Three University of Houston Theatre & Dance Students and UH Theatre & Dance Faculty Member Have Plays Selected for 2024 Texas Educational Theatre Association (TxETA) Conference

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THREE University of Houston Theatre & Dance students have had their plays selected for the "10-Minute Play" program of PlayFest, the new play program featured during the annual Texas Educational Theatre Association (TxETA) Conference.

The annual conference takes place in Galveston and is open to applicants from the entire state of Texas.

For this year's PlayFest, the conference selected 9 plays in the "10-Minute" program, from applicants in three categories: high school students, college/university students, and Texas Educators/Amateurs.

Of the three available opportunities in the "college/university students" category – across the entire state of Texas - *University of Houston students were selected for ALL THREE*.

The UH students whose plays were selected are:

Sage Mitchell (BFA Playwriting/Dramaturgy) Sumaya Zeidat (BFA Playwriting/Dramaturgy) Joan Staunton (BFA Theatre Production/Costumes)

In addition to these students being selected, one play was selected from the "Texas Educators/Amateur" category, and that play was from University of Houston Visiting Assistant Professor and Head of Playwriting and Dramaturgy, Greg Romero.

Each of these four plays will receive one rehearsal and be presented as a staged reading during the conference. Each of the presented plays will also be under consideration to be selected as the "winning" script – announced during the conference - and will have the opportunity to be published in the <u>Texas Theatre Journal</u>.

The TxETA Conference will take place in Galveston, September 25 – 28, 2024.