

The League of Independent Theater, Inc. (LIT)

Membership Application

❖ The Objectives of LIT

- To promote the artistic and economic interests of theater professionals working in New York City in theaters of up to 99 seats;
- To organize and protect its members to ensure that independent theater is economically viable for all of its practitioners; and
- To advocate on behalf of the decades-old tradition of off-off Broadway theater to ensure that it remains, and grows, as a thriving artistic and economic sector in New York City.

❖ Benefits & Services to Members

➤ *Advocacy on behalf of the membership*

- Organizing members to form a united front and a forum for the New York off-off theater community
- Providing leverage for theater companies to negotiate with unions and trade associations on working conditions for actors and other theater professionals in theaters of up to 99 seats
- Marketing and branding Independent Theater for the general public
- Lobbying government, businesses and foundations for grants, real estate, tax incentives and other benefits for this theater sector

➤ *Additional benefits for members*

- Exclusive members-only access to content on the LIT website, including online newsletters, member alerts, updates on LIT negotiating & lobbying efforts, community bulletin boards, and publicity and links for member productions

- Centralized resource for information, documents & links for practitioners of Independent Theater (e.g. best practices, union issues, insurance, real estate)
- Networking opportunities through parties and community events
- Member discounts and other benefits

❖ **Membership Categories**

- **Artist/Professional (Class A/P)** – any individual who has participated as a producer, writer, director, designer or member of the cast or crew in three (3) or more stage productions in theaters of up to 99 seats in New York City

Voting Rights: 1 vote per Member
(Class A/P elects 5 seats on the Board of Directors)

Membership fee: \$50/year

- **Company/Venue (Class C/V)** – (i) any organization or venue that has produced or presented three (3) or more stage productions in theaters of up to 99 seats in New York City and has an annual operating budget of less than \$5 million; or (ii) any theater service organization that primarily supports companies and artists working in theaters of up to 99 seats in New York City

Voting Rights: 2 votes per Member
(Class C/V elects 6 seats on the Board of Directors)

Membership fee: \$100/year

- **Supporter** – any individual or organization that wishes to support LIT’s causes, access the LIT website, and receive information on LIT activities & events

Non-Voting Member
Membership fee: \$35/year

- **Student** – any student who wishes to support LIT’s causes, access the LIT website, and receive information on LIT activities & events

Non-Voting Member
Membership fee: \$20/year

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

This is an application for

Artist/Professional _____ Company/Venue _____ Supporter _____ Student _____

Name of individual filling out this form _____

Legal name of individual or organization

Street
address _____

City _____

_____ Zip _____

_____ Daytime phone _____

Email _____

If applying as an Artist/Professional, are you a member of Actors' Equity Association?

___ Yes ___ No

If applying for A/P or C/V membership, list your last three productions.

1. Title of Show _____

Venue _____

Producing Organization _____

Dates of Run _____

2. Title of Show _____

Venue _____

Producing Organization _____

Dates of Run _____

3.

Title of Show _____

Venue _____

Producing Organization _____

Dates of Run _____

If applying for company/venue membership:

For Profit ____ Nonprofit ____ Fiscally Sponsored ____ (by) _____

Year Incorporated _____

Year of first production _____

Do you operate your own venue? Yes _____ No _____

Average # of productions a year? _____

Average annual budget _____

What is your average production budget? _____ N/A _____

Signature _____

Date _____

PLEASE RETURN ALL APPLICATIONS TO:

THE LEAGUE OF INDEPENDENT THEATER

ATTN: JENNIFER CONLEY DARLING

401 WEST 24 STREET, #8, NEW YORK, NY 10011

**DO NOT INCLUDE ANY MONEY WITH THIS APPLICATION. YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE
REVIEWED IN A TIMELY MANNER BY THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AND YOU WILL BE
CONTACTED REGARDING YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS.**