

## Membership:

To be a member of South Manchester AOS costs £45 per annum (£22.50 Concessions) – this needs to be paid every January at the AGM (Annual General Meeting). This covers our running costs and the venue we rehearse in etc.

You need to pay your membership every year to maintain your membership.

There is also an option for those wishing to support the Society to be a “Friend of SMAOS” which costs £10 per annum but excludes any voting rights and on-stage participation.

In addition to this there is a Stage Fee for each show of around £25 – you are only required to pay this fee should you take an on-stage role within the production.

These fees go towards a variety of running costs such as rehearsal room hire, royalties, insurance, licences and the general budget for productions.

## Social:

We pride ourselves on being a very social society. Normally after rehearsals a group go to one of the local pub. We also organise a few fun social events per year which help raise funds for the society. These have included an annual ball, quiz nights and games evenings etc.

## Website:

Don't forget to check out our website at [www.smaos.org.uk](http://www.smaos.org.uk) and also find us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com.SouthManchesterAOS](http://www.facebook.com.SouthManchesterAOS)) to be kept up to date of rehearsals and SMAOS news!



## A guide for members

*Registered Charity No. 1162025*

## Welcome!

On behalf of the committee and the membership welcome to SMAOS!  
We are a friendly and welcoming society and hope you will enjoy being a member and stay for many years!

## Trustees:



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Kevin Proctor

If you have any questions please ask a member of the committee who will be happy to help you, just seek one of us out!

## How we work:

We do two musicals per year; one in Spring and one in Autumn.

We have also been invited to perform at Showcase at the Lowry in the Summer the last few years.

All paid up members can be involved with any show we are putting on, as a chorus member or production crew (or both!). Principal roles are normally auditioned for. As a paid up member you are welcome to audition for as many parts as you like.

Typically, each show requires a chorus, and principal roles, as well as a tech team for sound and lighting, wardrobe, props, production manager, set builder and many hands on deck back stage and front of house. If you feel you are interested in helping out the society in one of these ways please let us know.

## Shows:

Shows are currently performed at the Z Arts Theatre in Hulme. The performances typically run at 7:30pm Monday – Saturday, normally there is a matinee on Saturdays, although this is subject to change on a show by show basis. Tickets are around £14. We encourage the membership to take an active role in ticket sales...encouraging friends, colleagues and family to come, and also helping out with publicity activities to ensure the continued success of the society.

There is usually a technical and dress rehearsal on the Sunday before show week which we need all cast and crew of that particular production to attend.

## Rehearsals:

We meet for rehearsals on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, (which of the evenings you are required is dependent upon your particular role in the production). When we get closer to the show week attendance is required 3 or 4 Sunday afternoons during the run up to show week.

We ask everyone to be prepared to attend all rehearsals as when there are absentees it is very difficult to progress the show.

We have a short tea break at every rehearsal, where tea or coffee is available for 30p, when we can share announcements, have a catch up and sometimes cake