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**John Chatterton presents  
The Tenth Annual Midtown International Theatre Festival  
Emileena Pedigo, managing producer**

**Midtown International Theatre Festival  
Seeks Script Submissions for  
SHORT SUBJECTS  
A New Division in MITF's Tenth Season**

**The Midtown International Theatre Festival (MITF)** seeks script submissions for SHORT SUBJECTS, a new division for plays that run under 60 minutes. The deadline for submissions is April 1, 2009.

Productions submitted to SHORT SUBJECTS may be combined into longer programs which will be presented at the Where Eagles Dare studio theatre, 347 W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC, and The WorkShop Jewel Box Theater, 312 W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC. The MITF's 2009 season runs from July 13 – August 2, 2009.

The Festival accepts submissions in all genres – any sort of stage play, musical or otherwise, new or classic, mainstream or specifically focused on an ethnic or cultural niche. To be eligible, each show must have a producer and production team attached to the project. The MITF's artistic emphasis is on the script itself and therefore the Festival requests minimal production values.

“This new initiative aims to be fun, fresh, cheap and young, and 100% free of participation fees. Developing artists don't have a lot of dough, in this economy especially. SHORT SUBJECTS offers entry for almost nothing to people who otherwise might not be able to show off their work,” said John Chatterton said, executive production of the MITF. Tickets for SHORT SUBJECTS will cost only \$15 (\$12 for students and seniors). Participants will not pay any participation fees, nor will they receive a share of the box office receipts.

Mr. Chatterton created the MITF in 2000, a Midtown alternative to other theatre festivals, as a way to present the finest off-off Broadway talent in convenience, comfort, and safety. Last year, the Festival added two 99-seat theatres and inaugurated the Commercial Division for upwardly mobile shows with commercial ambitions. All theatres are located near the MITF offices at 347 W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street (home of Mr. Chatterton's Where Eagles Dare rehearsal studios and theatre).

Application forms for the SHORT SUBJECTS, Tenth Annual Midtown International Theatre Festival, are available online at [www.midtownfestival.org](http://www.midtownfestival.org). Completed applications, scripts, and production materials must be submitted by email to [midtownfestival@gmail.com](mailto:midtownfestival@gmail.com). In addition to sending submissions by email, applicants MUST mail a non-refundable fee of \$25 to: Short Subjects, The Midtown International Theatre Festival, 347 W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10018. The deadline for submissions to SHORT SUBJECTS is April 1, 2009.

Further information about MITF can be found in the “Festival Manual” under How To Apply at [www.midtownfestival.org](http://www.midtownfestival.org).