



The Richard Rodgers Awards

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Administered by the American Academy of Arts and Letters

These awards, created and endowed by Richard Rodgers in 1978 for the development of the musical theater, subsidize full productions, studio productions, and staged readings by nonprofit theaters in New York City of works by composers and writers who are not already established in this field. The winners are selected by a jury of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

A. REQUIREMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY

1. The term "musical theater" is understood to include musicals, plays with songs, thematic revues, or any comparable work. The submission of innovative and experimental work is encouraged. The work submitted must be of significant length to fill an evening, and it may consist of a group of smaller, related pieces.
2. The jury will consider only completed works. Care should be taken to submit the work in its best possible form as **it may not be re-submitted, even if revised.**
3. Only one submission by a collaborative group or a sole creator will be accepted. Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.
4. Works by members of the Academy and previous winners of the production awards are not eligible for consideration. Former winners of Richard Rodgers awards for staged readings or studio productions may submit new works.
5. An applicant whose works in the musical theater have received professional or amateur productions in New York City or out of town is eligible unless, in the judgment of the jury, the applicant has already achieved significant recognition in the field of musical theater through the work submitted or through any previous work. Under special circumstances and at the discretion of the jury, applicants who have achieved recognition in fields outside the musical theater may be eligible. Works which have been produced by professional theater companies before a paying audience are eligible only if such productions received no more than 21 performances by a for-profit company or 50 performances by a nonprofit company.

B. SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL

1. The name(s) of the author(s) must be blocked out on each of the items submitted, with the exception of the application form. Write only the title of the work on the script, plot summary, CD.
2. Entry must include four items:
 - a) Script with lyrics, **preferably with no binders or metal clips**. Do not send score, videos, or visuals.
 - b) Half-page synopsis of the action, and a list of characters.
 - c) **CD must contain at least 45 minutes of music, including a minimum of eight songs, recorded in chronological order. Orchestrations are not necessary; piano and vocals are sufficient. Songs must be in sequence on the CD and each song clearly keyed into the script.** Please include a separate track sheet of recorded songs with page numbers indicating where they appear in the script, and specify the total number of minutes recorded. Audio tapes will not be accepted.
 - d) Application form signed by all collaborators in a sealed envelope with the title of the work on the outside. Applicants submitting work which has already been produced must give full information concerning these productions, including programs. A work is not eligible if one of the collaborators is deceased.
3. If the submitted work (or a portion thereof) is an adaptation of material which is not in the public domain, candidates must submit licenses, permissions, or authorizations necessary to permit the work to be produced in conformity with applicable copyright laws. The music must be original.
4. **Materials will be returned if a self-addressed, stamped mailer is enclosed.** Addresses must be valid for at least six months. The Academy will take all due care of materials, but it cannot be held responsible for their safe return.
5. Applicants will be notified of the jury's decision by March 2011.

C. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. All rights to the material submitted shall remain the property of the author(s); the Academy will not retain any control over, or rights in, the work after the award production.
2. The decisions of the jury will be final as to eligibility and all other matters.

DEADLINE: MATERIAL MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010

If applicable, submit

- _____ Record of performances.
a) List number of previous performances of *submitted* work produced by nonprofit or for-profit theaters. (*See item A-5*)
b) List theaters and number of performances of other musical theater works in which you have collaborated.

_____ Written permissions. (*See item B-3*)

5. How did you hear about this award? *Please check*

_____ Press _____ Poster _____ Theater _____ Internet
_____ Newsletter _____ School _____ Word of mouth

Mail to
Richard Rodgers Awards
American Academy of Arts and Letters
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I (We) agree to abide by the above as well as by the conditions stated in this application.

Signatures of all collaborators:

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<i>signature</i>	<i>date</i>
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