

The Max Afford Playwrights' Award 2008

Entries close Friday 4 July 2008



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Terms and Conditions

1. Prize

The 2008 prize includes:

- > \$7,500 cash prize; and
- > expenses to a maximum of \$2,500 for registration, accommodation and airline tickets to attend a reading of the winning play at the annual Australian National Playwrights' Conference following the announcement of the winner.

2. About the Max Afford Playwrights' Award

The Max Afford Playwrights' Award was established to promote interest in Australian drama, to encourage the writing of plays in Australia, and to help and give incentive to young writers of plays for either stage, TV or films.

The Award is an initiative of the late Thelma May Afford, who in her will established a fund to offer a periodical prize in memory of her husband to provide young writers with a reward enabling them to improve their creative writing, and through the above means to improve the general public's appreciation of Australian drama and playwrights.

Trust Company Fiduciary Services Ltd, ABN 21 000 000 093 (Trust) is the trustee of the Will. Cauz Group Pty Ltd has been appointed by the Trustee to organise this Award. The Trustee is guided in making the Award by the decision of a majority of judges as constituted by the Will. The prize is directed to be awarded to the person who is judged to be of the highest merit.

If there is no play worthy of the prize in the opinion of the judges, then the Trustee may at any time suspend the awarding of such a prize for such time as it may think proper.

The Award is currently awarded on a biennial basis.

3. Eligibility

Each applicant must fulfill the following conditions and requirements.

3.1 Applicants must be:

- (a) between the ages 18 years and 40 years (inclusive) at the close of entries date;
- (b) a resident of Australia during the four (4) years preceding the close of entries date; and
- (c) individuals.

3.2 Submitted scripts must be:

- (a) of an original nature;
- (b) full length play of not less than one (1) hour duration;
- (c) completed not earlier than three (3) years before the closing date for entries; and
- (d) unperformed, not have been previously produced, or have had workshop development, or a public reading. This rule will apply up to the time of the rehearsed reading at the National Playwrights' Conference to which the winner will be in attendance.

3.3 An official application form together with the enclosures specified must be lodged by the close of entries date Friday 4 July 2008 at 5.30pm. Applications up to and including the postmarked close of entries date will be accepted if they arrive no more than two (2) working days later. There are no exceptions to this rule.

3.4 Judging is based entirely on material submitted by the applicant by the close of entries date. No additional material will be accepted after this date. Please note that insufficient or incomplete applications may not be eligible.

3.5 The Trustee reserves the right to refuse applications which are not considered eligible for entry.

4. Close of Entries

4.1 The close of entries date is Friday 4 July 2008 at 5.30pm.

4.2 Entries should be hard copy only and mailed to:

Cauz Group Pty Limited
PO Box 229
PYMBLE BC NSW 2073

Electronic versions will not be accepted.

4.3 Entries will not be returned.

4.4 Letters of receipt will be issued to applicants 2 weeks after the close of entries date.

5. Submissions

For a valid entry, applicants are required to submit the following, in one application by or on the close of entries date:

- 5.1 An original and completed entry form.
- 5.2 A certified photocopy of the applicant's birth certificate or passport indicating date of birth.
- 5.3 A certified photocopy of passport or Australian Citizen Certificate as proof of residency in Australia during the past four (4) years. (All certified documents to be dated no later than 6 months prior to close of entries. Photocopied certification will not be accepted.)

5.4 Four (4) copies of the submitted play. (Please place your name once only on the top right hand corner of the title page.)

5.5 A one-page synopsis of the submitted play.

5.6 An administration fee of AUD\$30 for each entry. A cheque or money order of \$30 should be made out to Trust Company being for administration of this Award. Entries are not valid without an entry fee. There will be no refunds.

6. Judges and Judging Process

6.1 The prize shall be awarded to the applicant who on the recommendation of the majority of Judges, is considered to have written the play of the highest merit.

6.2 If the majority of Judges consider that there is no entry of sufficiently high merit to warrant the Award, no prize will be awarded.

6.3 The decisions of the Judges, and of the Trustee or its nominee on the interpretation of all Award rules and conditions, shall be final and legally binding, and no correspondence will be entered into with regard to the Judges' decisions.

6.4 If at any time after the Award has been granted to any entry, a majority of Judges determine that the entry did not comply with the conditions of entry or eligibility, the Award may be withdrawn from that entry and the playwright must immediately repay the prize money and associated conference costs to the Trustee. In the event that an award is withdrawn from an entry pursuant to this condition, the other entries which were submitted in the same year may be reconsidered for the Award, otherwise no award will be conferred in respect of that year.

6.5 Whilst it is expected that these conditions will be strictly observed, the Trustee reserves the right to waive compliance with or alter any conditions.

7. Publicity and Promotion

7.1 By applying to be considered for this Award, the applicant agrees that the Trustee and Organiser may use any material or image/s from any entry/ies to further advertise, support and in other ways publicise The Max Afford Playwrights' Awards and any other awards in its portfolio, including for sponsorship of the Award. Involved parties will be notified by phone of any such use.

7.2 It is expected that the winner of the Award will be announced late 2008. As soon as applicable after the announcement of the Award, all applicants will receive notification to their postal address.

8. Award Enquiries

Award enquiries should be directed to:

Cauz Group Pty Limited
Phone: (02) 9144 2415
Fax: (02) 9144 1297
Email: trustawards@cauzgroup.com.au

2008 Key Dates

Close of entries date	4 July 2008
Winner's announcement	late 2008 (TBA)

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Application Form

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Statutory Declaration (please print)

I _____
Name Surname

of _____
No. and Street

_____ Town State Postcode

() _____
Telephone number Email

do solemnly swear as follows:

I have been a resident of Australia during the four (4) years preceding the close of entries date.

Date of arrival in Australia (if applicable). _____ day of _____
Day Month Year

I am _____ years of age at the close of entries date.

Title of Script _____

Please submit your entry in a folder or folio.

Enclosed are: *(please tick for each enclosure)*

1. A photocopy of my:
 - > birth certificate, and/or
 - > passport, and/or
 - > Australian Citizenship Certificate

The above enclosures must be certified by a Justice of the Peace or Solicitor to be a true copy of the original document.

(Please ensure that age and date of arrival in Australia, if applicable, are clearly indicated on relevant documents to suit requirements of eligibility under Section 3.1.) (Certification to be dated no later than 6 months prior to close of entries date. Photocopied certification can not be accepted.)

2. Four copies of the submitted play. (Name is placed once only on the top right hand corner of the title page.) Please ensure all pages are secured in each copy.
3. Four copies of a one-page synopsis of the submitted play.
4. A cheque or money order of \$30.00 made out to Trust Company.



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Judging will be based entirely on material submitted by the applicant by the close of entries date. No additional material will be accepted after this date. There will be no interviews or auditions.

I have read and agree to be bound by the rules and conditions above which govern The Max Afford Playwrights' Award and to abide by the Trustee's decision.

I declare that my submitted script referred to in the above declaration was executed wholly and solely by myself.

I also declare that I fulfill all the requirements under Section 3 for eligibility.

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and subject to penalty by law provided for any willfully false statement in any such declaration.

Signed and declared at _____ this _____ day of _____ 2008
State/Country *Month*

Applicant's signature _____
(Must be original)

Before me, a JP or Solicitor _____
(Must be original) *Print name and registration* *Signed*

For a valid application, detach your entry form, and return it with the necessary enclosures by no later than:

5.30PM FRIDAY 4 JULY 2008

to **Cauz Group Pty Ltd**
PO Box 229
PYMBLE BC NSW 2073

How did you find out about the Max Afford Playwrights' Award? (please tick)

- Magazine/Periodical
(if so which one?) _____
- Internet Site
(if so which one?) _____
- AvantCard
(where did you pick it up from?) _____
- Newspaper Advertisement? _____
- Other (please specify) _____

Other Awards and Scholarships

Trust is the Trustee appointing Cauz Group for a number of high profile awards and scholarships. These include the Miles Franklin Literary Award; Kathleen Mitchell Award (literary); Portia Geach Memorial Award (for female artists); the Sir Robert Askin Operatic Travelling Scholarship (for male singers); the Lady Mollie Askin Ballet Travelling Scholarship; The Max Afford Playwrights' Award; Thelma Afford Costume Design Award; and the Marten Bequest Travelling Scholarship (categories include singing, instrumental music, ballet, architecture, sculpture acting, painting, poetry & prose).

Personal information you provide during the course of your application process may be held by us and used in connection with the judging of your application for this Award. Your privacy is important to us. We ensure that the information we hold about you is held securely and that your confidentiality is protected, in accordance with Trust Company's Privacy Policy, which may be viewed on Trust's website www.trust.com.au.

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