

Membership Secretary
Manifest Theatre Group
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Membership Form

Name:

Email:
(to reduce costs we prefer to email you our newsletter.)

Address:

.....Post Code

Telephone No.:.....
(Membership period runs from January to December)

£10 Full Membership for those actively involved in productions and the running of the theatre (under 16's £5)

£2 Associate Membership for those that wish to pay the minimum required to purchase tickets for our productions. (under 16's free when with a parent)

£150 Life Membership for a one-off life subscription.

Please Check the appropriate box and make cheques payable to: Manifest Theatre Group and send to the Membership Secretary at the address above.

Privacy Statement.

The personal details you provide will only be used by the Manifest Theatre Group. We may use your email address to keep you informed of events at the theatre, in addition to emailing you your newsletter.

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Committee Members 2023 - 2024

At the Annual General Meeting a new committee was elected for 2023 - 2024. Committee members are as follows:

Chairperson - Alison Baker,
Vice-Chair – Jonathan Abbott,
Secretary - Loraine Crook,
Membership Secretary - Nigel Morton,
Treasurer - Sue Halsey,
Bar Manager - Nigel Morton,
Social Secretary - Lea Friend,
Box Office Manager - Heather Thompson,
Publicity Officers - Lea Friend, Alison Baker,
Eleanor Chandler.



Chairperson
Alison Baker

Children Representative – Chris Sadd
General Committee Members: Sarah McCarthy, Ben Maytham, Alan Wheeler, Will Parrick, and Nigel Morton.

Wednesday night is Club Night. Our incredibly reasonably priced bar is open, with a rehearsal likely to be happening in the auditorium. It's an opportunity to come along, socialise, meet some members and generally get involved. Feel free to drop in, you'll always get a friendly welcome. 7.30pm onwards.

Play Readings

We hold regular play readings at the theatre, a fun way to get material "off the page" and an important part of our scheduling process. All sorts of plays are in the mix, all styles, all periods and all settings. An opportunity for those who don't want to tread the boards but have a love for theatre and dramatic text. You don't even have to read, just listen as we make a play come alive! Normally the last Thursday of the month at 7.00pm, please see website/newsletter for further information.



NORTH ESSEX THEATRE GUILD

Manifest Theatre



PRODUCTIONS AND EVENTS

January – December 2024

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Short History of the Manifest Theatre



In 1977 a like-minded group of local people conceived the notion of a theatre group to serve the community. Dennis Murfitt, along with Val Taylor and others, decided to pursue the idea. The first meeting took place at the Waggon and Horses in Mistley. Thus, the Manifest Theatre was born.

The first venue for the Manifest productions was the Old British Legion Hall, at the top of South Street. With much enthusiasm and effort, the hall was transformed into a theatre for our first production in May 1979.

In 1984 the former Methodist primary school in Oxford Road came up for sale. Thanks to heroic fundraising the building was acquired and turned into the beautiful little theatre we enjoy so much today.

We are self-sufficient and self-supporting. Every penny we make is ploughed back into the theatre and we owe so much to our members. From our humble beginnings in 1978 of just 16 members our membership now numbers over 1200.

We are affiliated to both NODA and the NETG. Our productions are adjudicated and entered into competition with other theatre groups throughout the area. Over the years we have been nominated in almost every category and have scored wins across the board.

We pride ourselves on being inclusive, supporting members with physical and mental health issues and welcome all genders. Our objective, as stated in our Constitution is to foster and encourage live theatre in all its forms in the Manningtree area. Our auditorium holds around 85 and we have enjoyed many productions sold to capacity. Our plays and events have become an anticipated mainstay of the local calendar, pleasing and surprising those who have attended for many years and—those who have just discovered us. New members are always welcome.

Productions and Events

February 14th - 17th

Jumpers for Goalposts

By Tom Wells

Directed by Ben Maytham

Contains adult humour, Jumpers for Goalposts is a hilarious and heart-warming story about football, friendship and finding your way.

May 21st - 25th

Gaslight

by Patrick Hamilton

Directed by Will Parrick

Gas Light is the gripping tale of Bella Manningham. Is she going mad, or does she feel this way because of the actions of her sadistic husband Jack?

November 4th - 9th

Made in Dagenham

From the book by Richard Bean

Music by David Arnold, Lyrics by Richard Thomas

Directed by Alison Baker

Musical Director Phil Toms

Made in Dagenham is based on the real-life events of the 1968 Ford sewing machinists strike in Dagenham, England. The story centres on Rita O'Grady, a working-class woman who becomes an unlikely leader in the fight for gender equality

Check our website for updates and changes: -
www.manifesttheatre.co.uk.

Call our mobile Box Office on: **07444 724271**



Manifest
Website

Ticket Source
Booking Office



Become a Member Today

We are always excited to welcome enthusiastic new members to our group. Young or old at any level of expertise and in any of the departments we can find a place for you to make the most of your talents. Costumes, stage management, props, there are numerous ways in which you can contribute to our lively little theatre. If acting is your thing why not come along and try out for one of our plays or musicals?



Manifest Junior and Youth Groups

We have a vibrant Junior Group for those aged 8 up to the end of school year 6 and a Youth Group for years 8 to 11. If your child is interested, (There is a waiting list) please contact us for info at : juniors@manifesttheatre.co.uk also check out our website: www.manifesttheatre.co.uk



Previous Productions

Manifest Theatre 2023 production of "Calendar Girls". Directed by Kerry King. Another sell-out show that demonstrates the depth of both acting and directing talents within our theatre.



A great production of a little-known Tennessee Williams play "Summer & Smoke" that sold out every performance. Directed by Alison Baker, supported by a very talented cast.

