

Mission Statement of The South Devon Players

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Who We Are

The South Devon Players Theatre And Film Company is based in Torbay, South Devon, with the main rehearsal base in Brixham, Devon. We are a professional, but non-profit organisation, and any money made goes directly back into the group to facilitate the continuation and growth of the team. (please see fund-raising policy). This is mainly funded by external fund-raising activities by our team, and by percentage fees from our casting agency and workshop classes.

What We Do

The South Devon Players specialise in historical and mythology-based theatre and film. In addition, we also run a professional casting agency for vetted, experienced actors, and workshops to allow performers and crew to develop new skills. All “speaking role” actors and creative in a main stage show or film (from October 2015 onwards, and unless stated as a “show-reel project” only, in advance) will be contracted on a profit-share basis. While the amount cannot be guaranteed, we think it important to recompense our team as much as is possible, for their efforts.

We have a strong ethos of

- 1) Promoting interest and education in history and mythology
- 2) Supporting other local festivals, groups and venues with performances/ entertainment,
- 3) Providing a friendly, hardworking team in which talented people in the Southwest are able to develop professional careers in theatre and/or film.
- 4) Promoting excellence and professionalism in local theatre and film productions
- 5) Supporting other professional production teams in, or visiting, the area, with a casting resource of trained, excellent performers.

Who We Cater To

Membership

We cater to people who, regardless of previous skills or experience are serious about, and capable of, developing a career in theatre and/or film, in a hardworking, dedicated, lively team.

Members are usually from a minimum age of 16, although occasionally younger members will be admitted, with written parental permission and mandatory attendance of parent/ legal guardian at all rehearsals and shows. Starting skills range from experienced in performing arts, through to complete beginners.

Members may also join to develop specific skills, either in a personal level or tied in with school/ college work experience, or as a hobby, but they need to fit in with the professional expectations of the team.

The theatre company has no religious or political bias, and remains strictly non-partisan, in order to allow people to enjoy shows and participation, regardless of religion, or political views.

Audiences

Audiences range across all ages and are local to, or visiting the venues at which the performances take place.

Other local groups and festivals

We support local (Torbay and South Devon) events/ groups/ festivals, with performances/ talks whenever possible (subject to availability of members to put on shows).