



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.

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 £15 for one person, or £25 for two people at the same address, per year.

If you want 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

Please complete this form and return it to:

**The Friends of Strode Theatre**  
**Church Road, STREET, BA16 0AB**

*Please don't forget to tick the Gift Aid box if you are a UK taxpayer. This really makes a substantial difference to us.*

**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.strodetheatre.co.uk

## Please accept me as a Friend of Strode Theatre

- Single Person  
 (minimum £15 per year *or* £2 per month)
- Two People at the same address  
 (minimum £25 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:

- Standing Order (please complete the instruction-essential for monthly payments please)
- Cash (please do not send cash in the post)
- Cheque (payable to Friends of Strode Theatre)

### GIFT AID

- I am a UK tax payer and would like this and all future donations to be treated as Gift Aid until further notice.

Signed: .....

Date.....

## STANDING ORDER INSTRUCTION

To (name of your bank) .....

Bank Address .....

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Please pay to Lloyds TSB, Street, Sort Code 30-98-28

Account no 0927321

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** (please delete as appropriate) until further notice.

Please debit account:

Name.....

Sort Code (6 digits) ..... - ..... - .....

Account number (max 8 digits): .....

SIGNATURE(S): .....

Date.....

## The Friends of Strode Theatre

Registered Charity no. 1112942

We have nearly 600 Friends and have raised almost £85,000 since our inception in 2006, through annual donations, the 'Adopt-A-Seat' scheme, fund-raising events like craft fairs and quiz nights, Gift Aid, other donations and fund-raising performances.

'Friends' membership will make you eligible for priority booking (one week before each new season) and special Friends events.

To join us, we ask for a donation of at least £15 for one person, or £25 for two people at the same address, per year.

As a number of Friends have requested monthly payments, you can now opt to pay from £2 per month (for one Friend) or £3 per month (for two Friends at the same address).

You can pay by :

**Cash** (Annual payment, in person at the Strode Theatre Box Office only, please),

**Cheque** (Annual, made payable to The Friends of Strode Theatre)

or by **Standing Order** (This option saves us admin time and money in sending out reminder letters. You can cancel a Standing Order at any time)

Please fill in both sections of the form overleaf and return it to:

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## How the Friends are helping Strode Theatre weather the funding drought:

During the summer of 2011 the Theatre lighting has started going "green". Energy efficient LED lighting in the foyer, the auditorium and on stage will make a great difference to the Theatre's energy consumption and, of course, the electricity bill. The Friends are giving £12,000 towards this major re-fit, which will involve changing not just the light bulbs, but also many of the fittings.

And a further Friends donation of £12,000 has enabled Strode Theatre's projection room to go digital. More and more films are becoming available only in the digital format, limiting the choice of what the Theatre can now programme. Digital projection is now a well-tried and tested technology, and it's time for Strode Theatre to catch up, particularly as we are committing to continuing with the 'little gem' films that you appreciate from all around the world. We will also be installing a satellite dish on the theatre roof, in the hope of screening live broadcasts of plays, operas, ballet and other events from national and international venues.

Friends funds since 2006 have contributed to new sound systems for live shows and film, for the new seats and carpets, for the new box office system including online booking.

**Join the Friends - be part of the  
future of Strode Theatre!**

# THE FRIENDS OF STRODE THEATRE



## *JOIN US!*

**Please make Friends  
with your local Theatre  
and Film Venue**

## *WE NEED YOU*