

Judith Barlow Prize 2021 Application Form

About the Prize:

This year marks is the 7th Annual Judith Barlow Prize, awarded to a student playwright for an exceptional one-act play inspired by the play of an historic female-identifying playwright. Applications will be accepted between October 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019. Winners will be announced in March 2021.

The first place winner will receive a **\$2500** award and a reading of his/her/their play either in person in New York (accommodations and travel provided) or remotely, pending COVID-19 guidelines . Date and details to be determined

The professor of the first place winner will also receive a **\$500** prize for introducing the student to the play that inspired her/his one-act.

The Judith Barlow Prize was created by **History Matters/Back to the Future**, an organization that promotes the study and production of women's plays of the past in colleges and universities and theatres throughout the country and encourages responses to those plays from contemporary playwrights. History Matters/Back to the Future's *One Play At A Time: Historic Women Playwrights Initiative* challenges professors around the country to commit to dedicating one class period per semester to an historic play by a woman playwright.

About Judith E. Barlow:

Professor Emeritus of English and Women's Studies at the University of Albany, SUNY; received her B.A. from Cornell University and her PhD from the University of Pennsylvania; editor of *Plays By American Women 1900-1930*, *Plays By American Women 1930-1960*, and *Women Writers of the Provincetown Playhouse*; author of *Final Acts: The Creation of Three Late O'Neill Plays*, as well as numerous essays on American Drama.

Eligibility:

In order to apply, a student must be currently enrolled in (or have completed in the past 12 months) a class that is participating in History Matters/Back to the Future's *One Play At A Time: Historic Women Playwrights Initiative*.

Or, for graduate students ONLY - with a professor's permission and guidance - they may commit to reading and studying six plays by historic women playwrights independently to be eligible for the prize. Students selecting this option should indicate the six plays studied in their Application Narrative.

Submission Guidelines:

The completed application form along with an original one-act play (no longer than 50 pages) and a letter of recommendation from the participating professor should be submitted by 11:59pm EST on December 31, 2020.

Only electronic submissions will be accepted. All materials should be sent to historymatterswomensplays@gmail.com. PLEASE BE SURE YOUR NAME IS **NOT** ON YOUR PLAY; SCRIPTS ARE READ BLIND. Recommendations may be sent under separate cover, but need not be. We will accept Word or PDF documents as attachments, though PDF is preferred.

Special consideration may be given to scripts that are inspired by lesser known plays and to those entries that clearly engage with the themes or characters of the inspiring play.

APPLICATION

ABOUT YOU

Your Name (Last, First):

University/College:

Professor & Course (please list the professor's full name and course title):

Anticipated graduation year:

Email:

Phone Number:

Mailing Address:

Please tell us a bit about yourself (100 words or fewer):

ABOUT YOUR PLAY

Play Title:

Historical Play & Playwright that were the inspiration for your play:

Synopsis (please limit to 3-4 sentences):

Number of Pages:

Number of Actors Required: ____ Women ____ Men ____ Not specified/Other

Is this your first play? YES NO

APPLICATION NARRATIVE

Explain how you conceived of your play after reading the historic woman's play(s) you studied. Please be specific. (300 words or fewer)

What made you take the class in which you read this play? (200 words or fewer)

How has your participation in this initiative impacted you? For example: do you think you'll write another play? Pursue theatre? Pursue women's history? (200 words or fewer)

OPTIONAL DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Please take a moment to fill in the information requested below. This information is not part of the application and will not be shared with the selection committee. Your responses will be kept confidential.

Gender:

Race/Ethnicity:

Age:

Your Major:

Hometown: