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Alaska Native Playwrights Project

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS – ALASKA NATIVE PLAYWRIGHTS PROJECT

The Alaska Native Heritage Center (ANHC) will host a ten month playwriting project designed to identify, train and nurture Alaska Native writers who wish to tell their stories and the stories of their people in theatrical form.

In a five day writing intensive (January 25-29, 2010), selected Alaska Native writers will receive training in the fundamentals of playwriting from a group of five nationally recognized Native American and Alaska Native playwrights, who will mentor the participants through the process of creating the first draft of a full-length, one-act or Theater for Young Audiences (TYA) play.

It is the goal of the Alaska Native Heritage Center to identify ten Alaska Native writers to represent the five major geographic regions into which ANHC has grouped Alaska's Native peoples: Athabascan, Inupiat / St. Lawrence Island Yupik, Central Yup'ik / Cup'ik, Unangax / Sugpiaq, and Southeast (Eyak, Tlingit, Haida, Tsimshian).

Participants will be expected to agree to a ten month commitment of time – from the January training through the November readings – and complete at least the first draft of a full-length (85-100 page), one-act (40-50 page) or TYA (40-50 page) play. During this time, each will receive mentorship from one of the professional teaching playwrights and regular review by these artists and ANHC staff. Completed scripts are to be submitted by August 31, 2010. These plays will be given a public reading in November, 2010. Each participating writer will receive guidance, mentorship and a \$500 stipend and, in the case of artists from outside Anchorage, travel, accommodations and food allowances.

The application deadline is **Monday, October 5, 2009**. To be considered, please complete the attached application form and submit, together with work sample materials, to the address below. Be sure to include your email address. Application confirmations and communications with prospective participants will be sent out by email. Applicants selected to participate in the Project will be informed beginning November 23, 2009. Send application and work samples to:

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The Alaska Native Heritage Center is a 501(c) 3, non-profit organization whose mission is to serve as a gathering place for *sharing, perpetuating and preserving Alaska's unique indigenous cultures, languages, traditions and values through celebration and education*. The Center's website is: www.alaskanative.net.

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