelines and FAQ available on www.Fishamble.com/APFI
- I understand that I can only submit a maximum of two idea submissions to A PLAY FOR IRELAND. These can be submitted by an individual playwright, or with up to one other writing partner.
- I understand that I cannot make any edits to my application after submitting this form
- I adhere to the word-count where required, and understand that anything 10% over the allotted wordcount won't be considered.

Remember! If you cannot tick every box above as being true and correct at the time of application (to the best of your knowledge), unfortunately your application will not be accepted.

*Skip to question 2.***About You:**

Information collected below will be used for the purpose of managing applications and ensuring that A PLAY FOR IRELAND represents a diverse mix of voices. Your data will be used to analyse the engagement of A PLAY FOR IRELAND, but your personal information will NOT be shared with any third party. If you have any questions about how we will use your data, please email us.

3. First Name: *

4. Last name: *

5. Mobile Number: *

6. Age: *

Mark only one oval.

- 18-22
- 23-30
- 31-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70-79
- 80+
- Prefer not to say

7. Nationality / Residency *

Mark only one oval.

- I am an Irish citizen and live on the island of Ireland
- I am of a nationality other than Irish, and live on the island of Ireland
- I am an Irish citizen and live outside of Ireland
- Prefer not to say

8. If based in Ireland, what COUNTY do you live in. If based outside of Ireland, what COUNTRY do you live in? ***9. Gender: I identify as... ***

Check all that apply.

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to say
- Other: _____

10. Disability Support: This programme will involve travel to venues around Ireland and participation in play development sessions in a group setting. If you identify as a person with a disability or disabilities, and require support with regard to participation, please let us know so we can put appropriate measures in place.

11. Tell us about yourself: (100 words max) *

12. Tell us about your writing experience to date: (100 words max) *

13. Why do you want to submit an idea to Fishamble's A PLAY FOR IRELAND? (100 words max) *

Fishamble's A PLAY FOR IRELAND - Programme

A PLAY FOR IRELAND is run in partnership with six venues on the island of Ireland. Please select ONE of the partnering venues listed below. If you are selected to participate, the venue listed below will be the venue at which you attend the development programme.

Partnering Venues

Please select three partnering venues in order of preference. These venues are where chosen playwrights will be attending the development programme during 2018. We will endeavor to match chosen playwrights to their preferred venues, however your preferred venue cannot be guaranteed.

14. Preference of Venue *

Mark only one oval per row.

	First Preference	Second Preference	Third Preference
Lime Tree Theatre / Belltable, Limerick	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Draíocht, Blanchardstown	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Everyman, Cork	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Lyric, Belfast	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pavilion, Dún Laoghaire	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town Hall Theatre, Galway	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Your idea for Fishamble's A PLAY FOR IRELAND

Fishamble is looking for an idea for an original, ambitious play for 4-6 actors, that bursts with humanity and tackles a subject about which the playwright feels passionate. We are looking for A PLAY FOR IRELAND that captures the zeitgeist of the country.

Tell us about your idea.

15. TREATMENT: What is your idea for A PLAY FOR IRELAND: (300 words max) *

This is the idea you are submitting for A PLAY FOR IRELAND. Please take your time when drafting this section, as it cannot be edited after submission. When describing your core idea, you may consider the following: theatrical vision, setting, characters, and if relevant, your process for developing the idea.

16. Tell us why you feel your idea will result in a play that needs to be produced in Ireland today: (150 words max) *

17. Cast Size *

Please indicate your proposed cast size below.
Plays submitted with a cast of 4-6 members will be given preference.

18. Writing Sample (1000 words max.) *

Upload ONE sample of writing for theatre. This can include brief context, if required. This should be a maximum of 1000 words in total. Note: only playscripts will be accepted. Poetry, prose, short stories, etc, will not be accepted. Preferred format: 12pt, Times New Roman, 1.5 spacing, with your name saved as the file name. See Guidelines for further details.

Files submitted:

19. Language *

We accept submissions in both English and Irish language. Please tick the relevant box below which indicates the language of your submission.

Mark only one oval.

- English
 Irish

20. Fishamble Newsletter

Would you like to be added to the Fishamble newsletter and be the first to hear about upcoming productions, development opportunities, and our 30th Birthday programme in 2018?

Check all that apply.

- Yes, I would like to be added to the Fishamble newsletter

Are you ready to submit?

Before submitting, please check the following

- Have you read the Guidelines and FAQs?
- Have you made sure you're eligible to enter?
- Have you filled in all required sections?
- Have you attached the PDF of your writing sample?

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5pm (GMT) on Thursday 1st February 2018.

Good luck!

A copy of your responses will be emailed to the address you provided

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