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VSA announces 2010 Playwright Discovery CALL FOR SCRIPTS

BRUNSWICK, ME – *VSA arts of Maine* announces the **2010 Playwright Discovery Call for Scripts**. Open to all middle school and high school students. **Entries due April 15, 2010.**

VSA arts of Maine — an affiliate of *VSA arts*, a program of the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts — invites middle and high school students to take a closer look at the world around them, examine how disability affects their lives and the lives of others, and express their views through the art of playwriting. Playwrights may write from their own experience or about an experience in the life of another person or fictional character. Scripts can be comedies, dramas or even musicals – be creative! Young playwrights with and without disabilities are encouraged to submit a script. Entries may be the work of individual students or a collaborative effort by a group or class.

The winning playwright receives \$2,000 and trip to Washington D.C to see his or her play professionally produced or staged and performed at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Official rules, guidelines and application can be found on the *VSA arts* website at <http://www.vsarts.org/x244.xml>. For additional information or questions concerning eligibility, please contact *VSA arts* at 1-800-933-8721 or EFKey@vsarts.org.

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About VSA arts of Maine

VSA arts of Maine is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing innovative and inclusive arts, educational and cultural opportunities for children and adults with disabilities in Maine. Programs include artist residencies in schools, workshops for teachers and artists, apprenticeships for and exhibitions by adult artists with disabilities, and partnerships with cultural venues throughout the state to improve accessibility. For more information, see www.vsartsmaine.org. **VSA arts of Maine** is currently in the process of merging with **ArtVan**. The **ArtVan** program centers around a brightly colored van which brings artists, art therapists, volunteers and equipment to public housing developments, Head Start centers, schools and group homes in Bath/Brunswick, Biddeford/Saco and Lewiston/Auburn.