


**MID-PENNINE
ARTS ASSOCIATION**

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**MEMBERS
HANDBOOK**



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THE GALLERY DOWNSTAIRS,
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WELCOME TO MPAA

Thank you for joining Mid-Pennine Arts Association. As a member you are entitled to many benefits which include admission to our events and activities at reduced prices, discounts at local shops and theatres, free use of our hire equipment, free advance mailing of our seasonal brochure and much more.

This booklet is your handbook giving full details of these benefits, how you can use them and, where appropriate, under what conditions. We do hope that you will use your membership privileges to the full and if you need any further information do give us a ring or pop in to see us at The Gallery Downstairs - you'll always be very welcome.

MEMBERSHIP CARD

Your membership card is the key to all the benefits detailed in this booklet. Please sign your card and keep it in a safe place as you will need to produce it to claim the special offers. Should you lose your card, please let us know at once so that we can cancel your old card and issue you with a new one. Please remember that your card and the benefits are not transferable. Also, don't forget to let us know of any change of address.

FREE ADVANCE MAILING

All our members receive free advance mailing of our seasonal brochure giving full details of forthcoming events. To ensure that your brochure always arrives on time do let us know promptly of any change of address.

PRIORITY BOOKING

Because you receive advance details of our events and activities you can book your tickets for events or places on our workshops and excursions before the general public, guaranteeing your place. Please make use of this facility as often places on workshops and excursions and tickets for certain performances are likely to be booked early and are sometimes oversubscribed.

INVITATIONS TO GALLERY PREVIEWS

The Gallery Downstairs is fast becoming a major centre for the best in contemporary arts and crafts. We always hold a private view for our members where we invite you to join us for a glass of wine (or fruit juice) and to experience the delights of each new exhibition in the relaxed and friendly atmosphere of The Gallery Downstairs. Where possible, we also invite the exhibiting artists to join us for these evenings and you always have a chance to meet with the staff and discuss any aspects of the arts with them.

TICKET VOUCHERS

All members receive ticket vouchers each worth £1 off the admission price to MPAA events. We operate a two tier pricing system, a full price and a concessionary price for those in full time education, the unemployed, senior citizens and the registered disabled. As members, you can use your vouchers to claim £1 off the appropriate price for you. If you wish to claim the discount off the concessionary price you may be asked to produce evidence of your concessionary status in addition to your membership card.

MPAA occasionally jointly promotes an event with another organisation. It may not always be possible to offer member discounts on these events. Details of which events you may use your vouchers will appear in each season's brochure.

Ticket vouchers are issued when you renew your membership in April, or when you join. They are only valid in the membership year in which they are issued and our membership year runs from 1st April to 31st March. Unfortunately we cannot give credit for any unused vouchers and vouchers are not transferable.

HOW TO BOOK TICKETS

Tickets for all performances and places on workshops and excursions can be booked in advance at The Gallery Downstairs, Yorke Street, Burnley, BB11 1HD telephone Burnley (0282) 21986, which is open Monday to Friday 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m., Saturday and Bank Holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. and Sunday 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. You can pay by cash, cheque (made payable to MPAA) or by Access and Visa credit cards. If you make a postal booking please remember to send a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Telephone bookings can be made by Access or Visa credit cards.

Bookings can also be made at any of our ticket agents throughout the Mid-Pennine area and they are listed opposite.

In order to claim your member discount please present your vouchers when you buy tickets in person either at The Gallery Downstairs, at our ticket agents or at the Box Office. If you are booking by post, just enclose your vouchers with your cheque. If you are booking by 'phone please quote the voucher numbers and hand them in at the Box Office when you collect your tickets on the night of the performance.

Please remember that we are not able to exchange tickets or to offer refunds. If you are collecting tickets at the Box Office please try to arrive early as this avoids the rush. If you do arrive late it may be necessary for you to wait until there is a suitable break in the performance before you can be admitted. This avoids causing disturbance to the rest of the audience and performers.

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MPAA TICKET AGENTS

- ACCRINGTON *Althams Travel Service, 26 Blackburn Road
Hyndburn Leisure Services, Gothic House,
St James Street*
- BACUP *Public Library, St James Square
First Steps (Business Consultants),
Fiscal House, 27 St James Square*
- BLACKBURN *Althams Travel Services, 12 Ainsworth St*
- BURNLEY *Show Stoppers, 29B Standish Street*
- BURY *Bury Metro Arts, Derby Hall, Market St*
- CLITHEROE *Althams Travel Services, 20 King Street
Tourist Information Centre, Church Walk*
- COLNE *Althams Travel Services, 13 Albert Road
Pendle Technical & Leisure Services,
Bank House, 61 Albert Road*
- HASLINGDEN *Public Library, Deardengate*
- NELSON *Althams Travel Services, 1 Scotland Road
Tourist Information Centre, 20 Scotland
Road*
- RAWTENSTALL *Ellen Smiths (Tours) Ltd, 4 Bury Road
Central Library, Queen Square
Tourist Information Centre, 41-45 Kay St
Rossendale Music Centre, 32 Bank Street*
- TODMORDEN *Althams Travel Services, 15 Halifax Road
Bears Wholefoods, 29 Rochdale Road*

DISCOUNTS

We have been able to negotiate a series of special discounts at local shops and theatres for our members. In order to obtain the discount you should produce your membership card at the time of purchase and if necessary sign for the goods. When you book theatre seats by post or phone you will need to quote your membership number and present your membership card when collecting your tickets from the box office of the theatre. These benefits are specifically for our members. Please remember that membership is not transferable.

The details of the discounts and special offers are as follows :-

**LOU ANDYS MUSIC SHOP, 93 Albert Road, Colne,
Tel. Colne 868045**

Spend £125 on musical instruments or equipment and you qualify for a free holiday.

**IN FRAME, 6 Blackburn Road, Accrington,
Tel. Accrington 390898**

Members are entitled to 10% off the cost of picture framing and discounts off the price of certain prints. This offer applies to cash or cheque sales only.

**PLANET RECORDS, Shackleton Arcade, Church Street,
Colne, Tel. Colne 866317 and at The Arcade,
Off Scotland Road, Nelson**

Members are given 10% off the price of Traditional, Folk, Blues, Blue Grass, Cajun, Reggae and World Music records.

WARDLEWORTHS BOOKSHOP, 23 Blackburn Road, Accrington,
Tel. Accrington 33094

Members are eligible to a 10% discount off the price of artists materials and stationery. Members will be asked to sign for goods purchased under this scheme and the offer does not apply to credit card sales. Please do not ask for discounts on books as they are not available at present.

WILKINSON CAMERAS (Burnley) Ltd., 6 Fleet Walk,
Burnley, Tel. Burnley 24524

This shop offers discounts for bulk purchases of films. We have agreed that MPAA members may buy films at the bulk discount price even if they only purchase one film. The discounts vary and so you should ask for the best or most appropriate deal for your needs.

OCTAGON THEATRE, Bolton, Tel. Bolton (0204) 20661

This theatre offers its party discount rate to MPAA members whether you go on your own or in a party. The special price is for performances on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. You can also buy tickets for the Octagon at Althams Travel in Accrington, Burnley, Clitheroe, Colne and at Badger Travel in Padiham, Ellen Smith Tours, Rawtenstall and Burnley Mechanics.

THE DUKES PLAYHOUSE, Moor Lane, Lancaster,
Tel. Lancaster (0524) 66645

From mid-August 1990. The Dukes are offering £1.00 off full price tickets from Tuesday to Thursday, and £1.00 off pantomime tickets Monday to Thursday. Credit card bookings can be made 24 hours a day by phoning Lancaster (0524) 65679 and Burnley Mechanics are agents for the Dukes.

THE ROYAL EXCHANGE THEATRE COMPANY, Manchester,
Tel. 061-833-9833

MPAA members can buy two tickets for the price of one for performances on Monday evenings and Saturday afternoons subject to availability. In addition to buying from the theatre box office, you can get tickets through Burnley Mechanics.

BURY METRO ARTS, Derby Hall, Bury, Tel. 061-761-2216

MPAA members may buy tickets at the concessionary price at Bury Metro Arts. Burnley Mechanics are also agents for Bury Metro Arts.

WHAT'S ON

We have a comprehensive "What's On" information and advice service available to all our members. If you need to know what's happening in the arts locally or further afield do call in at The Gallery Downstairs or contact us by phone. We also subscribe to many specialist arts journals and publications offering detailed information on arts courses, awards, funding, sponsorship and many more topics. Our contact files give details of artists, theatre companies, musicians and children's entertainers so, if you're planning an event, get in touch. If you need to know more about any aspect of the arts do give us a ring or call in to consult our files at The Gallery Downstairs. You'll be surprised at what we know.

CORPORATE MEMBERS

MPAA greatly values the support of all its members and we are particularly delighted to welcome local industry and commerce to our membership. In addition to all the benefits outlined in this booklet we will include your company's name in our brochure acknowledging your support of the arts. We produce 3 brochures a year, with 10,000 distributed to homes in the Mid-Pennine area and beyond.

FREE LOANS OF EQUIPMENT

MPAA has a comprehensive range of equipment for hire. In general we are able to offer the equipment for hire free of charge to our group and corporate members. (In certain circumstances individual and family members may also be able to borrow equipment free of charge, so please check with us if you have a very special need). We operate on a first come, first served basis so do book early. You can reserve equipment by phoning Burnley 21986 during normal office hours 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday. We do ask that all users of the equipment arrange for its collection and return. You are asked to bring sufficient assistance with you for carrying items as our staff are not always available to help. We do insist that borrowers undertake to insure and if necessary replace any items damaged or lost. If we have to effect repairs due to misuse of the equipment we will have to charge borrowers for this. You will be asked to sign a loan agreement form setting out these conditions.

Obviously our resources are limited and it may be that the equipment you need is already in use and not available. We do have contacts with other sources of equipment most of which are commercial hirers of equipment.

The free loan service for members works well because our members look after the equipment, collect it at the time agreed and most importantly return it on time and in good condition for the next user. Without the co-operation of all borrowers the scheme could not operate. Please help us to ensure that it is used to its maximum by taking care of the equipment.

All hire charges are per day unless otherwise stated. Members may borrow most equipment free of charge. Unless a member hire fee is indicated, no charge is made to members. Non-Members are asked to pay a deposit prior to hiring which will be refunded when the equipment is returned in good condition. Non-Members will also be asked to provide two means of identification such as driving licence, passport, utilities bill, etc. We ask all borrowers to report any defects or operating difficulties with the equipment so that we can rectify any faults as soon as is possible.

Full details of equipment for hire follows.

Musical Instruments

We have a limited range of percussion instruments for hire.

Premier (Beverley) Bass Drum, strap and sticks	£ 5.00
Snare Drum, stand and sticks	£ 5.00
Pair of Bongos	£ 3.00
Chinese Drum	£ 2.00
Small African Drum	£ 1.50
3 Tambourines	£ 1.00 each
Crash Ride Cymbal and stand	£ 3.00
Metalaphone	£10.00

Assorted Percussion instruments - set of Sleighbells, Football Rattle, Cowbells, Ballcock Shaker, Castinets, Homemade Wooden Glockenspiel, Kazoo, Swanee Whistle, Vibraslap and 2 Hohner Blues Harps £ 0.50 each

Projection Equipment

Bell and Howell 16 mm film projector, model 1695 TQ111 (optical sound).	£15.00
Agfacolour Slide projector 250 with autofocus (35 mm) and remote control.	£10.00
Dissolve Unit for slide projector.	£ 2.00
Bell and Howell Tripod screen 4' x 4'	£ 5.00

Photographic Equipment

Basic portable darkroom equipment.	£ 5.00
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Sound Equipment

Coomber Radio Cassette Recorder.	£ 5.00
Grundig portable tape cassette recorder.	£ 2.00

Miscellaneous Equipment

Burco Tea Urn.	£ 5.00
Olympia Manual Typewriter.	£ 5.00
Silk Screen printing equipment - basic.	£ 3.00
Pottery equipment - basic.	£ 2.00

Staging Equipment

A. Rostra

6 rectangular 6' x 3' x 1'6" high units £2.00 ea
6 square 3' x 3' x 1'6" high units £1.00 ea
6 square 3' x 3' x 9" high units £1.00 ea

B. Steps - height 29", width 26", depth 41" with
4 rises. £2.00

C. Double Flats (black) 4' x 7'. £2.00

D. Shadow Puppet Screen 35" x 24" £1.00

E. Punch and Judy Puppet Booth with shadow screen
8' high, 4' wide, 3'1" deep. £5.00

Exhibitions

A. "TAKE ONE FLEECE" £5.00 per week

Eleven panels, measuring 35" x 26", outlining
the art of handspinning, with captions.

B. "FORGING AHEAD" £5.00 per week

Seven panels, measuring 32" x 22", with
captions, demonstrating the art of the
blacksmith.

C. WATERCOLOURS by David Johnstone £5.00 per week

A set of seven contemporary (space theme)
paintings, framed, measuring 16" x 13" each.

Stage Lighting

Lanterns

4 x 1000 watt fresnel	£ 3.00 each
2 x 1000 watt profile	£ 3.50 each
4 x 500 watt Mole Richardson (fresnel)	£ 2.00 each
7 x 500 watt patt 23 (profile)	£ 2.00 each
7 x 500 watt patt 123 (fresnel)	£ 2.50 each
1 x 1000 watt follow spot	£ 5.00

Stands, Cables & Accessories

2 x 15' aluminium "Powerdrive" towers and "T" bars	£ 3.00 each
2 x 17' aluminium "Powerdrive" towers and "T" bars	£ 3.50 each
7 x 15 amp 20' extension cables	£ 1.00 each
18 x 5 amp 20' extension cables	£ 1.00 each
6 x 15/5 amp and 18 x 5/15 amp adaptors	£ 0.50 each
Grelcos - 6 with 2 x 5 amp inputs and 1 x 15 amp outlet and 3 with 2 x 15 amp input and 1 x 15 amp outlet	£ 1.00 each
Barn Doors	£ 1.00 each

Control Systems

4 x Powerpacks with 4 x 5 amp 1000 watt sockets	£ 5.00 each
1 x Powerpack with 4 x 15 amp 2500 watt sockets	£ 5.00
5 x control cables for powerpacks	£ 1.00 each
1 x 12 way, 2 preset lighting board	£ 6.00
1 x 20 way, 3 preset lighting board	£10.00

Each lantern is supplied with a safety chain, gel frame and hanging clamp.

Please note that all cables are issued coiled and taped and £1.00 will be charged to all borrowers, members and non-members, for cables not returned in that condition. All lanterns are supplied with the appropriate clamp and plug, again a charge of £1.00 will be made per lantern if they are not returned with the correct plug and clamp. This charge is to cover the cost of cable coiling and plug or clamp refitting.

Smoke Machine

Le Maitre Minimist Turbo smoke machine £ 5.00

Smoke canisters are available for sale to all users at a cost of £4.00 each plus VAT.

Dance Floor

MPAA houses a Roscoe dance floor on behalf of North West Arts. It consists of six rolls, 5' wide x 32' long, which is available for hire to groups in the North West.

Charge : £ 5.00 per 24 hours

Deposit: £30.00 one day's hire
£50.00 any other length of hire

(Deposit must be made cash upon or before collection)

There are stringent use conditions specified by North West Arts, including provision of section joining tape, which is supplied at cost to hirers.

Scaffolding

Makes up into an 18' high tower, 4' 2" wide and 4' 2" deep. The unit includes 18 sections each 4' 2" wide x 2' high and two sections have wheels.

In addition there are 2 triangular, clamp on external braces, 2 internal braces to span the diagonals, 4 upright and 5 crosspieces to form a guard rail and 4 wheels.

Hire Charge £10.00

Display Equipment

A. Marler Haley Expoloop display system. £ 1.00
per panel

B. Display Screens -

12 screens 6' x 3' x 3/4" plywood £ 1.50 ea
9 screens 4' x 2'8" x 3/4" plywood £ 1.00 ea

These screens can be fastened together with adjustable Nexo Clamps to make free standing displays.

C. Display Plinths

<u>No.</u>	<u>Width</u>	<u>Depth</u>	<u>Height</u>	
1	24"	24"	24")
2	24"	24"	30")
2	24"	24"	36") £1.50 ea
2	24"	24"	42")
2	24"	24"	48")
4	18"	18"	18")
2	18"	18"	30")
4	18"	18"	36") £1.00 ea
2	18"	18"	42")
2	18"	18"	48")
1	14"	14"	36"	£1.00 ea
12	12"	12"	12"	£0.50 ea

D. Display Cabinets

4 Cabinets 3' x 3' x 6' high £5.00 ea
3 Cabinets 4' x 4' x 6' high £5.00 ea

Inflatables

No fun day, carnival or gala is complete without an inflatable play structure. MPAA has a range of inflatables for hire which are suitable for either indoor or outdoor use.

Tortoise

Size - 40' x 30' x 3'6" high. This can also be used as a paddling pool.

Hire Charge - Non-Members £40.00 (plus £50 refundable deposit), Members FREE

Cottage

Size - 14' x 12' x 10' high

Hire Charge - Non-Members £35.00 (plus £50 refundable deposit), Members £20.00

Airbed

Size - 24' x 14' x 3'6" high

Hire Charge - Non-Members £30.00 (plus £50 refundable deposit), Members FREE

Hole in the Wall (2 inflatables available)

Size - 14' x 7' x 5' high. This is more suitable for younger, primary school age, children.

Hire Charge - Non-Members £25.00 (plus £25 refundable deposit), Members £10.00

Interlocking Squares

Size - 12' x 12' x 2'6" high. This is only suitable for pre-school aged children.

Hire Charge - Non-Members £10.00, Members FREE

Small Triangle

Size - 8' x 8' x 2'6" high. This is only suitable for pre-school aged children.

Hire Charge - Non-Members £5.00, Members FREE

All inflatables, except the small triangle, are supplied with a fan to inflate the structure. The small triangle can be operated with a domestic vacuum cleaner that blows !

For members to qualify for the free or reduced hire charges the inflatables must be supervised by some one who has attended an MPAA operating and safety workshop. Workshops are held annually and are free. We do stress that hirers should bring sufficient people with them to carry the structures as our staff may not be available to assist. All inflatables other than the tortoise can be transported in family hatch back or estate cars, the tortoise will need a van, larger estate car or Range Rover sized vehicle.

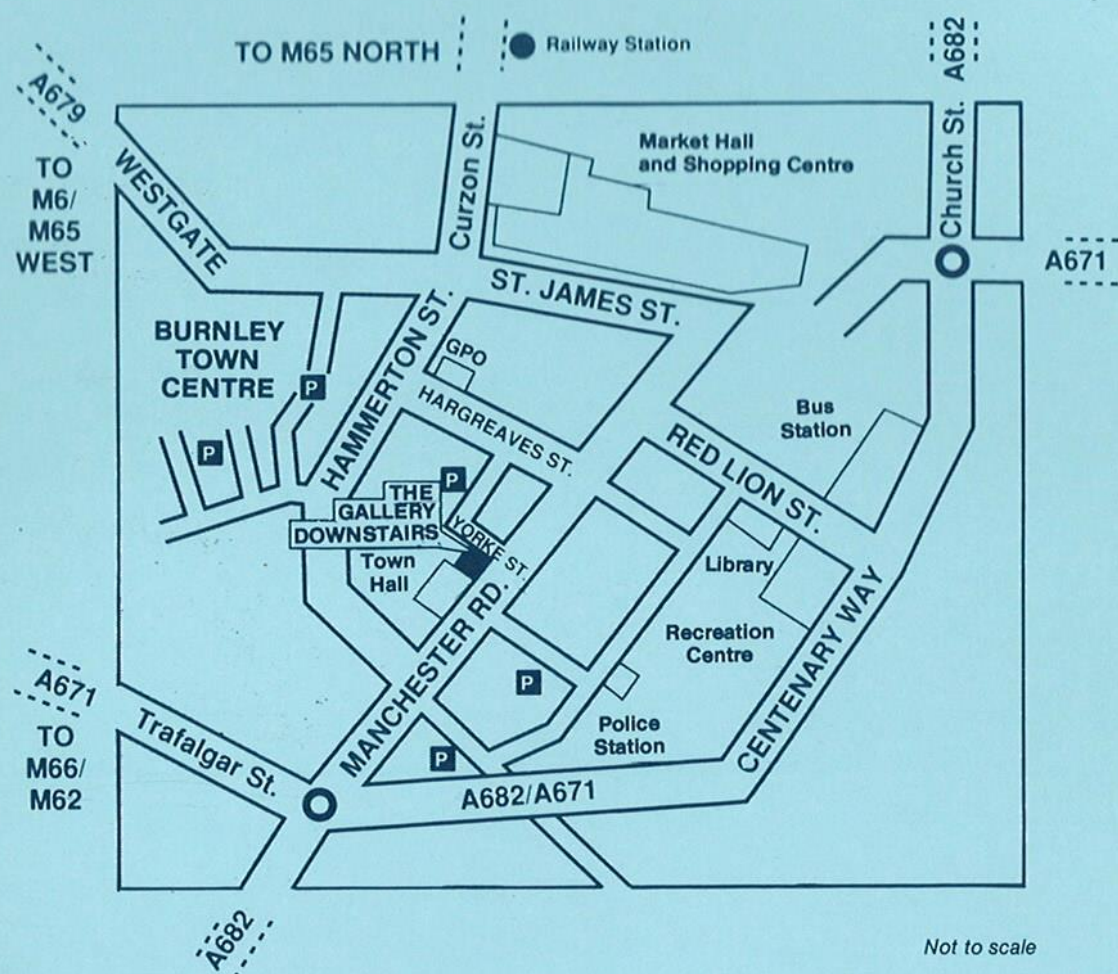
Full operating instructions are available for all hirers.

If our inflatables are not available, we do have details of contacts who can hire inflatabes at commercial rates.

A FINAL WORD

As a final word we ask that you campaign on our behalf - spread the word that the arts are alive and well and flourishing in the Mid-Pennine area. If you borrow our equipment please help us by giving us a credit in your programme or leaflet, make an announcement at your event, tell your friends and let your local Councillor know. We are dependant on the financial support of the Local Authorities and so the more people who know of our work in the community the better able we are to secure our future funding and continue to bring you the arts on your doorstep.

How to find us



The Gallery Downstairs is situated in Burnley town centre just a few minutes walk from bus and train stations and from inexpensive car parks.

MPAA's Offices are open Monday to Friday 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Closed Bank Holidays.

The Gallery Downstairs is open:
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Saturday and Bank Holidays 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
and Sunday 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.



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