

Playwriting Opportunity!

Rowan Tree Theatre Company is launching a major playwriting competition and it is open to writers from all over Scotland!

The Company is looking for a wide range of scripts which are rooted in the Borders landscape. We believe that borders are exciting places which have traditionally provided us with great stories and where exciting things can and do happen. We are looking for a wide range of scripts – comedy, family show, serious drama – the proviso being that the Borders landscape is vital to the plot and that music will be a part of the finished work.

The winning scripts will be judged on the following:

- A willingness to explore what artistic quality means in the context of rural touring, and how non-traditional theatre goes in rural areas can be attracted to the arts
- A contemporary story
- 4 actors maximum
- An interest in the role of music and song in the production style. All writers should have an interest in how music can be integrated into their text. They will be asked to incorporate song lyrics but not write music

The prize for the winning script will be £1500 and the writer will be assisted by a professional dramaturg to bring the script to the point where it is ready for full production.

It is hoped, depending on funding, to tour the winning play in the autumn of 2013. Should this be the case full professional writing rates will be paid on top.

Please submit any ideas by Friday 28 September to Helen Currie, Bowhill, Selkirk TD7 5ET email hcurrie@buckleuch.com

Please send:

- A synopsis of the script idea on one side of A4 only. This should include a paragraph on how song is integrated into storytelling
- A brief statement on why attracting audiences in areas of Scotland less well served by the arts is important to you as a writer
- Your writing cv

If you want an informal chat about this initiative please call Helen Currie, Chair of Rowan Tree's Board, on 01750 22204.

The website address is www.rowantreetheatrecompany.co.uk