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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.

Please support your local theatre

Committee Members 2024 - 2025

At the Annual General Meeting a new committee was elected for 2024 - 2025. 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.
Box Office Manager - Heather Thompson. Alison Baker
Publicity Officers – Alison Baker, Ben Maytham.
Safeguarding Officer – Chris Sadd
General Committee Members:
Ben Maytham, Alan Wheeler, Lea Friend, Will Parrick,
and Nigel Morton.



Chairperson

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.

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



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Manifest Theatre



PRODUCTIONS AND EVENTS

January – December 2025

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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

25th February - 1st March

The Minutes

by Tracy Letts

Directed by Will Parrick

Set during a council meeting in an all-American small town of Big Cherry. The Minutes is an astonishing, pitch-black satire on the current state of American politics. It is unpredictable, hilarious and impactful.

27th May – 31st May

Playhouse Creatures

By April De Angelis

Directed by Kerry King

Bawdy, bloody and bold – this earthy account of the lives of some of the first English actresses is funny yet honest and gritty. Life was tough and the gutter never far away.

30th July – 2nd August

The Ferryman

By Jez Butterworth

Directed by Ben Maytham

Set during The Troubles. The Ferryman tells the story of the family of a former IRA volunteer. A gripping tale of betrayal, redemption and secrets unearthed.

4th November - 8th November

Sister Act – The Musical

Book by Cheri Steinkellner and Bill Steinkellner, Music by Alan Menken,

Lyrics by Glenn Slater,

Directed by Alison Baker

Sister Act is a musical based on the hit 1992 film of the same name. Sister Act - The musical explores themes of friendship, redemption, and the power of music.

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?



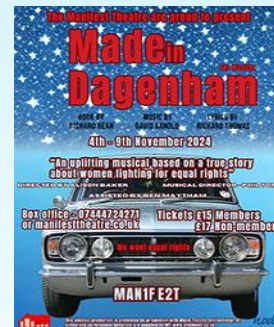
Manifest Junior and Youth Groups

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

Our first big musical, Made in Dagenham, was a huge success. After selling out within one week we had to add a further performance. A musical that brought everyone together and demonstrated the depth of both acting and directing talents within our theatre.



Our first ever production of a "Manifest Minifest" was a sold out sensation. Directed by Alison Baker. Over 24 hours we built the set, learnt the lines and performed 2 sell out shows of The Vicar of Dibley. Another sell out show that brought everyone together in our wonderful theatre.

