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Following the success of last year's festival, the Brockley Jack Studio Theatre is pleased to launch **Write Now 2** - a new play season to promote contemporary writing and celebrate the creativity of south east Londoners.

Write Now 2 is inviting scriptwriters with a strong connection to south east London to submit a new and previously unperformed play to the theatre. Three plays will be selected for a fully staged performance during the **Write Now 2** Festival in February and March 2011. There will also be a series of workshops, play readings and discussions with playwrights to accompany the 2011 season.

The season is also an opportunity for writers to meet with other writers and theatre professionals, and an opportunity for new work to be performed in a professional theatre by experienced industry people.

Guidelines and application forms can now be downloaded from the theatre's website: www.brockleyjack.co.uk

The deadline for this year's applications is **Friday 15 October**.

Notes: Brockley Jack Studio Theatre

There has been a theatre at the Brockley Jack since 1994. During this time the venue has enjoyed an excellent reputation, and entertained thousands each year with theatre and a variety of performance events.

The Studio is led by Kate Bannister (Artistic Director) and Karl Swinyard (Theatre Manager). Since 2005 Kate and Karl have programmed or produced over 100 different productions at the Jack, including new writing, musicals, revivals of the classics, and devised pieces of theatre. The Jack has also been home to the Brockley Jack Writers' Workshop, Scratch Nights, comedy, film and dance, as well as host to local festivals, community and youth theatre productions. For full details of past events and what's coming soon, please visit our new website.

Write Now 2010

In February and March 2010 the theatre produced three plays selected from over 50 submissions. 45 theatre artists staged these productions, attracting much local and national press interest, and hundreds of visitors to the theatre.

Write Now productions 2010: *Compression* by Joy Wilkinson; *Fighting* by Tom Green; *The Bitch from Brixton* by Kate Gallon and Kate-Lynn Hocking. One of these productions is now in preparation for a regional tour.

Write Now 2011

The play reading panel consists of the artistic management of the theatre and selected industry professionals.

Kate Bannister (Artistic Director, Brockley Jack Studio Theatre)

Darren Batten (Associate Producer at the Jack and Director of Language Laid Bare)

David Bottomley (Literary Manager and Director of the London Playwrights' Collective)

Jennifer Lunn (Associate Director and Artistic Director of Culturcated Theatre Company)

We are also pleased to welcome back Lin Coghlan (*Eastenders*, Soho Theatre, National Theatre) and Simon James Collier (award winning producer of the Okai Collier Company) to help in the final selection of plays for performance.

The **Write Now 2** Festival has been made possible thanks to funding from the **Lewisham Arts Service's Take Part Fund**.



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