

Nominations for Theatre Awards Deadline Extended

The ICWP 50/50 Applause Awards for Gender Parity in Theatre has extended the nominations deadline to 10 July

NEW YORK, USA, July 5, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- (The World) - The International Centre for Women Playwrights ([ICWP](#)) is proud to sponsor the sixth annual [50/50 Applause Award](#), celebrating theatres which achieved gender parity among their produced playwrights within the past theatre season.

Research in the UK, France, Canada, Australia and the USA, in the last decade, has revealed the lack of equal representation of female playwrights on professional theatre stages. A typical ratio of male to female playwrights is 2:1. Many theatre companies have committed to take action and demonstrate gender equity in their programming.



Patricia L. Morin, Co-chair of the 50/50 Applause Awards Committee, said, "We applaud theatre companies that produce works by women at least half the time. Theatres like the Royal Court Theatre, London, UK, the HERE Art Centre New York, the Peridot Theatre, Victoria, Australia and the

Prairie Theatre Exchange in Manitoba, Canada are showing the way. It is important and necessary that theatre reflects the imagination of female dramatists and that professional theatres use their resources equally to support playwriting as a career for women. We have had reports from theatres that having a 50/50 Applause Award has added weight to their successful applications for funding."

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Anyone may nominate eligible theatres, including members of the public, ICWP Members, artistic directors and other theatre employees. This year's nomination form will remain open until 10 July, 2017 on the ICWP website, <http://www.womenplaywrights.org> where you will also find

links to videos, press releases, and news.

The full guidelines are available at <http://www.womenplaywrights.org/award>. Please contact us if you

need translation assistance.

For more about the awards history and previous recipients, go to <http://womenplaywrights.org/50-50-Awards-History>

ABOUT ICWP

Established in 1989, The International Centre for Women Playwrights promotes and supports women playwrights. We aim to help achieve a fair representation of the female imagination on the world's stages. ICWP provides a place for peer support, knowledge-sharing, and play publication. It is our goal to see more gender equity in professional theatres and for women playwrights to sustain careers as dramatists. When female dramatists are no longer discriminated against, we will no longer need to exist. We work for that day!

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