



.....promoting the Arts in our local area

Still only £10 a year!

About the YCAA

The YCAA was formed in 1988 and we are based at The Octagon Theatre, where we organize cultural events on a regular basis to provide a platform for the work of local writers, artists, music makers, poets and other creative people. We do this mainly by hosting 'café' style evenings in the Johnson Studio.

The October event is usually devoted to a very lively debate on the merits of the Booker Prize short list novels, and attracts some well-known writers and critics as debaters.

In November we host an 'Impromptu' evening, open to anyone with an itch to display their talents, and admission is free to YCAA members.

We are always looking for suggestions and ideas for further evening events – we believe it is important to show our local population that the arts are alive and well in Yeovil!

The YCAA is also one of the main sponsors of the annual Yeovil Literary Festival and YCAA membership allows you access to most events at discounted prices

Our committee and its band of helpers organize and manage the annual Yeovil Literary Prize, which attracts over 1000 entries worldwide and produces a surplus of over £3000. The competition is for short stories, poems and novels, with substantial cash prizes. We also have a unique category called Writing Without Restriction which is very popular and which produces some astonishing writing. The judges we invite to decide the winners are internationally renowned

literary figures, agents and publishers. Many of our winners have since become commercial successes in the writing world.

We use the proceeds from The Literary Prize and from donations to provide financial support to individuals and groups in our area who would otherwise struggle to meet their artistic endeavours. In the last few years we have paid the rental on premises for the Yeovil Art Group to hold their exhibitions, provided assistance to a large number of dance, drama, music and visual arts students to help them meet their travel, subsistence and material costs, contributed to the local branch of the Salvation Army for new musical instruments, bought steel band pans, a piano chair and music stands for Westfield School, contributed to the Yeovil College Bursary Foundation, held children's creative writing courses, run children's writing competitions, and helped to provide lighting and sound systems for the Johnson Studio. It is very satisfying to know that we are helping to nurture the many creative forces in Yeovil.

Would you like to help?

The YCAA is now looking to expand its membership so that we can really build a cultural community in Yeovil. A larger membership will also allow a greater diversification, and more opportunities for a cross-fertilisation of inspiring ideas. It must also be said that one or two of the committee are looking to retire after serving for a decade or more.

If you would like to join the YCAA and help in our endeavours while enjoying a few little privileges along the way, then please fill in the form opposite.

For more information, email lizzie.pike@btinternet.com, or Carol Steele at dandcsteele942@gmail.com, see our website at yeovilarts.co.uk, on Facebook as YeovilCommunityArtsAssociation or follow us on Twitter @yccanews.



Yeovil Community Arts Association

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2021/22

I would like to join the Yeovil Community Arts Association as a member for the period ending 21 September 2022. I enclose my £10 subscription.			
Name		Title	
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Enclosed: £10.00 (cash or cheque) Or Bank Transfer to The Unity Trust Bank, Sort code 60-83-01, YCAA Literary Section, a/c 20146698 (ref: Membership Sub)		on	
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Please return completed form to Mrs Carol Steele Membership Secretary, 20 Turner's Barn Lane, Yeovil BA20 2LN. Cheques should be made payable to 'YCAA Literary Section'.

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