

**STRATFORD
EAST**

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020 8279 1105**



JOIN US

Stratford East is a historic producing theatre situated in the heart of East London. We are a unique melting pot of history, architecture, art, politics and people and we tell the stories that reflect our diverse community.

Our membership takes inspiration from the theatre's rich and varied history influenced by some of our favourite Stratford East stories.

You can be part of our story by joining Stratford East as a member, enjoying a close relationship with the work we produce, both on and offstage, with behind the scenes access, special events and the knowledge that you are supporting us to:

- Continue producing quality year-round work, creating shows that are current, political and inclusive
- Provide an innovative and inclusive year-round educational programme for local young people
- Keep ticket prices low in order to be accessible to people who would otherwise be economically excluded from going to the theatre

HOW TO SIGN UP

Memberships can be purchased online on our website at www.stratfordeast.com/support-us or, to discuss purchasing any of the membership levels, please contact our Development team on 020 8279 1105 or development@stratfordeast.com.





The collective cast of *Sleeping Beauty*, photo by Scott Rylander

FRIENDS OF STRATFORD EAST

£40 per year

As a Friend of Stratford East, you will receive:

- Priority booking ahead of the general public
- Regular updates by email
- Quarterly members' e-newsletter
- Invitation to Stratford East's annual Friends event*

*Annual Friends event to be held on a date selected by Stratford East and includes a backstage tour, talk by a member of the creative team plus refreshments. Additional cost may apply.

If you are a UK taxpayer, you can also add Gift Aid to your donation. With Gift Aid, every £1 you give is worth £1.25. It doesn't cost you anything and it makes a big difference to us.

HONEY MEMBERSHIP

from £300 per year (€25 per month)

Honey members receive:

- Priority booking ahead of the general public
- Access to an exclusive allocation of tickets, even for productions sold out to the general public*
- Bespoke ticket booking service through the Development department
- Regular updates about our work and quarterly members' e-newsletter
- One invitation for you and a guest to join a private post-show Q+A with cast and creatives
- Invitation to Stratford East's annual Friends event**
- Accreditation in our programmes, on our website and on the front of house Supporters Board

One of Theatre Workshop's most ground-breaking productions, Shelagh Delaney's A Taste of Honey, premiered at Stratford East in 1958. The production was revered for its interrogation of issues around class, race, gender and sexuality. This reputation for radical and innovative storytelling has remained at the theatre's heart ever since.



Shalisha James-Davis in *The Wolves*, photo by Manuel Harlan

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All levels of Stratford East membership comprise a benefits value detailing the actual cost of membership to the charity. These benefits can be purchased separately at this price. Any amount given over and above this benefits value are given freely as a donation and are eligible for Gift Aid. Honey membership – Donation £255/benefits £45

To discuss purchasing Honey Membership benefits separately, please call our Development team on 0208 279 1105.



The collective cast of *Shebeen*, Set Design by Grace Smart, photo by Richard H Smith

PEARL MEMBERSHIP

from £600 per year (€50 per month)

Pearl members receive:

- Priority booking ahead of the general public
- Access to an exclusive allocation of tickets, even for productions sold out to the general public*
- Dedicated ticket booking hotline through the Development department
- Regular updates about our work and quarterly members' newsletters
- Invitation for you and a guest to join one private post-show Q+A with cast and creatives
- Invitation for two to one Press Night per year. This includes: private pre-show and interval drinks reception, best available seats for the performance, complimentary programme and opportunity to join post-show party attended by cast, creatives and special guests.
- Invitation to Stratford East's annual Friends event**
- Accreditation in our programmes, on our website and on the front of house Supporters Board

Whilst refurbishing our auditorium in 2015, we discovered hundreds of oyster shells in the foundations of our Dress Circle. These artefacts date back to the late 1800s and were most likely from workmens' lunches during the expansion of the stage in 1891.

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To discuss purchasing Pearl Membership benefits separately, please call our Development team on 0208 279 1105.

CRYSTAL MEMBERSHIP

from £1,500 per year (£125 per month)

Crystal members receive:

- Priority booking ahead of the general public
- Access to an exclusive allocation of tickets, even for productions sold out to the general public*
- Private ticket booking hotline through our Development team
- Regular updates about our work and quarterly members' e-newsletters
- Invitation to annual Director's Lunch**
- Invitation for you and a guest to join a private post-show Q+A with cast and creatives
- Invitation for two to two Press Nights per year. This includes private pre-show and interval drinks reception, best available seats for the performance, complimentary programme and opportunity to join post-show party attended by cast, creatives and special guests
- Invitation to Stratford East's annual Friends event***
- Accreditation in our programmes, on our website and on the Supporters Board displayed front of house



Members of our Young Company in *NT Connections*, photo by Lidia Crisafullini

The magnificent chandelier hanging from our auditorium ceiling has a twin. It was a donation from the Wyndham's Theatre on Charing Cross Road, where the other chandelier currently resides, to Gerry Raffles during the run of Oh, What a Lovely War!

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***Annual Friends event to be held on a date selected by Stratford East and includes a backstage tour, talk by a member of the creative team plus refreshments. Additional cost may apply.

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To discuss purchasing Crystal Membership benefits separately, please call our Development team on 0208 279 1105.

LITTLEWOOD CIRCLE

from £5,000 per year (£417 per month)

Members of the Littlewood Circle receive:

- Priority booking ahead of the general public
- Access to an exclusive Littlewood Circle allocation of tickets, even for productions which are sold out to the general public*
- Personalised booking service via the Development team for tickets and bar reservations
- Regular updates about our work and quarterly members' newsletters
- Invitation to annual Director's Lunch**
- Invitation for you and a guest to join a private post-show Q+A with cast and creatives
- Invitation for two to all Press Nights. This includes private pre-show and interval drinks reception, best available seats for the performance, complimentary programme and opportunity to join post-show party attended by cast, creatives and special guests
- Invitation to Stratford East's annual Friends event***
- Accreditation in our programmes, on our website and on the front of house Supporters Board
- An invite for two to our Annual Chair's Dinner ****



Set design by Ellen Cairns for *The Hotel Cerise*
by Bonnie Greer, Photo by Peter Dazeley

The Theatre Workshop theatre company, formed by Joan Littlewood in 1945, was a group of actors and artists set on involving artists and audiences in drama as a living event. Stratford East became their permanent home in 1953 where they developed landmark productions such as Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'Be (1959) and Oh, What a Lovely War! (1963). Joan is commemorated today by the statue that sits in the square outside the theatre.

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All levels of Stratford East membership comprise a benefits value detailing the actual cost of membership to the charity. These benefits can be purchased separately at this price. Any amount given over and above this benefits value are given freely as a donation and are eligible for Gift Aid. Littlewood Circle membership – Donation £3,960/benefits £1,040

To discuss purchasing Littlewood Circle Membership benefits separately, please call our Development team on 0208 279 1105.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please fill out this form and return to a member of the Development Team at TRSE.

Name/s

Address

Postcode

Email

Telephone No.

Mobile No.

I/we would like to become a Member at the following level:

Friend of Stratford East: £40 per year

Honey Membership: from £300 per year (or £25 per month)

Donation £255/benefits £45

Pearl Membership: from £600 per year (or £50 per month)

Donation £425/benefits £175

Crystal Membership: from £1,500 per year (or £125 per month)

Donation £1,250/benefits £250

There are three ways to donate:

Cheque.

Card Payment: please call the Development Department on 0208 279 1105 with your card/bank details and we will be happy to assist you.

Direct Debit instalments: please call the Development Department on 0208 279 1105 with your card/bank details and we will be happy to assist you.

(Please note we are unable to accept American Express)

DONOR RECOGNITION

Thank you for your support.

Please indicate below how you would like us to display your name/s. If you should wish to remain anonymous, please tick the appropriate box below, but we very much hope you will allow us to acknowledge your support – it is always an encouragement to other potential supporters.

I/we would like to be credited as: (please print your name below)

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If you are a UK taxpayer, you can use Gift Aid by ticking the boxes below. With Gift Aid, every £1 you give is worth £1.25. It doesn't cost you anything and it makes a big difference to us.

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You can also gift a membership for a special occasion. To buy a gift membership, please call the Box Office on 020 8534 0310 or visit our website <http://www.stratfordeast.com>.