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COWBRIDGE MARKET THEATRE  
FROM JANUARY 2022

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## INFORMATION PACK



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**DEAR APPLICANT**

**Thank you for your interest in Stage Door 1 Youth Theatre.**

Stage Door 1 Youth Theatre was created in 2007 to provide an avenue for children from all social backgrounds to be able to increase their confidence, creativity and consideration for others through the medium of drama, dance, song and musical theatre.

From humble beginnings with around eight children, we now have a membership in excess of eighty young people aged from 4 to 18, rehearsing and performing at least 3 shows each year. There are also opportunities for our members to take part in performances for local events, plays, and showcase evenings.

In 2022, we became the Resident Youth Theatre at Cowbridge Market Theatre, which has allowed us to offer even greater rehearsal and performance opportunities to theatrical family. We want to say a big 'thank you' to Cowbridge Amateur Dramatics Society for helping us achieve this.

SD1 Youth Theatre's continued growth and success is the result of a dedicated team who strive to create visionary performances, whilst maintaining an unfaltering commitment to the individual needs of all our members. This success also arises through working together as a group, including the participation of our members, parents, volunteers, supporters and our wider community.

**We look forward to welcoming you to SD1 Youth Theatre in the near future!**

*Kind Regards,*  
**The SD1 Team**



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**INTRODUCING SD1!**

## **OUR MISSION**

Youth theatre is one of the most creative, inspiring, dynamic and powerful ways of making a difference to a young person's life.

We aim to provide a safe, accessible and open forum in which young people can express themselves whilst learning about and creating theatre. Our work provides a creative voice whilst developing theatre skills and building confidence.

We believe that theatre by young people should aspire to the highest standards in terms of process and product. We want to make theatre for audiences old and new, that is dynamic, challenging and honest.

**After all, if you can't be brave when you're young, when can you be?!**

In line with our mission, we aim:

- To provide a safe and inclusive service for all young people in the community, irrespective of culture or social background.
- To build and improve the confidence, self-esteem and self-respect of our members through theatre practice and creative learning.
- To raise awareness and respect of our community and those who live in it through cultural understanding, creative judgement, collaborative practice and interaction.
- To give young people the opportunity to perform and learn about the theatre environment in a safe and welcoming setting.
- To promote team work and positive relationships with peers, adults and the community.



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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Who? When? Where?



SDI Youth Theatre meet every Saturday in Cowbridge Market Theatre.  
Our classes are split as follows:

INFANT GROUP	9:00 - 10:00am	Ages 4-8
JUNIOR GROUP	10:00-11:30am	Ages 9-11
SENIOR GROUP	11:30 - 1:00pm	Ages 12-19

We accept applications to join SDI Youth Theatre throughout the year. However, we will always take into account the timing of our productions when accepting new members.

Due to the structure of the classes and taking into consideration the hard work required by our members to put on a production, we may suggest that you wait until after a performance has happened before you join a group. Please contact us for more information about this.

## Cost?

Fees for attending SDI Youth Theatre are:

INFANT GROUP	Annual Cost: <b>£360</b>	Monthly Cost: <b>£30</b>
JUNIOR GROUP	Annual Cost: <b>£456</b>	Monthly Cost: <b>£38</b>
SENIOR GROUP	Annual Cost: <b>£480</b>	Monthly Cost: <b>£40</b>

Our competitive fees cover all benefits of membership: they help to cover the costs of rehearsals but also cover administration fees, insurance costs and contribute towards production budgets, including lighting, microphones, sound and costume hire.

Fees are payable by standing order in advance on the 1st of each month. There is no per-session fee, and therefore we cannot offer refunds for missed sessions.



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### Auditions?



There are no auditions for anyone to become members of SDI Youth Theatre. Your membership depends solely on your desire to explore drama, dance and musical theatre, not on your ability to act, dance or sing.



Auditions are a really important process of being able to cast a show, and therefore we give all of our members the opportunities to audition for lead roles in our performances. We are very careful to make sure that auditions are conducted in a supportive manner, and feel that this gives us all the best opportunity to see what our performers are capable of.



On the whole, parts are allocated to the performers who are best for that role. The final decisions will be with the Artistic Director, Musical Director and the audition panel, who will make their decision based on the needs of both the production and the development of each member of the group.



### Rehearsals?

We expect members to attend all weekly sessions unless unavoidable circumstances arise. If something does come up, please let us know as soon as possible, so that we can plan around your absence and minimise disruption to the rest of the group.

This is of particular importance when we are rehearsing for a production, as although it is very exciting, it is also hard work. There will be lines and moves to be learnt and rehearsals require a lot of concentration. If someone is late, absent, or has not learnt their lines on time, everyone else in the group, who have all made great efforts to be ready, will suffer. Members and parents are expected to take punctuality and reliable attendance to rehearsals very seriously.

Members should wear appropriate clothing for rehearsals at all times. T-shirts and tracksuit trousers or leggings, with sensible footwear, are ideal. Although not a stipulated requirement, SDI Youth Theatre hoodies and t-shirts are available: please ask for pricing.

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### Taster Sessions?



We can arrange for you to attend a SD1 rehearsal where you can meet the staff team and the other members in your group, to see what is involved in SD1 sessions.

Taster sessions are completely free, and there is absolutely no obligation to join following your taster session.

To organise a free taster session, just email [info@stagedoor1.com](mailto:info@stagedoor1.com), or go to the 'JOIN SD1' page on our website: [www.stagedoor1.com](http://www.stagedoor1.com).



### How do I join?

1. Contact SD1 to arrange a free taster session - email [info@stagedoor1.com](mailto:info@stagedoor1.com), or send us a message through our 'JOIN SD1' page on our website: [www.stagedoor1.com](http://www.stagedoor1.com).  
(You can also contact us via our social media pages, listed at the bottom of this page)
2. Ask for clarification about anything you are unsure about, and ask any questions that you may have.
3. Once you've been for a taster session, we will ask you to fill in our digital registration form.
4. Set up a standing order to pay your fees.
5. Attend rehearsals regularly and have a fantastic time singing, dancing and acting!

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# DATA COLLECTION (GDPR)

According to General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) that came into effect in May 2018, Stage Door 1 acts as a controller and a processor of your personal data.

Alison Withers and Harry Withers hold the responsibility for Stage Door 1's compliance with data regulations. If any of these policies or procedures change, or we discover any breach in the ways in which we process or control your data, you will be notified within 72 hours.

The following document summarises the ways in which we obtain and use your data.

## Gathering, Storing and Using your Personal Data

- At Stage Door 1, we gather personal data for the purposes of sharing information with our members and their parents/carers. As such, we do not currently have an obligation to be registered with the ICO.
- Your personal data is obtained through the registration form that you complete when your child becomes a member of Stage Door 1.
- Email addresses are used as the main form of communicating information, such as rehearsal schedules/notices.
- Our members' dates of birth are collected upon registration to ensure that they are grouped age-appropriately.
- Upon registration, we also request your consent to use photographs or video images of your child's activities in Stage Door 1 for promotional / social media purposes.
- Contact telephone numbers and email addresses are stored electronically as part of our registers of attendance. The Stage Door 1 team (anyone with a stagedoor1.com email address) has access to these records through a cloud platform, so that they can be accessed in the event of needing to contact parents/carers immediately.
- Addresses / schools attended are requested on your registration forms, but are not stored electronically. Paper copies of your registration forms are stored with other important documentation pertaining to Stage Door 1, such as insurance documentation and financial records, in a locked filing drawer.
- We do not collect or record any sensitive personal data, e.g. political standpoints, religious views, sexual orientation etc.
- Stage Door 1 do not have access to any of your bank account details: as membership fees are paid by standing order, the only information we can access is the account holder's name and reference number given for the standing order (we have requested that you use your child's name as the reference number).
- Your personal information is stored with us for as long as your child is a member of Stage Door 1. Your personal information will be deleted from our records within 3 months of your child ceasing to be a member of stage door 1 anymore (when you have notified us that they are no longer a member and your fees payments are no longer being made).
- We never share your personal data with third parties. If a need ever arises for this, we will obtain your written consent.

## Changing, Removing or Accessing your Personal Data

- If any of your personal or contact details change, it is your responsibility to notify us, so that we can contact you with key information/in the event of an emergency.
- If, at any point, you wish to withdraw your consent for us to store and use your personal data as outlined in this document, please notify us via email, using [info@stagedoor1.com](mailto:info@stagedoor1.com).
- You have the right to ask to see the data that we hold about you/your child. We will provide this for you within 30 days of your request.

In order to comply with the new GDPR regulations, we would like to request your consent for us to hold and store your personal details / contact information in the ways set out above. We will ask for your consent on all of the above regulations in our online registration form.



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