

**GROUNDSWELL FESTIVAL:
A FESTIVAL OF NEW WORKS BY WOMEN**

**NIGHTWOOD THEATRE IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS
FROM PLAYWRIGHTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY FOR ITS
2009/10 GROUNDSWELL FESTIVAL**

Groundswell, Nightwood's play development program is the nationally recognized forum for the creation and development of new work by women. It brings together emerging and established playwrights, directors and actors from across the country, for provocative creative exchange. Six playwrights receive ongoing dramaturgical support over the course of the season culminating towards a week long festival of public staged readings.

Submission Guidelines

Please submit the following:

- A full script or work-in-progress
- Project description including a synopsis, a brief outline of your plans for development, what you want to achieve in Groundswell, and why Nightwood Theatre
- Your Resume

Playwrights will work independently on their play throughout the year and, with the Artistic Director, have one-on-one dramaturgical sessions on an as needed basis. As well, two playwright retreats (2 days long) will be scheduled over the course of the year wherein the scripts will be read aloud and discussed. For playwrights from out of province attendance is strictly optional. The Groundswell Festival is a culmination of eight months of work and the playwrights will workshop the script with professional director and actors leading up to your public Groundswell readings.

Please note: Groundswell participants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents. Out-of-province submissions will be accepted.

Application Deadline: October 15, 2008

Submissions will **not** be accepted via fax or email

Send to:

Attn: Groundswell Submission
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