

## **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF YOUTH THEATRE**

### ABOUT THE CHIPSTEAD PLAYERS

Founded in 1924, the Chipstead Players have a long history of presenting plays in the village. For many years these took place in the village hall but we were fortunate to be able to buy the freehold of what is now The Courtyard Theatre and with the enthusiasm of the members, convert a dilapidated stable block into a beautiful 98 seat theatre. We opened the theatre in Spring 1995 and have since performed a wide variety of plays, usually to capacity houses.

With a current membership of around 300, we present four or five major productions a year as well as some junior productions. You will see below that there are many ways of getting involved with the Players and every contribution is valued. So that members are kept in touch, we publish a regular newsletter "Noises Off!" which details social events and auditions, and includes priority ticket application forms and updates on work to complete the theatre.

#### MEMBERSHIP FEES

Subscriptions are due on the **1**<sup>st</sup> **September** each year, but if you join on or after 1<sup>st</sup> April your subscription covers the period until the end of August the following year.

## **Annual Subscription**

Member under 18

£10.00 (£5.00)

(for 2<sup>nd</sup> and subsequent Juniors in family bracketed figures apply)

#### Please complete the details overleaf and send this application to:

Mr Don Hindle, New Members Secretary, Chipstead Players, Draycote, The Glade, Kingswood, Surrey. KT20 6JE

If you have any queries, please telephone 01737 832593.

**DATA PROTECTION ACT** To comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, The Chipstead Players is required to advise all members that their membership records will be held on computer. These records will be kept confidential and solely for the purpose of administration of Chipstead Players. The membership records will not be disclosed to any person outside the membership of Chipstead Players and then only to persons who need the subject information in order to carry out their duties in connection with the administration of the club. Your signature on the membership application form acknowledges that you accept these provisions.

#### CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

In order to comply with Child Protection Regulations, it is the policy of Chipstead Players to ask any adult member likely to be working with or in close proximity to junior members, to complete a DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service)\* enquiry form. Your application to join Chipstead Players is taken to indicate your willingness to complete the form, in the event that the Executive Committee deem such an action appropriate.

\* Formerly known as CRB (Criminal Records Bureau)



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Please consider how you may contribute to the Society by ticking your particular areas of interest

	ACTING		COSTUME DESIGN/MAKING
	PROPERTIES		SOUND
	SET DESIGN		MAKE-UP
	PLAY READINGS		POSTER DESIGN
	LIGHTING		PROMPT
Please indicate your 'acting age' ranges: 5-15 12-18 and describe your previous drama related experience (if any)			
Please place my name before the Executive Committee for election as a member of the Chipstead Players. I enclose a cheque for £ made payable to "Chipstead Players". (See table of fees overleaf)			
Block letters please			
TITLE: Mr/Miss FIRST NAME:SURNAME:			
ADDRESS:			
POST CODEEMAIL ADDRESS			
TELEPHONE No:DATE OF BIRTH:			
I HAVE READ THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR YOUTH THEATRE MEMBERS AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ITS RULES.			
SIGNED:			DATE
I SUPPORT MY CHILD'S APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF YOUTH THEATRE AND WILL ENSURE THAT HE/SHE ABIDES BY THE CODE OF CONDUCT.			
PARENT/GUARDIAN			DATE
PLEASE PRINT NAME IN BLOCK CAPITALS			
PROPOSED BY: SECONDED BY:			

(If you already know members of the Chipstead Players, please ask two of them to propose and second you. This is NOT essential, but may speed the consideration of your application. All applications are subject to approval by the Executive Committee)

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# CODE OF CONDUCT FOR YOUTH THEATRE MEMBERS

- 1. Membership of the Youth Theatre offers youngsters the opportunity to learn drama and theatre skills in a safe and friendly environment. We try to make productions as much fun as possible but successful drama requires team-work and self-discipline, particularly when performing in front of paying audiences. A theatre building, by its nature, contains hazards and it is important that Health and Safety requirements are observed at all times.
- 2. The following simple rules are designed to ensure the care and safety of junior players while at the same time allowing them the opportunity to develop and enjoy themselves:
  - a) Members must behave sensibly at all times and follow the instructions of Senior members working on the show. This is to ensure everybody's safety and the production of shows to a high standard. During rehearsals the Director and Production Secretaries are directly in charge; but once the run begins this responsibility transfers to the Stage Manager, backstage crew and dressing-room matrons.
  - b) During early rehearsals on stage members are normally allowed to sit in the auditorium when not acting. It is essential that the noise level is kept down so as not to disturb the Director and cast on-stage.
  - c) During dress rehearsals and performances members **must** stay in the dressing rooms allocated to them. When assembling backstage **noise** should be kept to the minimum.
  - d) No food or drink (other than water) is allowed in the auditorium during rehearsals.
  - e) Members are expected to wear the costumes agreed with Wardrobe; every consideration will be given to meeting cast's particular needs.
  - f) The Car Park is **NOT** a play area and members are not allowed to assemble or play games there without the express permission, and supervision, of a senior member. At the end of both rehearsals and performances members are required to stay within the theatre building until collected by a parent/guardian.
  - g) During performances members of the cast are not allowed in the Foyer/Bar area until after the show. They must enter the theatre by the Stage Door and go directly to their dressing rooms.
  - h) Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated. Any member who feels they are being bullied should talk to the Production Secretary or Director.
  - i) Parents must collect their child(ren) promptly at the end of rehearsals. Any child who remains will be accompanied by two adults, delaying everybody's departure. The box-office phone may be used to contact parents.
- 3. Members who consistently fail to observe the above rules may be excluded from a production, at the Director's sole discretion.

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