



IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MUSEUM ONE-ACT PLAY COMPETITION CALL FOR SCRIPTS

The Irish American Heritage Museum (IAHM) is proud to announce a Competition of One-Act Plays with an Irish or Irish American theme.

Winning play/s will be produced by the author/s at the IAHM's Flanagan Theater.

Timeline:

- December 1, 2025: Deadline for submissions.
- February 1, 2026: Winning play/s announced.
- May 2026: Winning plays produced.

Adjudication: 4-6 judges from IAHM's programs committee plus a member of the theater community of the Capital District.

IAHM ONE-ACT PLAY COMPETITION RULES

- Competition is open to all.
- Scripts are to be original, unpublished, and unproduced One-Act Plays with an Irish or Irish American theme. Possible themes could focus on various aspects of Irish and/or Irish American culture, historical events, myths, family dynamics, immigration, identity, or social issues.
- Plays must be 20-35 minutes, maximum 6 actors, simple settings, with a single compelling conflict.
- Variety of genres welcome: comedy, tragedy, drama, magical realism, myth, romance, satire, musicals, etc. Only exception, no children's plays.
- One submission per author.
- Two paper copies of the script must be submitted for reviewers and one electronic copy for IAHM archives.
- All paper scripts are to be typewritten double-spaced in 12 point black Times New Roman font. The scripts should have one-inch margins, and numbers at bottom right of each page. Characters' names shall be capitalized and set off from spoken lines with a colon. Stage directions shall be enclosed in brackets. Scripts should be firmly bound (staple, clips, etc).
- The decisions of the judges are final.
- IAHM will assist the authors in producing the winning plays, but authors are fully responsible for the production. The authors will cast and direct their plays in the space

available in IAHM's Flanagan Theater. Winning authors will coordinate rehearsal schedule with IAHM's Executive Director.

- Authors are encouraged to view the Flanagan Theater early in the writing process to familiarize themselves with the performance space available.
- Deadline for entries is an in-person drop off, a postmark, and/or an email time stamp of December 1, 2025.
- Scripts may be dropped off at IAHM during hours of operation or mailed to the museum at 21 Quackenbush Square, Albany, NY 12207. Address envelope to "IAHM One-Act Play Competition."
- Include with script submission a cover page with author's name, address, phone number, and email address. The cover page should also contain a short summary of the play, properties, setting, and character list.
- Winners will be notified by e-mail no later than February 1, 2026.

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