



Theatre Nova Scotia Merritt Jury Submission Guidelines

Submissions Deadline: Friday, December 5, 2025

Theatre Nova Scotia is looking for its next roster of 2026 Merritt Jurors, who will determine the award winners for our 25th annual celebration in 2027!

The Robert Merritt Awards have been recognizing outstanding work in professional Nova Scotian theatre since 2002. All year long, a volunteer jury of 8-10 members attend theatre productions all across Mi'kma'ki / Nova Scotia.

Applications are encouraged from professional theatre practitioners of all different backgrounds, career stages, and theatre practice!

The role of Merritt Juror is a large and generous commitment - the year requires many evenings and weekends (particularly in summer) spent travelling to see productions all across the province. Jurors must also handle the logistics of booking their travel and tickets. **Please seriously consider this time and travel commitment when sending in your application.**

Each year an average of **35-50 productions are juried**, from theatre companies all across Nova Scotia.

Jurors receive 2 free tickets to each production submitted, and TNS covers their food, travel and accommodations costs. Jurors must arrange for their travel and book their accommodations (which TNS will provide a per diem to pay), and they must book their free tickets directly with the producing company.

Jurors must be Individual or Company members of Theatre Nova Scotia in good standing. Membership can be purchased/renewed upon appointment to the jury.

TIMELINE:

Applications are open now, and will close on **Friday, December 5th** at midnight.

2-3 online group **juror orientation sessions** will then be held **mid-December to early January**, based on juror availability.

Jurors will then adjudicate shows from **January to December 2026**, with final voting rounds in early 2027, and the awards ceremony taking place in **March 2027**.

To apply, please complete the jury submission google form on or before Fri, Dec 5, 2025.

For further information or questions contact the Theatre Nova Scotia team at [<theatrens@theatrens.ca>](mailto:theatrens@theatrens.ca)