

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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I / We wish to join The Friends of Chester Mystery Plays:

Annual Subscription (please tick one)

- Individual Member £10
 Joint Membership (couple) £15
 Other* £
(*Please fill in voluntary higher subscription)

Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Title)

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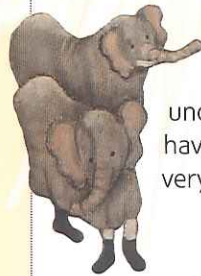
BENEFITS TO US...

By joining Friends of Chester Mystery Plays, you will be close to the action, part of the team. And the Plays will benefit from your enthusiasm, knowledge and networking ability.

AND TO YOU...

And what are the benefits to you? To show our appreciation of your loyal support, being a Friend can be as rewarding as you wish. For supporting Chester Mystery Plays' aims and objectives and encouraging interest from others, we offer:

- ★ A range of social events exclusive to Friends
- ★ An invitation to 2008 launch
- ★ Opportunities to be involved in the production
- ★ An invitation to attend rehearsals
- ★ A Friends' Reception during the production
- ★ Acknowledgement in the programme
- ★ Annual newsletter



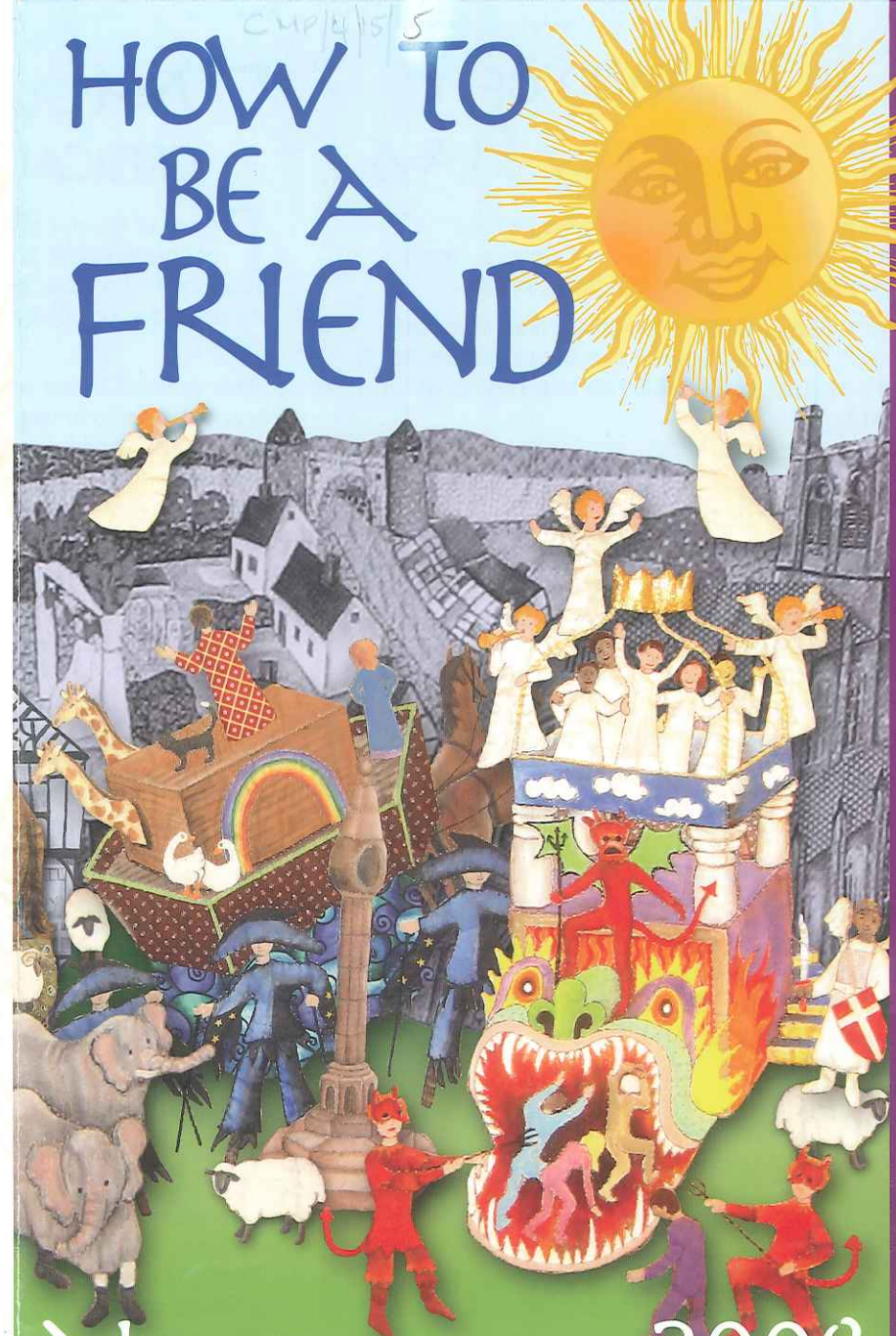
Organisation of Chester Mystery Plays 2008 is well underway and we would love to have you aboard - we look forward very much to your joining us.

THANK YOU

Chester Mystery Plays Ltd, an independent company with charitable status, is committed to staging the plays regularly and was specifically formed for that purpose. The Lord Mayor of Chester and the Dean of Chester are numbered among our vice-presidents; an artistic director, composer/director of music and project manager are appointed by the board for each production.

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HOW TO BE A FRIEND



NEXT PRODUCTION 2008 JUNE 28TH - JULY 19TH

CHESTER MYSTERY PLAYS

BECOME A FRIEND OF CHESTER MYSTERY PLAYS

The next production of Chester's famous medieval mystery plays takes place on Chester Cathedral Green in the heart of historic Chester, June 28-July 19, 2008.

Performed approximately every five years in modern times, Chester Mystery Plays are a treasured part of not only the North West's cultural heritage, but also of Britain's, attracting visitors from all over the world.

ABOUT THE PLAYS

Currently the only mystery plays in full-scale regular production, Chester Mystery Plays is one of the largest

community projects in the country. With a cast and crew of hundreds drawn from the local community, the event is a unique theatrical spectacular. Moving, entertaining and uplifting, the staging of the eternal story of mankind drawn from stories in the Bible has riveted and enthralled audiences through the ages.

In their 14th-century world, the Plays were first performed by city guildsmen and could be said to be the original street theatre. Chester's was the longest-running cycle in medieval times prior to a national ban and can claim the most complete surviving manuscripts in existence.

After the Chester cycle was revived in 1951 to celebrate the Festival of Britain, Chester Mystery Plays Ltd was formed to safeguard the plays and to ensure their continued production and relevance to modern audiences.



MUCH LOVED & CRITICALLY -ACCLAIMED

Patron of Chester Mystery Plays is The Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, W.A. Bromley Davenport, and the thousands who have flocked to Chester to see the Plays in the past have included royalty and many other distinguished visitors.

While various Chester productions have featured on national tv and radio and in newspapers and magazines, the city's actual script is also used by many leading stage professionals including those in London, Liverpool and at the Royal Shakespeare Company. They are also often a source of inspiration to other production companies in Britain and around the world.



JOIN US IN SUPPORTING THIS UNIQUE CULTURAL EVENT

Medieval records reveal that a rehearsal once cost 6d (six old pence, two and a half new pence), that a person playing Mary was awarded 10d and a further 2d was spent on coercing another person to take part!

Today no-one needs bribing and actors are not paid, but rehearsal space remains just one of the many expenses involved in staging this unique event. The huge overall cost is the prime reason for the interval of five years between productions and presents a constant challenge which the company strives hard to meet.

Friends of Chester Mystery Plays can help contribute by their small subscription and in supporting or even helping to organise various fund-raising events.

For anyone interested in the arts and in nurturing the special cultural treasure that is Chester Mystery Plays, to be a Friend promises to be satisfying as well as pleasurable.

Telephone: 01244 380172

HOW TO JOIN : CHECK LIST

- ★ Fill in the application and include a cheque for this year's subscription.
- ★ Paying future subscriptions by Banker's Order saves time and administrative expense, but if you prefer to pay by cheque then subscriptions are due each June.
- ★ If you are a UK tax-payer, please also complete the Gift Aid declaration form. This will enable The Friends to reclaim tax on your subscription and any other donation you make, thus increasing significantly the funds available to us.
- ★ Please return all completed forms to:
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