

Getting Started...

- **Can I enter more than one script?**

You can enter as many scripts as you like but an entry fee will apply for each script.

- **How long do I have to enter?**

The competition closes at midnight on Friday 31st July, so all entries must be received by the Jersey Arts Trust by this date.

- **How much does it cost?**

Entry only costs £5 per script. We can only accept cash and cheques and all cheques should be made payable to the 'Jersey Arts Trust'.

- **What can I win?**

Thanks to the very generous support of BBC Guernsey and Jersey, there will be four winners of the competition, two from the Bailiwick of Guernsey and two from Jersey, who will each have their radio dramas produced and aired on the radio. For those entries not selected, we are sorry but no feedback will be given.

- **Are there any restrictions on what I can write?**

In terms of concept there are few restrictions, however the final piece will be aired on prime time radio so the content should be suitable for family listening i.e. gratuitous violence, sexual content or offensive language will not be acceptable. This does not mean that darker subjects cannot be explored, but that they should be done so with sensitivity. Due to technical restrictions, the number of featured characters must not exceed six, and extravagant sound effects cannot be catered for, therefore a more neutral setting for your radio drama is encouraged. For those dramas involving children, child protection policies must be adhered to.

- **How long should it be?**

The finished piece should be no longer than 10 minutes long. In general it is estimated that 1 page of script is the equivalent of 30 seconds produced.

- **Does it need to be formatted in a particular way?**

Although it is the quality of the writing and the core ideas that we are looking for, the correct format will always be preferred. There are a number of programmes you can buy or download that will show exactly how to lay out your script. Some examples are Final Draft, Script Smart (from the BBC), and Celtx.

- **Any tips for absolute beginners?**

To start with we would certainly recommend that you visit 'The Writers' Room' on the BBC website as it contains invaluable information for all aspiring writers. We would also advise that you get one of the programmes suggested above to help you with the lay out and format of the script.

The final piece of advice of course is to listen to radio dramas. Tune in to BBC Radio 4 at 3pm any week day and you are certain to catch a play. Alternatively many radio dramas can be purchased on CD/cassette at major bookstores, can be borrowed from public libraries and are downloadable from the BBC 'Listen Again' site.

Channel Island Radio Drama Competition

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Radio Drama Competition

Want to hear your script played on the Radio?

Following on from the Radio Drama Workshops in May with BBC Radio 4, the Guernsey Arts Commission and Jersey Arts Trust have teamed up in association with BBC Guernsey and Jersey to host a brand new competition looking for locally written radio dramas. Whether you're an established writer or just have a fantastic idea that's been swimming round in your head we want to hear from you. With the chance to have your radio drama actually made and played on air, why wouldn't you put your pen to paper?

Who can enter?

The competition is open to anyone who is resident in any of the Channel Islands. The fee to enter is £5 per script.

How do I enter?

Simply tear off the adjacent entry form and send it along with your script and the £5 fee to 'The Radio Drama Competition, Jersey Arts Trust, St. James, St. Helier, JE2 3QZ'.

What is the closing date?

The competition closes at **midnight on Friday 31st July**, so all entries must be received by the Jersey Arts Trust (including entries from Guernsey, Sark, Alderney and Herm) by this time. Winners will be notified by the beginning of September with a view to airing the four winning radio dramas in Autumn.

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On the reverse of the competition entry form are a list of helpful tips to get you started, together with further details on the prize and submission requirements.

Please send your script(s), together with this tear off form and the £5 fee to: 'The Radio Drama Competition, Jersey Arts Trust, St. James, St. Helier, JE2 3QZ'.

Alternatively you can send your script electronically as an attachment to info@jerseyartstrust.com, or to the Guernsey Arts Commission at info@artsdevelopment.gg, but please remember to include the details asked for in the adjacent tear off entry form in your covering e-mail. The entry fee can be posted seperately to the Jersey Arts Trust.

Radio Drama Competition Entry Form

Please send your script(s) together with this tear off form and the £5 fee (per script) to: 'The Radio Drama Competition, Jersey Arts Trust, St. James, St. Helier, JE2 3QZ'

Name:

Address:

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Age Group: Under 16's 16-24 25-34

35-54 55+

Home Phone: *

Mobile:

E-mail:

Title of the Piece:

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Genre:

Length of piece:

Fee enclosed: Cash Cheque

Signed:..... Date:

* at least one telephone contact is required

