

2024



ACTIVE MEMBER PROGRAM



MEMBERSHIP: WHO WE ARE



The St. Bart's Players, founded in 1927, is the longest-running, non-profit community theater group in New York City. For more than 95 years, we have been dedicated to presenting high-caliber quality theater at affordable prices.

Our home base is St. Bartholomew's Church, 325 Park Avenue at 51st Street in Manhattan, where meetings, auditions, rehearsals, cabarets, parties and other fun events are held. Most of our members, including the governing Advisory Board, hold full-time day jobs in a wide variety of careers and pursue their love of theater in their off-hours.



St. Bart's Players

QUALITY THEATRE FOR OVER 80 YEARS

A GROWING MEMBERSHIP!

2016: 37 PAID MEMBERS



2023: 102 PAID MEMBERS

A 190% INCREASE IN 7 YEARS!

ACTIVE MEMBER

Based on membership feedback, we have defined what it means to be a member of the St. Bart's Players.

And, the good news is...it is simple to earn crew credits and get the most out of your membership.

STAR SYSTEM

All paid members are eligible to audition with no barriers.* However, the more active with the group you are, the more benefits you receive.

The Star system focuses on two levels of membership:

- Active Paid Member
- Paid Member

*Please note: If you have been cast and performed with the St. Bart's Players within the past five seasons, you must pay your annual dues before you can again audition for a Mainstage production. You also must be a paid member before you can accrue "stars" toward active membership.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Members must collect “three stars” to be considered active members.

Most opportunities award a full three-star credit, while others award “stars” based on participation.

For example, producing, crewing backstage or working front-of-house for all performances of a Mainstage production are the simplest ways to earn three stars and gain active membership status.



HOW DOES IT WORK?

Paid members can still enjoy many benefits of being a Player, but do not receive preferential treatment in our casting policy (70% of our Mainstage-show casts are comprised of paid, active-status Players; the remaining 30% are comprised of paid members or new membership). First-time nonmembers may audition for Mainstage productions but must become a paid member if cast.

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OVERVIEW OF ACTIVE PAID MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



- 70% of our Mainstage show casts comprise paid, active-status Players, if enough Active Members audition. Otherwise, we aim to cast 70% of those who audition. You skip the line and are seen first at Mainstage auditions
- You gain access to members-only Meet and Greets with directors (paid & active)
- You receive preferential casting treatment for fundraisers and monthly table reads (whenever possible), and can pitch to produce your own fundraiser
- You can attend members-only social outings to karaoke, happy hours, parties and more (paid & active)
- You get first dibs at behind-the-scenes positions and leadership opportunities



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HOW TO EARN ACTIVE MEMBER STATUS

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Some opportunities in the group award full credit while other, less time-consuming opportunities gather credit toward full active status.



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HOW DOES ONE EARN ACTIVE MEMBER STATUS

3-STAR OPPORTUNITIES:

- Crew a Mainstage (Full Role - Props, Assistant Stage Management, Light/Sound Board Op, Running Crew, etc.)
- House Manage a Mainstage show or volunteer for Front-of-House for all shows in a given run
- Produce a Mainstage show
- Produce a 3rd-floor event or fundraiser



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HOW DOES ONE EARN ACTIVE MEMBER STATUS

2-STAR OPPORTUNITIES:

- Actively participate on a committee, such as Marketing or Fundraising
- Sign up for a crew role - ideally for a full run, but for at least half of all performances – Front of House, Backstage, etc.
- Create and run three social events



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HOW ARE STARS RECORDED & MONITORED?

Board leadership tally volunteer credits at the conclusion of each Mainstage show, event and opportunity.

There are no rollover stars from term-to-term. Once a member collects three stars, they will be eligible for active member status.



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HOW LONG DOES ACTIVE MEMBER STATUS LAST?

After being granted active member status, members remain in that status for 12 months. They will need to volunteer (and accrue stars) in each new 12-month period to have the active member status renewed prior to a Mainstage production.



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QUESTIONS?

Q: HOW MANY STARS DO I HAVE?

Email Tracey Altman if you are unsure. traceyaltman@yahoo.com

Q: CAN I STILL AUDITION IF I ONLY HAVE ONE OR TWO STARS?

Yes! But you will not be considered part of the 70% at auditions.