



Call for Submissions: ADVANCE THEATRE: New Works by Women 2017



Ruby Slippers Theatre in partnership with the Vancouver Fringe Festival and Equity in Theatre proudly present:

ADVANCE THEATRE: NEW WORKS BY DIVERSE WOMEN

According to a national study, in the Canadian theatre industry women account for 33% of the artistic directors, 34% of the working directors, and 27% of the produced playwrights. These numbers are even lower if you look only at the large regional theatres and summer festivals. And diversity? We think you know the answer to that one.

So as a direct response to the under representation of women playwrights, directors, and diversity in Canadian theatre (diversity in cultural background, physical and mental ability, sexual orientation, and age), the **Advance Theatre** series will showcase dramatic readings of *five new plays* written by Canadian women playwrights, all directed by women. These readings will take place over five days during the Vancouver Fringe Festival, in September 2017.

If you are chosen to participate in the **Advance Theatre** series, Ruby Slippers Theatre and the Fringe will cover the costs of all rehearsals prior to the day of the reading, your technical rehearsal, promotion, theatrical venue on Granville Island, and artists' fees for a public staged reading of your new play during the Fringe Festival.

Please send your play synopsis and a maximum ten page script excerpt to diane@rubyslippers.ca by February 15, 2017. One submission per person please. Successful candidates will be notified by May 15, 2017.

This is a curated process for women playwrights and directors living and working in Canada. **Priority will be given to diversity.**

ABOUT RUBY SLIPPERS THEATRE

Multi-award winning Ruby Slippers Theatre produces provocative text-based theatre with a major focus on the French Canadian canon in English translation. We tell stories that illuminate diverse perspectives and social issues. This season, Ruby Slippers Theatre produced three MainStage productions, as well as the **Advance Theatre: New Works by Women** with partners Equity in Theatre and the Vancouver Fringe Festival.



ABOUT THE VANCOUVER FRINGE FESTIVAL

The Vancouver Fringe is a celebration of theatre. Over 11 days more than 90 theatre companies come together to share their creativity on stage. The uniqueness of the Fringe comes from the "everyone is welcome" selection technique—Mainstage shows are literally drawn from a hat, while Bring Your Own Venue (BYOV) artists find their own venue, some of them in surprising locations! The Fringe revels in its identity as part theatre, part party. Every night of the Festival, there's free live music and performances at the Fringe Bar. The Fringe is a cultural experience unlike any other!

Send Submissions to: Ruby Slippers Artistic Director Diane Brown at diane@rubyslippers.ca by February 15, 2017.