



# InstaPlay



90 Minute Playwriting Contest

the Carol Shields  
FESTIVAL OF NEW WORKS

Got the next hot new play in your head? Think fast on your feet? Think you can write anything anywhere, no matter what the distractions?

Enter **InstaPlay**, and prove to the world that your script-writing talents can beat the odds. This is improv for writers – you'll be placed in the middle of a shopping centre with nothing but a pad, a pencil and your own incredibly fertile imagination and superior talent.

Oh, and we'll be throwing some stuff at you that **MUST** be included in the script, like the number and gender of the characters. There may also be a phrase, or a location, a whole opening line, or all of the above. You can bring ideas but no notes, and the whole script has to be written onsite.

Think you've got what it takes? Call us at 925-5256 to register!

## The Official Stuff

### Time Frame:

Wednesday, May 19, 11:00 am	Register & get the rules
Wednesday, May 19, 11:30 – 1 pm	Write your face off
Friday, May 21	Winners are chosen (but kept secret!)
Saturday, May 22, 1:45 pm	The top play in each category is read by professional actors

### Location:

Registration & Writing Room	Edmonton Court, Portage Place
Play Reading	Prairie Theatre Exchange, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Portage Place

### The Categories:

- Teen – Up to 18 or still in High School
- Amateur – You've done some writing but not produced, or never tried it before
- Professional – Produced Playwrights

**Deadline to Register:** May 18, 2010      **Maximum Number of Contestants:** 30

### Prizes:

**Teen** – 2 subscriptions to PTE's 2010-11 season, plus tickets to other Carol Shields Festival partners' shows, registration for one class in the PTE School in October 2010 and your play read in front of an audience at the Festival

**Amateur** – 2 subscriptions to PTE's 2010-11 season, plus tickets to other Carol Shields Festival partners' shows, registration in the PTE School Playwriting course in October 2010 and a reading at the Festival

**Professional** -- \$500 cash, 2 subscriptions to PTE's 2010-11 season, plus other Carol Shields Festival partners' shows and a reading at the Festival.

### Official Judges:

**Michael Nathanson**, Governor General Award-nominated Playwright / WJT Artistic Director  
**Debbie Patterson**, PTE Artistic Associate / Playwright  
**Teen Division** -- **John B. Lowe**, PTE School Director

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