

The Friends of Strode Theatre

Registered Charity no. 1112942

Please join the Friends of Strode Theatre and help us keep Mid Somerset's venue for live theatre, film and visual art alive and flourishing during these challenging times

We have more than 800 Friends and have raised over £250,000 since our inception in 2006, through annual donations, the 'Adopt-A-Seat' scheme, fundraising events like quiz nights, Gift Aid, other donations and fund-raising performances.

Friends benefit from a week of priority booking on each season and special events that are only open to Friends.

To join us, we ask for a donation of at least £20 for one person, or £30 for two people at the same address, per year. If you prefer to spread the expense, or give a bit more without noticing it so much, you can now opt to pay from £2 per month (for one Friend) or £3 per month (for two Friends at the same address) by standing order.

YOU CAN PAY BY

CHEQUE - Annual payment, made payable to Strode College.

CASH - Annual payment, in person at the Strode Theatre Box Office only please.

CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD - Annual payment, in person or by phone at the Strode Theatre Box Office.

STANDING ORDER - Either monthly or annually. This option saves us admin time and money in sending out reminder letters. You can cancel a Standing Order at any time.

ONLINE BANKING - Either monthly or annually. If you prefer to set up your own standing order online, please let us know so that we can update your entry on the box office system.

Please fill in both sections of the form overleaf and return it to the address below.

THE FRIENDS OF STRODE THEATRE

Strode Theatre, Church Road,
Street, Somerset BA16 0AB

Box Office Tel: **01458 442846**

E mail: **theatre@strode-college.ac.uk**

www.strode-theatre.org.uk/support-us/friends

How the Friends are helping Strode Theatre

The Friends of Strode Theatre was founded as a registered charity in 2006, when the funding climate for the arts in Somerset started to give cause for concern. Since then, Strode Theatre's local authority funding has almost completely disappeared with only Street Parish Council offering very welcome financial support. The support of The Friends is now absolutely vital for the survival of this centre for the arts in mid Somerset.

The Friends have contributed greatly to the development of Strode Theatre, as both community theatre and independent cinema, in many different ways. Funds have been spent on large-scale projects like the replacement of the theatre seats in 2007 and the development of the 64-seat Studio on the first floor in 2015. Smaller projects are equally important, including the purchase of technical equipment for digital projection and satellite screenings, the replacement of ageing and outdated equipment onstage and backstage, and the move to LED lighting in much of the building, substantially reducing our overhead costs in that area.

In this increasingly technical age, the support of The Friends will continue to be essential to keep pace with developments. These are important innovations and solutions that keep Strode Theatre and Cinema the vibrant, relevant, multi-functional local centre which is valued by so many different people in our community and beyond.

When you join The Friends, you become part of the success story that is Strode Theatre and Cinema and join like-minded people who have enthusiasm for the arts in this rural area and consider it important enough to take this extra little step to make sure it continues to thrive.



Join us
We need you
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Please make friends with your local theatre and cinema
THE FRIENDS OF STRODE THEATRE

Please accept me as a
Friend of Strode Theatre

SINGLE PERSON

(minimum £20 per year or £2 per month)

TWO PEOPLE AT THE SAME ADDRESS

(minimum £30 per year or £3 per month)

Name(s)

Address

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Postcode

Telephone

Email.....

I/we would like to donate £..... per year
OR

I/we would like to donate £.....Per month

I wish to pay by:

CHEQUE/CASH

(Cheque payable to Strode College, please don't post cash)

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD

(In person or by phone please at the box office)

STANDING ORDER

(please complete the instruction - essential for monthly payments please)

ONLINE BANKING

(If you prefer to set up your own standing order online, please let us know so that we can update your entry on the box office system)

SIGNATURE.....

DATE

Standing Order Instruction

To (name of your bank)

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Bank address

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Please pay to Lloyds Bank, Street:

Sort Code: 30-98-28

Account No: 00927321

for the credit of **The Friends of Strode Theatre**

ANNUALLY £

in words

OR

MONTHLY £

in words

Commencing 1st day of (month) 20.....

and thereafter **ANNUALLY/MONTHLY** (delete as appropriate) until further notice. Please allow two weeks for your bank to put the STO in place.

PLEASE DEBIT ACCOUNT:

Name.....

Sort Code (6 digits).....

Account Number (max 8 digits)

SIGNATURE.....

DATE

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Don't forget to tick the Gift Aid box if you are a UK taxpayer. This really makes a substantial difference to us. However please do check the declaration as it is important we process it all correctly.

Thank you.

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made

Today in the past 4 years in the future

Please tick all boxes you wish to apply

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008.

Please notify the charity if you:

- Want to cancel this declaration
- Change your name or home address
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.