

CALL FOR SCRIPTS

# *What in the world?*

## *A Playwriting Contest for High School Students*

The School of Theatre and Dance at James Madison University invites you to send us your short plays for a reading at the Theatre in Our Schools conference on April 18, 2020.

We are looking for short plays written by high school students that explore or address the question - what in the world? What in the world is on your mind? What in the world do you want to change? What in the world impacts you on a daily basis? Send us your scripts by **February 2, 2020**. Once submitted, a jury of JMU student readers will select four scripts for a public reading. Each play will be assigned a student director and actors from the JMU School of Theatre and Dance in preparation for a reading at the Theatre in Our Schools conference on April 18, 2020!

*We welcome scripts representing a range of global perspectives of race, culture, language, disability, gender, nationality, and political worldview.*

**PLEASE READ SUBMISSION POLICY CAREFULLY:**

1. Electronic script submissions, in standard Samuel French playwriting format - 12-point font, character name centered or 3.5 inches from left margin, 1" margin all around - should be emailed to: [whatintheworldjmu@gmail.com](mailto:whatintheworldjmu@gmail.com) Remove all playwright identification from the actual script (this includes name, address, e-mail, or phone).
2. In the body of the email include: Script Name, Your Name and Email, Name of your High School, and the Name and E-mail of Mentor/Teacher. Then, attach your script.
3. Scripts should not be no more than ten pages long, not including your title page and page for setting, time and character.
4. Only one submission per student will be accepted. Scripts will not be returned.
5. To be considered, scripts must be received by 11:59pm Eastern Standard Time **February 2, 2020**.
6. If your play is selected, you will be notified, via email, by March 1, 2020. If you do not hear from us, your play was not selected.
7. For additional information, contact Assistant Professor of Playwriting, Ingrid De Sanctis, at [whatintheworldjmu@gmail.com](mailto:whatintheworldjmu@gmail.com)

*Submissions that do not follow the guidelines will not be considered.*