

Membership application Form

Please delete as necessary:

- * I wish to become an individual member of the Guild.
 - * We wish to become family members of the Guild.
 - * We wish to become an Affiliated Society and I am the officer of the Society empowered to make this arrangement on its behalf.
- Details of the person making the application and to whom all Guild correspondence should be sent

NAME(caps):.....

ADDRESS.....

TEL NO.(Home).....(Day).....

I hereby consent to personal details relating to myself being held on the Guild database.

SIGNATURE.....

NAME OF THE GROUP.....

I wish my subscription to be treated as a donation under the Gift Aid Scheme and declare that I am a UK taxpayer.

SIGNATURE.....

Please note that membership rates are for 12 months and are generally renewable on 1st May—the start of the financial year.

Changes in the rate generally take effect after ratification by the AGM in July.

The Guild reserves the right to reject an application.

A copy of the constitution is available on request but please supply a large SAE for return postage.

£	Individual £10.00
£	Family £15.00
£	Affiliated Society £18.00
£	Voluntary Donation
£	Total Payment enclosed

The Birmingham & District Theatre Guild

Who we are

The B.D.T.G. was formed some 70 years ago to foster live theatre in the Midlands. It aims to promote co-operation and help amongst amateur groups and to publicise and lobby on behalf of the activities of amateur theatre.

Funding

The Guild is a non-profit making registered charity. It is totally dependant on membership contributions plus financial support in the form of sponsorship from private business and trust funds to carry out this work.

Contacts

The Guild feels that it is important for amateur theatre to be represented at local and national levels. We are therefore regularly in contact with major umbrella organisations putting forward the thoughts and requirements of local amateur groups. Reports of these contacts are relayed via Curtain Call.

Finding out more

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Guild or would just like to find out more about the Guild and its work please contact the secretary 0121 707 6684 or access our website www.bdtg.org.uk



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The Birmingham & District Theatre Guild
is a registered Charity No. 1000711

Birmingham's Festival of Acting and Musical Entertainment (B.F.A.M.E.)

Each year in February/March, the Guild stages the above festival. The festival is split into two parts, the Festival Week which comprises one-act performances at a set venue for adult and youth entries and a Peripatetic Full-length Festival, performances being carried out at your own venue during the period March to January. The Peripatetic Festival is split into a musical and a drama section.

During Festival Week there is a youth workshop culminating in a performance as part of the presentation evening. Also as part of the Festival Week we have one evening devoted to individual youth work.

There are many beautiful Trophies to be won in all sections of the festival.

The Festival Week provides an invaluable opportunity for the participants to perform in competition in unfamiliar surroundings in front of a live audience. Both performers and audience have the opportunity to learn from the constructive criticism offered by a professional adjudicator.

The festival is also recognised as a first round of the All-England Theatre Festival and at least one team from B.F.A.M.E. becomes eligible to go forward to the Midland Divisional Final and subsequent rounds, with the prospect of ultimately representing England at the British Final.

The Guild is also a member of the National Drama Festivals Association (NDFA) who stage an annual All Winners Festival. The winners from B.F.A.M.E. are also eligible for consideration in this Festival.

Membership Benefits

- * Entry to the annual Birmingham Festival of Acting and Musical Entertainment (B.F.A.M.E.)
- * Use of the Guild website which is www.bdtg.org.uk
- * Quarterly journal called Curtain Call to keep members informed of Members activities, news and general developments in amateur theatre.
- * Technical advice or help in connection with lighting, sound or staging activities.
- * A forum to exchange production information to seek help with associated problems such as casting difficulties.
- * Representation of members interests at Local and National level to ensure the voice of amateur theatre is heard and to ensure that opportunities to receive practical or financial help are exploited.

Getting Involved!

It couldn't be easier.

If you care about the strength and future of the amateur theatrical movement please join the Guild and help its work continue.

It needs to be borne in mind that without the opportunity to start performing in local drama productions, often under difficult conditions, at an early age, many professional actors might not have climbed the ladder to stardom.

Strong local support is vital if the Midlands amateur theatrical movement is to survive, and we look forward to welcoming YOU as one of our active supporters.

We hope that this leaflet has stimulated your enthusiasm for our work and that you have decided to join the Guild. If so please complete the membership form and send it to the secretary.

If you, or a local company that you know, are able to offer financial help in any way we would be pleased to hear from you. We have opportunities to advertise in our programmes or on our website. As well as direct sponsorship of our festival.

If you are a member of a musical society or drama group please encourage them to become an affiliated member of the Guild.