

# COTSWOLD PLAYHOUSE - FRIENDS RENEWAL FORM

(Please complete in block capitals)

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tick one of the following:**

**I enclose a cheque for £5 made payable to Cotswold Players**

**I have completed the Standing Order form below**

**I wish to become a patron and enclose a cheque for £50**

**Please see our note overleaf.**

There is no obligation, but if you would like to be more involved,  
please **tick** any of the things you are prepared to do or to help with.

Bar -

FoH -

The subscription year is from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**When completed please return the form together with your cheque,  
to the Treasurer:**

**Sarah Goodwin, Amber Hill, Amberley, Stroud, GL5 5AN**

STANDING ORDER MANDATE	To _____	Bank plc	Sort Code: - -
Address: _____			
Signature	Date	Account to be debited	Account Number

Please pay Lloyds Bank PLC, 12 Rowcroft, Stroud, Glos. GL5 3BP (Sort Code 30-98-29) for the credit of Cotswold Players, Account No: 00473196. (This instruction cancels any previous order in favour of this beneficiary.)

The Sum of	Amount in figures	Amount in Words	Quoting Reference (CP use only)
	£		
Date of first payment:		Payment Frequency: Annually	
Pay until you receive notice from me/us in writing / Pay until (Date):			<i>Please delete as applicable</i>

**COTSWOLD**

# PLAYHOUSE

Stroud's Own Theatre

[www.cotswoldplayhouse.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldplayhouse.co.uk)

Dear '*Friends*'

Subscriptions are now due for renewal as Friends of the Cotswold Playhouse.

We hope you have enjoyed the advantages of concessionary booking (£2 off for our own productions) and that you will renew for another year at the same (very reasonable!) price of £5. If you prefer not to have to renew every year, you can fill in the standing order form below (or become a patron) which makes life much easier for both you and us!

**Do please let us know if you now have an email address** as it is much easier for us to keep in contact with you that way.

**We also need your help** in a matter that could threaten the future of the Playhouse as a viable entity. The issue of adequately staffing the Playhouse for all events has become a serious challenge. During the last three to five years the Cotswold Playhouse programme has significantly increased, as a result of our success in attracting other companies to hire the facilities. Schools come to the Playhouse to perform their Summer plays and touring professionals regularly list us as a favoured venue. Such success places on us the requirement of providing for the comfort and safety of several thousand visitors in a season.

In the last year there were 55 performances at the Playhouse at each of which we need to have 4-6 people present in order to provide a full Front of House (FoH) service. That's over 300 sessions we need to fill.

**Can you help?** Front-of-house is not an onerous task - there is always the opportunity to chat with friends old and new; there is frequently the opportunity to sit in on a show that you may not have gone to see otherwise and from now on we are also offering a drink on the house!

So what's involved? There will normally be 2 or 3 people helping the experienced FoH Manager and they might be doing teas and coffees; selling programmes or collecting tickets at the door. In the interval, there's ice creams to sell and at the end, a quick whip round the auditorium with the rubbish sack. Helping on the bar is another alternative and, again, there is always an experienced bar manager there.

For a normal 7.30 start, you'd need to be there by 6.45 and you're free to go as soon as we have got the audience away.

We'd be delighted if anyone would like to help, even if it's only once or twice a year. You can sign up online on the website by entering the Friends login (cpfriend) and password (theatre) and then clicking on Friends – Rotas. Alternatively, just call Jeremy Keck on 01453 872300 and he'll sort it out for you. You can also call him if you have any questions.

If you **can** help, please tick the box(es) on the enclosed renewal form and then we know we can ring you up and ask when we are stuck!