# BEING IN A GALLERY PLAYER'S SHOW

For those who haven't been in a Gallery Players production before, here are some things to know:

The Gallery Players is a charity run by a small Steering Group: ***Steve Taplin, Steve Wooldridge, Dave Borthwick, Wade Ablitt, Will Dowe***, **Clare Dungey & Becky Linge**. Its aim is to produce lesser known, rarely produced plays and musicals.

The Gallery Studio Theatre is run by Gallery Players as a venue and rehearsal space for Gallery Players productions and is also available for hire by other organisations and individuals. We receive no grants for the 'day to day' running of the Studio which is funded solely by tickets sales and kind donations.

***Gallery Players does not have a membership list. However, when you become part of a Gallery Players production you may be asked to pay a small acting fee (this can vary for different shows). We do not charge rehearsal fees, or indeed any other fees, so your acting fee also helps the group cover the cost of rehearsals, and contributes to the cost of costumes and the many other expenses involved in putting on a show.***

Once you have committed to the production you will be informed of the proposed rehearsal dates. You should let the director know of any rehearsals you cannot make before rehearsals start. The expectation is that you will then be available as called.

You may be given a show-specific security code for the front door to cover the rehearsal and performance period. This code must not be shared with anyone else.

It is a longstanding Gallery tradition that members of the cast support the get in and get out process for their production, even if only for a couple of hours. No DIY skills are required – just enthusiasm and an awareness that this all part of being in a show!

If you want to keep in touch with future Gallery projects, please make sure we have your email address and give us permission to put you on our mailing list, because we want to keep in touch too!

There are many ways of keeping involved. We are always looking for people who are keen to help us make the Gallery Studio Theatre a vibrant and exciting place to be – not only as performers, but also as Front of House helpers, building and painting scenery, sorting out costumes and getting involved with stage management, sound and lighting.

Please let us know if you are interested in any of these areas. Have a word, or go to our website ***www.galleryplayers.co.uk*** and drop us a line on ***info@galleryplayers.co.uk***

Welcome - we hope you enjoy your experience of being a Gallery Player!

**<u>Safeguarding</u>**

Everyone who participates in *Gallery Players* or who performs at the *Gallery Studio Theatre* is entitled to do so in an enjoyable and safe environment. The organisation recognises it has a moral and legal obligation to ensure that, when given responsibility for young people, Directors, Drama Facilitators, fellow performers and volunteers provide them with the highest possible standard of care. To that end we review our Safeguarding Policy annually.

In the case of any productions using performers who are under 16, a member of the Safeguarding Team will attend the initial cast get together to introduce themselves, explain the Safeguarding measures that will be in place during rehearsals and performances and answer any questions.

A full copy of our Safeguarding Policy is available on the Gallery website (Policies section). The safeguarding leads are Steve Wooldridge & Becky Linge.

***We hope that everyone who works with us shows a general level of care for each other and all fellow performers, cast and crew***