



Call for Applications: PTE/MAP Playwrights Unit

Prairie Theatre Exchange (PTE) and the Manitoba Association of Playwrights (MAP) are excited to invite applications for the 2026-28 PTE/MAP Playwrights Unit. This is a unique opportunity for playwrights **of all levels of experience and backgrounds** to be a part of a vibrant group dedicated to developing their distinctive voices as playwrights.

Since 1988, PTE has been committed to supporting playwrights by providing a nurturing environment and advocating for their work. In 2018 PTE was joined by the Manitoba Association of Playwrights in guiding the unit, further enhancing this support.

Playwrights are not confined to writing only for PTE. Many Playwrights Unit alumni have had productions on stages in Manitoba and across the country.

Previous members of the Playwrights Unit are welcome to apply. **We value a diversity of experience, backgrounds and writing styles in the cohort.**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday December 15, 2025

Email your application to: education@pte.mb.ca

What You Will Receive:

- Monthly meetings with Brian Drader, Ann Hodges, and other guests.
- Invitations to attend PTE rehearsals and productions
- Promotion through the PTE website, events and other networking opportunities
- Access to a dedicated work space at PTE for focused work and reflection
- Access to PTE's resources, including printing and photocopying
- Informal advice and guidance from PTE and MAP staff
- Development and support for your central playwriting project

Application Requirements:

- **Anonymous Review:** Submit your application with a cover page that contains your name, email address and phone number. All other documents should not include any personal identifiers.

- **Letter to the Selection Committee:** Share what drives your passion for playwriting, or any information you would like to share. Please include why you would like to be a part of the unit. (Max 2 pages or 1000 words)
- **Writing Sample:** Submit a writing sample (max 10 pages) **OR** a one-page description of the play you are dreaming about writing next.

Expectations:

- Commit to attending monthly meetings once a month for two years (excluding summer)
- Support for your cohort colleagues
- Occasionally represent the MAP/PTE Playwrights Unit at talkbacks and donor events, etc.

Prairie Theatre Exchange and the Manitoba Association of Playwrights are committed to reflecting the diversity of our community and our country. We encourage submissions from individuals of all genders, cultures, ethnicities, gender identities, sexual orientations, and abilities.

We are committed to providing accommodation for persons with disabilities in all parts of the selection process. Please contact PTE if you have accessibility needs in applying for this position.

Not 100% sure of your qualifications? If your experience looks a little different than what we have outlined, but you believe you could thrive in the PTE/MAP Playwrights Unit, we encourage you to apply.

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