

# Membership Fee Regulations

of the Landesverbandes der Freien Theater in Sachsen e.V. (State Association of Independent Theatres in Saxony)

As of 20 November 2007, last updated following a resolution by the General Assembly on 18 September 2025

*Disclaimer: This is an unofficial translation of the membership fee regulations of the Landesverband der Freien Theater in Sachsen e.V. Only the original German version is legally binding. This translation is provided for informational purposes only.*

## Preamble

These membership fee regulations are not part of the Articles of Association. They govern the membership fee obligations of members and can only be amended by the association's General Assembly.

It is a particular concern of the association to set structurally transparent and fair prices.

## § 1 Full Members

(1) The membership fee for full members is structured according to institution (e.g. production companies and venues), groups and individuals, as well as according to the size or financial strength of the group or institution.

(2) Institutions and organisations with an annual budget (including subsidies) of less than EUR 350,000 pay an annual membership fee of EUR 260. This amount is granted upon presentation of proof. Proof must be provided annually.

Organisations and institutions with an annual budget (including subsidies) of more than EUR 350,000 pay an annual membership fee of EUR 350.

(3) Groups of artists consisting of two persons pay an annual membership fee of EUR 78. Groups and ensembles consisting of three or more persons pay an annual fee of EUR 115.

(4) Solo members (individual artists, production managers and individuals) pay an annual fee of EUR 42.

## § 2 Associate Members

(1) Associate members pay an annual fee of at least EUR 70. The fee may be revised each year by declaration of the member, provided that the minimum fee is paid.

## § 3 Payment Terms and Receipts

(1) Membership fees shall be paid without special request by bank transfer to the association's account by the end of the first quarter, or in the case of new members, by the end of the quarter in which membership becomes valid.

(2) Membership fees may also be collected from the member's account by SEPA direct debit. For this purpose, the member shall issue the association with a SEPA mandate for the direct debit of the membership fee, stating the creditor identification number and the mandate reference. For members who have issued the association with a direct debit authorisation, the fee shall be collected on the due date of 31 January. Members are obliged to notify the association of any changes to their account details (IBAN and BIC), change of bank, change of personal address and change of email address. If the direct debit cannot be made for reasons for which the member is responsible and the association is charged bank fees (returned direct debits) as a result, these fees shall be borne by the member.

(3) Members must pay the full annual membership fee in all cases. Partial refunds upon resignation from the association are excluded.

(4) Membership fees are payable for each calendar year by 31 March of the following year.

## § 4 Use and Accountability

(1) Membership fees shall be used exclusively for the purposes specified in § 2 of the Articles of Association.

(2) The Executive Board shall be accountable to the General Assembly with regard to the membership fees collected and their use.

(3) Membership fee payments shall be public within the Association. Upon request, the General Assembly shall be provided with information on the amount of membership fees and the payment history of all members.

(4) Gross violations of the membership fee regulations, in particular the persistent non-payment of membership fees, may be punished with expulsion from the association in accordance with the regulations of the Articles of Association.

## § 5 Special Provisions

(1) Special provisions that deviate from the above membership fee regulations, in particular with regard to the amount of the membership fee and the payment terms, are permissible by unanimous decision of the Executive Board, which must be confirmed by the General Assembly.

## § 6 Entry into Force

(1) These membership fee regulations shall enter into force by resolution of the General Assembly on 18 September 2025.