YAC Submissions Guide

TITLE OF YOUR WORK

NAME - PHONE NUMBER - EMAIL ADDRESS

RESUME

Submission Guidelines:

- Length: Your resume should be 1-2 pages maximum.
- Format:
 - Use a readable font (e.g., Times New Roman or Arial).
 - o Include **clear section headings** (e.g., Professional Experience, Education, etc.).

What to Include in Your Resume:

1. Contact Information:

At the top of your resume, include your **name**, **email address**, and **phone number**. You may also include your **website** or **portfolio link**, if applicable.

2. Professional Experience:

List your **produced works** and **professional credits** in reverse chronological order (most recent first). For each entry, include:

- Title of the work
- Your role (e.g., Playwright, Composer, Lyricist)
- o The producing organization or theatre
- Date of production
- Location (City, State)
- 3. If applicable, you can also mention **workshops, readings, or festivals** where your work has been presented.

4. Selected Works:

Highlight a **list of your key works** with a brief description of each, including:

- Genre or type of work (e.g., full-length play, musical, one-act)
- A sentence or two about themes, style, or awards/recognition the work has received.

5. Education and Training:

Include any **relevant education**, **certifications**, or **specialized training** related to playwriting, composition, or theatre arts. Mention **institutions**, **dates**, and **degrees earned**, if applicable.

6. Additional Skills and Affiliations:

Highlight any **special skills** that may be relevant to your work.

Also include **professional memberships** and **awards or fellowships** you've received.

DEMOS OR SCRATCH RECORDINGS

Submission Guidelines:

- Number of Songs: Please submit three (3) songs that best represent your work.
- Format:
 - Accepted file types: MP3, WAV, or a private link to a streaming platform (e.g., SoundCloud, Google Drive, Dropbox).
 - If sharing a streaming link, ensure the link is accessible without a password and remains active for at least 30 days.
 - Label each file clearly with your name and song title (e.g., *Smith_Sally_Song1.mp3*).

What to Include with Your Submission:

1. Track List:

Provide a **track list** with the following details for each song:

- Title of the song
- A short description of each song, including its context within the work (e.g., "This song introduces the main character's struggle" or "This is the finale of Act 1").

2. Lyrics (Optional):

You may choose to include **lyric sheets** for each song here. Please ensure they are clearly labeled with the **song title**.

3. Recording Quality:

- Your recordings do **not** need to be fully produced or studio-quality.
- Simple piano/vocal or guitar/vocal demos are perfectly acceptable.
- Ensure that vocals are clear and audible.

Demos and scratch recordings may be submitted as a file, or links may be included in this section of your submission.

SYNOPSIS/PLOT SUMMARY

Submission Guidelines:

- Length: Your synopsis or plot summary must be no longer than 2 pages.
- Format:
 - Use a **12-point, readable font** (e.g., Times New Roman or Arial).
 - o Include 1-inch margins on all sides.

What to Include in Your Synopsis:

1. Setting:

Provide a brief overview of the **setting** or world of your story. This should help readers understand the context and time period.

2. Plot Summary:

- Present the core story arc from beginning to end.
- Focus on the essential plot points and main conflict without getting bogged down in minor details.
- o Be sure to **reveal the ending—**we want to know how the story concludes!

3. Themes and Tone:

Mention any **key themes** or **tone** that define your work. (e.g., Is it a heartfelt story about resilience? A dark comedy? A whimsical adventure?)

Helpful Tips:

- **Keep it concise:** Focus on the most important elements of your story. Avoid lengthy descriptions or unnecessary details.
- **Use present tense:** Write your synopsis in **third-person present tense** for clarity and consistency.
- Be clear and engaging: Your synopsis should provide a strong sense of your story's voice.

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

Submission Guidelines:

- Length: Your character breakdown should be no longer than 2 pages.
- Format:
 - Use a readable font (e.g., Times New Roman or Arial).
 - Include clear headings for each character.

What to Include in Your Character Breakdown:

1. Character List:

Provide a **list of all characters** in your piece, including:

- Character Name (in bold or all caps)
- Age Range (please remember for this submission, all characters should be between the ages of 15 - 25)
- Gender Identity (if applicable) or note flexible casting
- **Voice Type** (e.g., Tenor, Mezzo-Soprano, Baritone)
- Brief Description (include key personality traits, relationships, and important details that drive the plot)

Example:

JAMES "JAMIE" REYNOLDS (16-18, Male)

The eldest child of the Reynolds family, Jamie dreams of leaving for college to study architecture but is torn between his own aspirations and his family's expectations. **Conflicted, determined, and deeply compassionate**, Jamie struggles to find his own voice amidst the noise of tradition.

LILA MENDOZA (17-19, Female)

Fiercely independent and endlessly curious, Lila moved to town two years ago and quickly became Jamie's closest friend. She's a dreamer, constantly sketching ideas for a better world, but she's grounded by the harsh realities of her own fractured family. **Creative, bold, and headstrong**, Lila isn't afraid to challenge the status quo, even if it makes her an outsider.

MASON "MACE" CARTER (18-20, Any Gender)

Jamie's cousin and childhood best friend, Mace is a bit of a wild card. Someone who feels **lost** and scared of change. Mace wrestles with anxiety about the future and a deep-seated fear of being left behind. Charismatic, witty, and deeply loyal, Mace is the heart of the group but struggles to let anyone see their vulnerable side.