



The Kenneth Branagh International Award
for New Drama Writing
A programme of Windsor Fringe



Eligibility and submission guidelines

Our next call for submissions will open in December 2025, and the three finalists' plays will be performed during Windsor Fringe in the autumn of 2026. We are updating our eligibility and submission criteria in the meantime.

Watch this space!

About the Drama Award

In 2004 the Windsor Fringe Festival launched a new national writing award for amateur playwrights. The aim was to showcase the work of emerging writers and to give them a chance to have their plays performed on stage as part of the Fringe.

Three 30-minute one-act plays are chosen from submissions by writers in the UK and abroad. All three plays are performed each night for three nights as part of Windsor Fringe. After the final performance the overall winner is announced and is awarded the £500 cash prize.

[About Windsor Fringe](#) Established in 1969, Windsor Fringe is the oldest Fringe Festival in England and the second oldest, after Edinburgh, in the UK. Run by an all-volunteer committee, each year Windsor Fringe stages an innovative and affordable programme of music, dance, comedy, drama and art. [Contact the Drama Team](#)