**New Works, New Voices Initiative Syracuse University Department of Drama**

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**Deadline: October 1, 2021**  
Seeking New Musical for Developmental Reading in Spring 2022  
Submissions Due: October 1, 2021

The Syracuse University Department of Drama is seeking submissions for the inaugural year of its New Works, New Voices (NWNV) initiative. The purpose of NWNV is to support the development of musicals by writers and composers whose perspectives have been historically underrepresented in the musical theater canon.

NWNV is seeking completed musicals or musicals-in-progress from teams who are interested in developing their work with undergraduate BFA students. One musical will be selected, to receive a four-week developmental reading during the Spring 2022 semester, directed and music directed by SU Drama faculty and performed by SU Drama students. The writing team will be in residence during the final two (2) weeks of the rehearsal process (travel and lodging provided by NWNV) and will participate virtually during the first two (2) weeks.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

• A brief synopsis of the musical (no more than 1 page);  
• A character breakdown, including short descriptions of each character;  
• The first 10-15 pages of the libretto (wherever you feel is a good stopping point);  
• Audio mp3s of three (3) songs from the musical with sheet music (lead sheets are acceptable);  
• Brief descriptions of the dramatic context of each song (1-3 sentences each);  
• Bios (250 words max.) for each member of the creative team;  
• A short statement (1/2 page) as to why you feel your musical should be included in an initiative aimed at amplifying voices that have gone unheard in the musical theater canon; and  
• If Applicable: Copyright clearances or, if under option, a letter from the option holder giving permission for entry.

Submissions are DUE BY OCTOBER 1, 2021, via email to:

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Assistant Program Coordinator, Musical Theater

Please include “NWNV 2021 Submission” in the email’s subject line. Finalists will be contacted for additional materials in November 2021.

Questions? Please email kawrinn@syr.edu.