

Eastern Massachusetts Association of Community Theatres (EMACT) Membership Renewal

Why go it alone? Communicate, Promote, Educate, Support, Recognize, Celebrate. We all benefit when we join together!

Once again, it is time to renew our membership in EMACT. Our new membership year begins on 1 September 2009. Community theatre companies or groups must be members of EMACT to enjoy its benefits and services, which include the DASH program, the ETC program, and the annual Festival. For 2009-10 we have kept the basic membership fees the same, but have made some changes in the early discount fees and options. The fee for Individual membership is still \$20. The Basic fee for Companies/Groups is still \$50, and is available throughout the year.

The Distinguished Achievement and Special Honors (DASH) program sends reviewers to two different performances of a group's show, who rate every aspect of the show according to standard criteria. At the end of the year those with the highest ratings are nominated for awards in many categories. The winners are announced at the annual EMACT Gala. For 2009-10 the DASH fee has been kept at \$35. For theatre groups located beyond 30 miles from Boston, the fee is \$45, to allow for the extra fuel expense.

The EMACT Theater Consulting (ETC) program sends a consultant to either a performance or a dress rehearsal of a group's show. Written or verbal feedback is provided to the production staff and/or cast. The ETC fees remain unchanged at \$35 verbal or \$50 written.

More detailed information about the DASH and ETC programs are available on the EMACT website at <http://www.emact.org>.

The annual Festival provides a fully equipped stage on which groups present one-hour shows, followed by comments from three adjudicators. Nominations and awards are given in many categories. The entry fee for the festival is \$150. We do expect the Festival to go on as planned in June 2010.

For 2009-10 we are once again offering discounted bundled fees to groups who know they want to use any of these services and sign up early. These bundled fees are available only until 1 October 2009, after which only the \$50 basic fee for groups will be available. This year we are again extending the early discount by a month, to allow groups more time to plan their year.

Basic Company/Group membership plus:

- DASH entry of two shows: \$110. This is a savings of \$10 for groups closer to Boston, or \$30 for the more distant groups.
- Festival entry: \$175. A savings of \$25.
- Two DASH and Festival: \$235. A savings of at least \$35.

New members and renewing members for 2009-10 can sign up now. Either use the enclosed paper application form and pay by check, or save time by using the online form and pay via PayPal, at <http://www.emact.org>. Thank you and welcome back!

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Membership Application Form – for Individual or Company/Group

For the Membership Year from 1 September 2009 thru 31 August 2010.

Includes: Free Website Bulletin Board Posting; Directory listing; and qualify for use of any EMACT service (upon payment of any applicable service fee).

Individual Membership – Fee \$20

Name:		Email Address:	
Address:		Home Telephone:	
		Your Theatre Affiliation (if any)	
City:		State & Zip Code:	

Use a separate form for each individual application. See below for payment and mailing instructions.

Company/Group Membership – Basic Fee \$50

Name of Company:		Office Email Address:	
Address:		Theatre/Business Telephone:	
		Website address:	
City:		State & Zip Code:	

Company President:		Email Address:	
Address:		Home Telephone:	
		Work Telephone (if authorized)	
City:		State & Zip Code:	

Publicity Director:		Email Address:	
Address:		Home Telephone:	
		Work Telephone (if authorized)	
City:		State & Zip Code:	

Rep to EMACT:		Email Address:	
Address:		Home Telephone:	
		Work Telephone (if authorized)	
City:		State & Zip Code:	

Make check payable to EMACT. Mail check and form to: EMACT Membership / c/o Chuck Holleman / 86 Overlook Drive / Carlisle, MA 01741. Or, fill out the application online and pay via PayPal at <http://www.emact.org>. Individual Fee: \$20. Company/Group Fee: Basic \$50. Additional early discount fees for groups are available until 1 October 2009. With 2 DASH entries: \$110. With Festival entry: \$175. With 2 DASH and Festival: \$235.

Amount Enclosed \$		EMACT is a tax-exempt 501 (c) (3) not for profit corporation, dedicated to educating and promoting community theatre in Eastern Massachusetts.
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