

Welcome & Membership Agreement

Onstage Involvement

At The DODS, we are proud to be an inclusive and welcoming group that values both creativity and fairness. As outlined in our constitution, all individuals taking part in shows must be paid-up members of the society. Technically, this also applies to auditions. However, we understand that it's not reasonable to expect prospective cast members to commit financially before knowing whether they have been cast.

To strike a practical balance between our formal requirements and real-world expectations, The DODS adopts the following approach:

1. Auditions Without Prior Membership

We allow individuals to audition without being a paid-up member. This flexibility is offered in good faith, to remove unnecessary barriers for new participants and to encourage wider involvement in our productions.

2. Membership Required Upon Casting

If you are successfully offered a part in a production, we consider that your formal participation has begun. At this point, you are required to become a member of The DODS, and an invoice for the annual membership subscription will be issued to you.

3. Payment Timeline

We kindly ask that this subscription fee is paid within 30 days of being cast. This ensures fairness to all members and supports the continued operation of the group and its productions.

4. Non-Payment

If membership fees are not received within the 30-day period, we reserve the right to review your continued involvement in the production. While we always aim for a constructive solution, unpaid subscriptions place an administrative and financial burden on the society and cannot be sustained indefinitely.

The 30-day timeframe has also been set to ensure that, in the rare event a role needs to be recast due to non-payment, there is still adequate time for an alternative cast member to step in and prepare. This timeline is intended to be both fair and generous, while also protecting the smooth running of the production for everyone involved.

5. Support and Communication

We understand that circumstances vary, and we encourage open communication. If you foresee any difficulty in meeting the membership requirement, please contact the membership team as early as possible so we can explore potential solutions together. Email: membership@the-dods.com

By auditioning for a DODS production, you acknowledge that you have read and understood this agreement, and accept the expectations outlined above.

Let us know if you have any questions - we're here to help, Whether you're new here or a longtime member, we're thrilled to have you as part of The DODS family this year!