

Become a Guild of Players Member



Join our thriving theatre community at the Theatre Royal Dumfries

Take a look at the membership levels we have available by reading this leaflet.

If you would like to become a Guild of Players Member and support our charity, please complete and return the application form enclosed.



Annual Membership

Guild of Players Membership runs annually from 1st September – 31st August each year. We ask that members complete a membership form each year in September so that we have your up-to-date contact details and which theatre activities you are interested in.

New members can join at any point in the year (and will be charged pro rata). Notification of approval of your membership will be issued as soon as possible, following the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Guild of Players, where applications are approved. Membership will cease by 30th Sept the following year, if membership has not been renewed.

Guild of Players Youth Theatre

If you are interested in becoming a Guild of Players Youth Member please email education@theatreroyal-dumfries.co.uk for details about the Guild of Players Youth Theatre.

Corporate Membership

If you are interested in becoming a Guild of Players Corporate Member (non-political groups and companies), please contact the Guild of Players Membership Secretary (ask for details at Box Office).

Guild of Players Memberships for individuals aged 18+ are as follows:

Full Member

£60 each year or £5 per month

Full Member - Discount

£30 each year or £2.50 per month

Member as a volunteer

No fee

The Guild of Players is a Registered Scottish Charity (SC001963) and Company (SC435841) which owns and manages the Theatre Royal Dumfries.



Registered Charity
SC001963



Membership Benefits

All Members receive the following:

Benefits:

- Meet old friends and new by becoming part of an exciting group which owns and manages the Theatre Royal Dumfries which helps to bring creativity to Dumfries
- Invitations to Guild of Players social events at the Theatre Royal Dumfries
- Receive regular Guild of Players e-newsletters
- Learn new skills by helping with a range of theatre tasks in the theatre departments from Front of House to Wardrobe and Bar to Props and everything in-between
- Opportunity to see shows as part of Front of House Usher / Bar Duties
- Theatre-related training opportunities
- Priority ticket purchase for GoP Productions, in advance of going on sale to public
- Hear about theatre activites and workshops (charges may apply)
- Opportunity to be elected to Guild of Players sub-committees
- Use of Guild room kitchen when helping for tea / coffee (when available)
- 10% discount on venue hire at Theatre Royal Dumfries
- 25% discount on costume hire
- 25% discount on prop hire

Conditions (18 years old +):

- Sign up to the Guild of Players Members Code of Conduct.
- Support the aims and activties of our charity, which include advancement of (a) the arts, heritage and culture and (b) community development of all ages, and particularly young people, as detailed in our Articles of Association, and subscribe to these.
- Complete a membership form annually and lodge with the charity (renewal each September at the start of the Guild of Players theatrical season).

Objectives

The Guild of Players charity's objects are:
(a) The advancement of the arts, heritage and culture, in particular but not exclusively, through the promotion and support of performance, exhibition, instruction and study of all forms of art and culture and the preservation, maintenance, improvement and operation of theatres, venues and other similar facilities.

(b) The advancement of community development by providing, improving and maintaining public amenities, supporting local regeneration, providing education and training opportunities, providing and improving arts and recreational facilities, encouraging volunteering and increasing the involvement of people of all ages and abilities and, in particular, young people, in community activity centred on the arts and so assisting with the regeneration of their communities.

(c) To pursue such objects as may by law be deemed charitable and, in particular, to promote the well-being of the community resident in Dumfries and in the wider area of Dumfries and Galloway by associating Local Authorities, local artistic organisations and residents in a common effort to advance education and to foster a community spirit for the achievement of the aforesaid purposes.

Articles of Association and Code of Conduct

A copy of our Articles of Association and Code of Conduct are available on our website at theatreroyaldumfries.co.uk/gopmembership or ask for a copy at our Box Office. They are also displayed on the GoP Membership Board in the Stage door corridor.



Full Member

£60 each year (or £5 per month)

All Members benefits & conditions shown on the page opposite apply to Full Membership, plus:

- Ticket discounts for Guild of Players Productions (not including pantomime)
- Resources for Guild of Players productions and activities will be provided, as appropriate ★
- Invitations to Guild of Players auditions ★
- Entitled to attend General Meetings of the Guild of Players
- Full Voting Rights at General Meetings (eg. AGMs and EGMs)
- Opportunity to be elected/appointed to Board of Directors of the Guild of Players

Conditions (18 years+)

- Payment of annual Membership fee £60 (or £5 per month)
- Full members liability limited to £1

Full Member - discount

£30 (or £2.50 per month)

Available to students, audience only-members, and unwaged

All the benefits and conditions shown on the page opposite apply to the Membership at a discount level. All the benefits and conditions shown above apply, except for:

These benefit are not available to audience-only members. ★

Note: (Unwaged means not in paid employment).

Member - as a volunteer

£0 - No fee

All the benefits and conditions shown on the page opposite apply to the Membership as a volunteer level.

Are you interested in supporting the Guild of Players at the Theatre Royal Dumfries by becoming a member?

Find out more here:

Structure and Aims

Guild of Players was originally formed as an amateur dramatic company in 1913. It bought the Theatre Royal Dumfries in 1959, became a Scottish Charity in 1961 and a Company Ltd by guarantee in 2012. The Guild of Players has been in the heart of Dumfries for over 100 years, and the Theatre Royal Dumfries venue has had performers treading the boards and bringing entertainment and laughter to the town since 1792 – that's over 230 years! The Guild of Players has 1 full time and 7 part-time employees, who alongside our Members, make the team which provide and manage the activities at the Theatre Royal Dumfries. As a producing and receiving theatre, the Guild of Players welcomes a wide range of incoming performances to Dumfries as part of our year-round live programme of events.

Season

Guild of Players Members put on a season of theatrical productions each year, including the annual pantomime and our members help in all sorts of ways – you don't have to be an actor and go on stage! There are lots of opportunities to get involved. Guild of Players Members provide invaluable support to grow our theatre charity to advance the arts, culture and heritage, as well as look after the theatre we own - Theatre Royal Dumfries, Scotland's oldest working theatre.

Structure

The Board of Directors of the Guild of Players and its sub-committees, including the Guild of Players Council oversee the strategic and operational management of the theatre. Full members have the opportunities to get involved and influence the future of the Guild of Players. We also welcome Guild of Players members who wish to help in a variety of roles.



CODE OF CONDUCT



SCAN TO COMPLETE THE GOP
MEMBERSHIP FORM ONLINE

Build Confidence

Box Office
Front of House
Usher
Bar Assistant
Duty Manager
Administration
Script-in-hand readings

Learn New Skills

Heritage
Tour Guide
Stage Lighting
Stage Management
Photography
Videography
Learn to be a Director
Marketing
Film projection

Express Creativity

Acting
Set Design/
Construction
Sound/Music
Wardrobe
Hair/Make-up
Directing
Lighting
Sound/audio

Forge Lasting Friendships

Stage crew
Be part of a Guild of Players Production
Youth Theatre activities

Support Community well-being

Meet old and new friends
Celebrate the theatre heritage
Fundraising to promote the aims and the arts
Training opportunities
Be part of our audience and meet friends