



PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY

## New Griots Play Development

### GUIDELINES

The New Griots Play Development Program is a two-year program that culminates in a biennially-held summer festival of staged- readings and workshop productions.

As many as 6 may be chosen for development and presentation throughout the main stage season. Each script will receive a staged reading. Afterwards, Plowshares will assist the writers in promoting the works nationally and may commission to produce one or more of them within the next two subsequent Plowshares seasons.

Winning playwrights will collaborate with some of the best in Detroit's professional theater community. Each playwright will be assigned a qualified professional director and a cast of experienced, professional actors for the development period. Also, following the staged reading, the authors will receive feedback from audience members during a moderated discussion session hosted by a Detroit area theatre professional, scholar or critic. Travel stipends will be provided for those playwrights who live outside of the state of Michigan.

Finally, as an addition to the program Plowshares will award a \$1000 cash prize to the writer of the play considered "the Best of Festival," that is a quality script artistically strong and ready for professional production.

All entrants must be African-American and hold permanent residents in the United States. All scripts must not have been previously optioned or produced by any other organization. Translations and adaptations are not accepted. Authors may send in as many scripts as they wish but only one per playwright will be chosen. Only plays directly addressing African-American life or the African-American experience will be considered.

Applicants should submit 3 copies of script with synopsis, resumé and personal biography to:

Plowshares Theatre Company  
New Griots Play Development Program  
440 Burroughs St.  
Suite 185  
Detroit, MI 48202

ATTN: Gary Anderson

Only scripts with a self-addressed stamped envelope will be returned. Notification will be mailed. For further information, PH: (313) 744-3181, E-mail: [newgriots@plowsharestheatre.org](mailto:newgriots@plowsharestheatre.org)

# NEW GRIOTS APPLICATION



## CONTACT INFORMATION

MR.  MRS.  MS  MISS  OTHER

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

TELEPHONE (DAY)

(EVENING)

EMAIL

**How many actors are needed to read this play?** Circle the correct answer.

1    2    3    4    5    6 or more

**What is the history of the development of this play?** Include any productions.

**If your play has been produced, has it had significant rewrites?** Circle the correct answer.

Yes    No

**What do you hope to achieve through this process?** Please describe you expectations.

**MAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION WITH SCRIPT AND ITEMS TO:**  
**PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY**  
440 BURROUGHS ST.,  
SUITE 185,  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48202

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: MARCH 14, 2019**  
A complete application includes: script, character list,  
application form, a plot synopsis, resumé and personal  
biography

**BY EMAIL: [NEWGRIOTS@PLOWSHARESTHEATRE.ORG](mailto:NEWGRIOTS@PLOWSHARESTHEATRE.ORG)**