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The Crescent Youth Theatre

MEMBERSHIP FORMAL AGREEMENT

September - July

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

INTRODUCTION

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

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

Membership

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

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 Youth Theatre 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 Crescent Youth Theatre 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 Youth Theatre 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.

Youth Theatre Members must respect the Crescent Theatre 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 member should go into prohibited areas of the theatre without permission, unless accompanied by a responsible adult. Areas available to Youth Theatre members are – the foyer, rehearsal room and bar.

Youth Theatre 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

The Crescent Youth Theatre 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 the Youth Theatre.

Timekeeping and Attendance

Saturday morning workshop sessions run from 10.30am to 1.30pm during school term time, unless stated otherwise. Youth Theatre 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.

Youth Theatre 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 may be required.

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

Youth Theatre Productions

Youth Theatre members are expected to attend **all** Youth Theatre 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

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

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

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

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

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

Disciplinary Procedure

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

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

Action may be taken against any member behaving in any way inappropriate to Youth Theatre membership and could result in permanent suspension from the Youth Theatre.

Name (please print).....

Signed..... CYT member

Date.....

Name (please print).....

Signed.....Parent/Guardian/Carer

Date.....

Please return one copy of the agreement to the theatre.