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Great Plains Theatre Conference 2009

## MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED PLAYS SUBMITTED TO THEATRE CONFERENCE

A record 424 plays were submitted for consideration at the 2009 Great Plains Theatre Conference from 46 states and six foreign countries.

Submitted works will be reviewed in a blind reading process by a panel of theatre professionals. Five plays will be selected for the Main Stage Series and receive a travel stipend, room and board, waived conference registration and a rehearsal period to work on the script with top local and national directors and actors. These five works will be presented at a staged reading for Conference attendees. One playwright from the Main Stage Series will receive the Main Stage Award at the culminating Gala.

Play selection will be announced in January for both the Main Stage Series and Conference Play Labs. The Conference is in its fourth year, and playwrights who have previously attended have felt the impact of having their works selected and read at the Conference.

“The Conference was an eye-opening experience for me. As a new playwright, I loved my time with the directors, actors and playwrights,” said previous attendee David James. “It was a whole other world for me. My play, “So You Wanna be an Actress,” received a staged reading at the Great Plains Theatre Conference. I revised it based upon the feedback from featured playwrights, and the play has gone on to be produced at Oakland Community College and Siena Heights University, both in Michigan. In addition, since that first Conference, I have had one-act plays produced in New York City, Nantucket and San Diego.”

The fourth annual Great Plains Theatre Conference is scheduled for May 23-29, 2009, at Metropolitan Community College’s Fort Omaha Campus in Omaha, Neb. Pulitzer Prize nominated playwright Theresa Rebeck has been selected to receive the Great Plains Playwright Award and has committed as a panelist and featured artist of the 2009 Conference.

Conference registration will begin in January. Conference details and updates are available online at [www.mccneb.edu/theatreconference](http://www.mccneb.edu/theatreconference).



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