

A Long and Rich Tradition of Drama in BC

Theatre BC has served as the parent association for community theatre across the province since 1932. It is proud to represent over 80 member theatre organizations and is an associate member itself with several professional theatre organizations and agencies both provincially and federally.

The Zones

Theatre BC divides the province into 9 geographical Zones, each incorporating the community theatre organizations within their region. Each group appoints a representative, who attends Zone meetings and helps elect a Zone Executive. The elected Chair of each Zone represents their region at Provincial Theatre BC meetings and liaises with Theatre BC to coordinate festivals, workshops and instructor tours. An annual adjudicated theatre festival is held within each Zone in the spring, with the winning production going on to the Provincial MAINSTAGE Festival in July.

Mainstage Festival

MAINSTAGE (since 1932) is the largest Provincial theatre festival of its kind in Canada. It is British Columbia's showcase of community theatre hosted in July. Productions chosen from the Zones by professional adjudicators compete for major Provincial awards, trophies and certificates. The MAINSTAGE Festival also features; a variety of professionally led workshops entitled "Backstage at MAINSTAGE", Coffee Critiques, wherein the festival adjudicator breaks down the previous evening's play presentation, and works with it's director and performers in an intimate setting open to the public, as well as fostering opportunities to meet with members of the professional theatre community and other Theatre BC members from around the Province. Theatre BC's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is also held during the MAINSTAGE Festival.

Membership & The Club Card

Receive preferred rates for Theatre BC sponsored festivals, and other events, with a Theatre BC membership. (See the application on the reverse). Club Card holders receive box office discounts at participating community, student and professional theatres, art galleries and museums throughout BC. Members are entitled to attend general meetings and participate in the direction of the organization and may receive discounts on merchandise and services from a number of corporate sponsors. Access to Theatre BC's script library, discounted fees for workshops, festival admission and other events are just some of the benefits of membership with Theatre BC.

The Old Courthouse Cultural Centre



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*Do something dramatic...
...come play with us!*



ACToberfest!



Theatre BC Membership Application Form

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____
Spouse / Partner (if "Family Membership" is selected): _____
Member Club Affiliation (if applicable): _____ Zone: _____
Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____ Email: _____

Office Use Only:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND ANNUAL FEES:

*All categories of membership are valid for 12 or 36 months from the date of issue **

**Zone Festival participants memberships are due by March 31st and expire on the same date of the following year. PLEASE NOTE: All prices include HST.*

INDIVIDUAL or **TALENT BANK** Membership (Voting): 1 year \$28.00 OR 3 year \$78.40

For **TALENT BANK** Memberships: Please supply a photo, a brief Bio of your experience and education listing your specialities.
Also include your **HST** registration Number (if applicable)

FAMILY Membership (Voting**): 1 year \$ 44.80 OR 3 year \$128.80
** Voting Memberships for 2 family members with the same residential address.

FAMILY YOUTH Membership: \$11.20 each for children (18 years of age and under) in the same household as 2 Family Members.
Name(s): _____

YOUTH Membership: 1 year only \$16.80 Non-voting membership for youth 18 years of age and under.

PATRONAGES:

Theatre BC **INDIVIDUAL PATRON**: 1 year \$100.00 3 year \$300.00
Includes one Individual Membership (see above), Patron Recognition and a \$70.00 / \$225.00 charitable tax receipt for donation in support of Theatre BC.

Theatre BC **FAMILY PATRON**: 1 year \$100.00 3 year \$300.00
Includes one Family Membership (see above), Patron Recognition and a \$55.00 / \$175.00 charitable tax receipt for donation in support of Theatre BC.

DONOR: Tax deductible donation in support of Theatre BC (Charity Registration Number: 119217206 RR00001) Amount: \$ _____

DESIGNATE PATRONAGE / DONATION TO: Theatre BC MAINSTAGE ACToberfest Playwriting Competition

Zone Designation: CIZ FVZ GVZ KOZ NIZ NSZ OKZ PVZ SIZ SKZ

PAYMENT:

Cheque / Money Order *
 Credit Card (VISA or Mastercard Only)

*Cheques Made Payable to "Theatre BC"
Remit to: Theatre BC 7 Seymour St. W.
Kamloops, BC V2C 1E4

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiry: _____
Name on Card: _____
Signature: _____

TOTAL PAYMENT:

Benefits of Membership

Script Library

Theatre BC has a script lending library of well over 1400 titles available to members for reading purposes only. Copies of published, donated, and Playwriting Competition entry scripts are all available in the script library.

Talent Bank

Theatre BC's Talent Bank listing on the website helps provide member clubs or Zones with workshop leaders in virtually every aspect of theatre arts. They also serve as adjudicators and instructors. Theatre BC completes all contractual arrangements on behalf of its member clubs.

Awards and Scholarships

In recognition of awards for achievement at MAINSTAGE. Theatre BC presents winners with a unique trophy, known as **The Thespian**, a bronze statuette sculpted and produced by acclaimed Kelowna Artist Geert Maas.

The **Eric Hamber Memorial Award**, Theatre BC's most prestigious award and highest honour, is presented to a nominated person, member club or institution having made an outstanding long-term contribution to community theatre in BC.

The **Diamond Award** is a prestigious award which is presented to a nominated member whose dedication and commitment to Theatre BC over the past year has earned them the appreciation of their peers.

Individual **Zone Recognition Awards** are presented each year to deserving individuals or groups in recognition of outstanding regional contributions.

Memorial Scholarships from **Jessie L. Richardson**, **Sid Williams**, and **Mein van Heek** are presented annually to selected student applicants accepted to post-secondary theatre programs. Theatre BC also offers an annual **MAINSTAGE Provincial Student Scholarship** program.

Theatre BC also holds an annual **Graphics Competition** for show publicity materials.

Annual Provincial Events:

ACToberfest One Act Play Festival

This event can be hosted by any community in the Province. ACToberfest features One Act plays of less than one hour in length. Anyone can enter. Theatre BC encourages new plays and Canadian works, including scripts from the Playwriting Competition.

Provincial Playwriting Competition

This competition is open to all Provincial playwrights and is an opportunity to promote the development of original, unproduced scripts.