RealDeal Theatre Returns With Popcorn Saturday!

Yes, we're looking for scripts again – this time five 10 to 15 minute plays inspired by the movies!

From Bollywood to Hollywood, UFA to Elstree, silent film to stereoscopic, anything goes, as long as movies and cinema are integral to story and plot!

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RealDeal Theatre will choose the scripts and give each script to a professional director.

Script-in-hand semi-staged performances will take place on at 6.30 pm on Saturday, 29 June 2013 at Westminster Reference Library, 5 St. Martin's Street, London, WC2H 7HP, in London's West End.

To submit a script for Popcorn Saturday, please read the rules below and **send your script only between Monday 20th and Sunday 26h May 2013** to scripts@realdealtheatre.org.uk

1 The script must be no longer than 15 minutes in performance and be inspired by a movie. It must be previously unperformed, must not contain defamatory material, be wholly or mostly in English and must be the writer's own work and copyright (writers retain their copyright).

2 As a rough rule of thumb, it should be no more than 10 - 15 pages long using standard playwriting format. Use a minimum of 12 point font. Double line spacing for dialogue is preferable. Put a page number and your name and contact details on every page**.** Make a difference between STAGE DIRECTIONS, CHARACTER NAMES & dialogue (eg stage directions & character names in upper case & dialogue in lower case).

3 Please also put in a character list and brief synopsis. Each character (actor) should have a substantial role (no bit parts or extras please) and no more than five characters.

4 Please keep stage directions pithy and clear. Don't get hung up on the staging or worrying about scene changes - that's up to the director.

5 The writer(s) of each play must be available to liaise with director and actors and must be present at Westminster Reference Library on the evening of Saturday, 29th June to see his, her or their play performed.

6 Remember "show not tell" - rather than make a character or characters tell what happened, far better to show the incident dramatically - it is still possible in 15 minutes or less!

9 Scripts will not be accepted outside official entry dates – 20th May to 26th May 2013. Please make sure you put your name and contact details clearly in the email and on each script page, which should be numbered. Your script should be in a popular software format, eg Microsoft Word, pdf, rtf, which can be easily opened. RealDeal Theatre's decision is final.

10 It is not essential, but entrants can find and also download free software at http://www.celtx.com You can also find scriptwriting templates for stage at http://bbc.in/W8lW8r or http://bit.ly/17apPjw or http://bit.ly/11aeR9K

 Just keep your script readable – and 15 minutes long maximum! Good luck!