

EUROPEAN FESTIVALS ASSOCIATION MUSIC – THEATRE – DANCE

DIRECTIVES FOR FESTIVALS APPLYING FOR ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

1. Any festival interested in becoming a member of the EUROPEAN FESTIVALS ASSOCIATION (EFA) may receive the relevant documentation (Articles of Association, Internal Rules, etc ...) on the conditions of admission.
2. New Ordinary members pay an entry fee of 2.000,00 EURO. The new Ordinary member is due to pay this entry fee before the end of the financial year in which membership was voted by the General Assembly and this upon receipt of the invoice from the Secretariat.
3. The annual membership fee for Ordinary members currently amounts to 4.250,00 EURO (subject to future decision amending this amount).
4. The payment of the annual membership fee is requested every year by invoice. Every member, including a newly admitted one, is due to settle this annual fee before the end of the financial year covering the requested membership fee. Should this amount not be settled within the financial year, then the amount of the fee shall be automatically increased to 5.500,00 EURO.
5. Applications for membership have to be addressed to the Secretary General at the latest 2 months before the next planned General Assembly (Varna, 28 April – 1 May 2011) The Board shall examine the application and determine if and when it can be presented to the General Assembly.
6. The applicant is invited to find two (or more) EFA member festivals as referees in the application for membership. The application will of course gain conviction if there is a recommendation from the national festivals association of the country should it exist. The EFA secretariat is always at the applicant's disposal for any help on this matter.
7. The applicant informs EFA as precisely as possible on the nature of the festival through including the latest programme brochure or programme book, a press book, ... to the application.
8. After acceptance, EFA will present the applicant with an official letter of congratulations. This letter confirms its membership and underlines the aims of the Association, the Articles of the Association and Internal Rules and the duty of the applicant to fulfil its financial obligations. The letter invites of course the new member to be as active as possible in the Association. Being elected a new member, results in the acceptance of the new member of the Statutes and Internal rules of the organisation, as well as the financial obligations as described in point 2 and 3 of these directives.
9. At the General Assembly where the application is on the agenda for approval, a representative of the festival will already be invited to attend as an observer in order to meet existing members.
10. Of course there can always be a result that a candidate is not accepted by the General Assembly. The candidate will have the possibility to renew his candidacy.
11. When the festival is accepted as a member membership takes effect as soon as the entry fee has been paid. If no entry fee is due, membership shall take immediate effect.

These directives have been adopted by the Board on 28 January 2009 at its meeting in Ubeda. They enter into force with immediate effect and replace any previous regulations.

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