

Thank you for registering an interest in **The Nottingham Guild of Magicians**.

This letter provides an overview of the Guild's purpose and activities, tells you what's involved in becoming a member, and gives you a little bit of our history.

The Guild's Purpose & Objectives

- To provide meetings for all people seriously interested in the art of magic.
- To provide a forum for the interchange of ideas and training in the skills and crafts of magic.
- To promote the practice of magic and its presentation as an entertainment.

Joining the Guild

To join the Guild you will need to complete and submit an Application form (either supplied with this letter or available from our website – see below).

You will be invited to attend a formal meeting with the Committee, where you will be interviewed to establish that you have a genuine interest in magic, and asked to provide a short demonstration of magic – one or two effects is usual.

If you are successful at this interview, you will be invited back to perform a live audition in front of the Guild members at the start one of the meetings. The Guild members will then vote on whether to accept you as a member, on the basis of your magic ability and technique, your presentation, and appearance. The vote is carried out by 'secret ballot' and you will be informed of the decision within a week of your audition. Until you have been accepted as a member, you are not entitled to attend any closed Guild meetings.

There is an audition fee of £15, which is non-refundable and entitles you to one audition and two re-tries (should you be unsuccessful first time round). If you require further auditions, you will have to pay the full audition fee again.

When you are accepted as a Guild member you will be required to pay a full year's membership fee or pro-rata if joining after July 1st. The Guild's current fees can be found on our website.

You will then receive a membership card and gain full access to the members, facilities and lectures offered by the Guild.

Prospective members are reminded that the Guild and its meetings are only open to bonafide magicians unless it is stated otherwise on the programme page of the website for the Guild. Members friends and family are not permitted to stay for any meeting events unless it is a public event or show. If in doubt, please ask.

What next?

Please see our website at www.thenottinghamguildofmagicians.co.uk, and feel free to contact any of the Committee members for a further chat, to ask any other queries you may have, or to clarify anything contained in this letter.

We look forward to receiving your application form and inviting you to an interview and audition, but most of all, we look forward to welcoming you as a fully-fledged member of **The Nottingham Guild of Magicians**.

Kind regards,

The Nottingham Guild of Magicians

