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SOUTHERN REP CALLS FOR PLAY SUBMISSIONS

NEW 10-MINUTES PLAYS TO BE HIGHLIGHTED IN SOUTHERN REPS 2009/10 SEASON

New Orleans **Southern Rep calls on Southern writers to submit bold new ten minute plays for the SOUTHERN REP NEW PLAY RIOT by October 1, 2009** for readings, production or broadcast during the 2009/10 Season. As New Orleans premiere professional theatre, Southern Rep continues its mission of finding, developing and producing outstanding original theatre with the RIOT. The competition-based NEW PLAY RIOT promises to showcase the new work of some of the Southern Gulf Coast's most exciting playwrights, both established and emerging.

The NEW PLAY RIOT will be a focal point of the SOUTHERN REP NEW PLAY BACCHANAL, three weeks of mind-expanding and fun workshops, readings, and theatrical explorations in January 2010. One winner will be produced as the curtain-raiser for the final production of Southern Rep's season, THE PIANO TEACHER, while another will enjoy a special broadcast on this year's new play-partner WWNO/KTLN Radio, New Orleans local NPR affiliate.

Playwrights should go to www.southernrep.com for the NEW PLAY RIOT guidelines. The RIOT competition is open to playwrights native to or a resident of The Gulf Coast South, defined as Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, or Texas. Deadline for submissions is October 1, 2009 at midnight. Electronic submissions only. Questions and submissions should be sent via email only to newplayriot@southernrep.com.

With this new Season, Southern Rep enjoys its 23rd triumphant year of developing and producing bold new plays, providing SRT's audience with professional theatre of the highest artistic quality and achievement, and establishing a creative working environment that nurtures theatre professionals. As New Orleans premiere professional theatre, Southern Rep strives to use the artistry of theatre to enlighten, educate, and entertain audiences, and aims to extend that service through educational and outreach programs.

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