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CRESCENT YOUTH THEATRE

MEMBERSHIP FORMAL AGREEMENT

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The Crescent Youth Theatre's aim is simple – to encourage and nurture the region's best young actors and give them the opportunity to perform in a professional-standard venue.

INTRODUCTION

The Crescent Youth Theatre (CYT) is open to anyone aged between 11-18 regardless of experience, and aims to attract actors who are passionate about theatre and learning more about the craft of acting.

CYT is an extension of the highly successful Crescent and, as such, sets very high standards in rehearsals and performances. Our aim is to encourage CYT members in developing these skills in our own artistic output.

Membership

Membership fees can be paid termly or annually, in cash, by telephone with credit/debit card at the Crescent Box Office (0121 643 5858) or by cheque, payable to 'The Crescent Theatre Limited'.

On becoming a member of CYT, you will be required to **complete an application form** which must then be returned to the theatre with **two passport-sized photographs** and an **original birth certificate** (*this will be photocopied and returned to you immediately*).

NB: The original birth certificate is required for Performing Licence applications and the licence will not be granted by the Local Authority unless the birth certificate has been seen by the theatre.

Publicity

From time to time we may use photographs for purposes of publicity. Please notify the theatre in writing, if you do not wish your child to be photographed.

THE AGREEMENT – Conditions of membership

All CYT members are required, from time to time, to see a Crescent Theatre production. This is so they learn first hand and develop an opinion about the craft of acting and an understanding of the technical aspects of a production. These performances may be free or at a reduced cost to CYT members.

The performances will, in the main, be a Saturday matinee, following the workshop session in the morning. Members will be informed of the chosen productions in advance.

Workshop sessions

All CYT members **must** sign in and out every time they are in the building.

All mobile phones should be switched off or put on silent during the workshop session. No phone calls should be taken during a workshop session.

CYT members must respect the Crescent building and accommodation. Eating and drinking may only take place in the bar area or the area where the main workshop is taking place. All spillages or waste materials must be cleared up.

The rehearsal space must be put back in order and left clean and tidy at the end of a session.

No CYT member should go into prohibited areas of the theatre without permission, unless accompanied by a responsible adult. Areas available to CYT members are – the foyer, rehearsal room, and bar.

CYT sessions will take place in either the rehearsal room or the studio as directed by the Youth Theatre Leader. All other areas are out of bounds unless the Youth Theatre Leader instructs otherwise

CYT has the privilege to work in a building run to professional standards. The building is often used by visiting companies, so our members are expected to be polite and courteous to members of staff and our visitors at all times.

Any rudeness or negative behaviour reflects badly on us and could result in immediate suspension or loss of membership from CYT.

Timekeeping and Attendance

Saturday morning workshop sessions run from 10.30am to 1.30pm during school term time, unless stated otherwise. CYT members can arrive from 10.00am and workshop sessions begin promptly at 10.30am.

Members are expected to be on time for workshop sessions. They will be given the Youth Theatre Leader's mobile number and will contact the Youth Theatre Leader as a matter of courtesy if they are going to be late.

Persistent absences, lateness for sessions/after breaks, and for performance rehearsals, will not be accepted.

CYT members are given a short break during the workshop. They may leave the Theatre premises during break times, and there is a Spar nearby where members can buy refreshments. Parental permission is required for CYT members under the age of 16 years.

Where absence is required, the Youth Leader should be contacted at least 24 hours in advance, where possible.

CYT Productions

CYT members are expected to attend **all** CYT workshop sessions, performance rehearsals (including technical and dress rehearsals) and performances (*except absences for sickness, where covered by a letter from parent/guardian*).

NB: On the run up to a production, members may be called for additional rehearsals. You will be notified of these in advance.

Conduct

CYT members must respect each other, adult members of the theatre, and visitors. Unacceptable behaviour towards others will result in disciplinary action being taken which may lead to expulsion from CYT.

If you feel you have been subject to unacceptable behaviour, either from other members of CYT or the adult theatre, report this to the Youth Theatre Leader or the Members Manager.

No member of CYT may smoke anywhere on, or in the vicinity of the Crescent premises whilst engaged in CYT activities, or any other premises where CYT may be involved in activities.

Any member of CYT suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or non-prescription drugs whilst on, or in the vicinity of the Crescent premises, or when involved in any other CYT activity, will be suspended immediately and the Disciplinary Procedure followed.

If any illegal activity is considered sufficiently serious to involve the police, parents/carers/guardians will be notified via a telephone call.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

If the Youth Theatre Leader has to discipline a member of CYT more than three times, a verbal warning will be given and parents/carers/guardians notified in writing. This will also be brought to the attention of the Members Manager and the Crescent's Board of Management.

If further discipline is required, a formal meeting will be held with parents/carers/guardians.

Action may be taken against any member behaving in any way inappropriate to CYT membership and could result in permanent exclusion from CYT.

Name (please print)

Signed CYT member

Date

Name (please print)

SignedParent/Guardian/Carer

Date

Please return one copy of the agreement to the Crescent Theatre Members Manager