



*Mission*

The mission of the University of Kansas Friends of the Theatre is to support and serve The University Theatre.

*Vision*

The University of Kansas Friends of the Theatre is recognized and celebrated for outstanding service to the University Theatre.

We do great things for KU.

We do great things for The University Theatre.

We do great things for our students.

We do these things for our future.

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**CONSTITUTION**

**Article 1: Name** *11/9/1980*

The name of this association shall be Friends of the Theatre of the University of Kansas (hereinafter referred to as FROTH).

**Article 2: Purpose** *11/9/1980*

The purpose of FROTH shall be to maintain an association of persons interested in drama and the theatre, to focus public attention on the University of Kansas Theatre, to assist with the development of the University of Kansas Theatre's resources and services, and to solicit and encourage gifts, endowments, devises, and bequests to the Kansas University Endowment Association (KUEA) for the benefit of the University of Kansas Theatre.

**Article 3: Membership** *11/9/1980*

Any person interested in the purposes of FROTH shall be eligible for membership.

**Article 4 Amendment: Officers** – *amended 9/2009*

The officers of this organization shall be a president, treasurer and a president-elect, who, together with not less than 8 members at large, shall constitute the FROTH Board of Directors and meet regularly to manage the affairs of the organization in the interval between the regular membership meetings. In addition, the immediate past president of the Board, the artistic director of the University Theatre and the Managing Director of the Department of Theatre shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors. The University Theatre office manager shall serve as staff to the FROTH Board of Directors.

**Article 5 Amendment: Funds** - *amendment proposed 10/2005, approved 07/14/2006*

Funds received for membership and for fundraising projects shall be deposited with the Kansas University Endowment Association and credited to appropriate accounts. Such funds shall be disbursed by the KUEA at the direction of the Board of Directors. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, an operating account may also be maintained at a local financial institution with disbursement authority by the Board of Directors.

**Article 6: Amendments** *11/9/1980*

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of this association by a 75% affirmative vote of the members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment(s) shall have been mailed to all members at least 2 weeks prior to said meeting.

**Article 7: Dissolution of FROTH** *11/9/1980*

Should FROTH be dissolved or terminated at any time, all funds remaining on deposit in FROTH account(s) shall be transferred to the University of Kansas Theatre Development Fund.

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**BY-LAWS**

**Article 1 Amendment: Meetings** – amended 9/2009

- 1) Regular Meetings. The FROTH membership shall meet annually for the election of officers and members at large of the Board of Directors and for transaction of other business. Notice of the annual meeting shall be mailed or sent by electronic transmission to members at least 10 days in advance of the specified date.
- 2) Special Meetings. A special meeting of the FROTH membership may be called at any time by the Board of Directors, and shall be called by the written request/agreement of a majority of the Board specifying the subject for the special meeting. Notice of a special meeting, including the subject for the meeting, shall be mailed or sent by electronic transmission to FROTH members at least 10 days in advance of the specified date. No business other than the stated subject for the special meeting shall be transacted at the special meeting.
- 3) Quorum. Fifteen percent of the members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the FROTH membership.

**Article 2 Amendment: Officers and Members at Large of the Board of Directors**-amended 9/2009

- 1) Elections. The election of officers and members at large of the FROTH Board of Directors shall be by voice vote or by ballot. A majority of those present and voting in each instance shall be necessary to elect. Officers and members at large of the Board of Directors shall serve without compensation. The terms for officers are one year and shall begin in July following election and continue until their successors are elected.
- 2) Responsibilities. Officers and members at large of the FROTH Board of Directors have all the usual authority and duties exercised by the officers of a voluntary not-for-profit association except as to staffing. The FROTH Board of Directors and staff to the Board shall meet regularly to manage the affairs of the organization.
- 3) Maximum Term. The term served by a member of the Board of Directors shall be 3 years with an option to renew service for an additional 3 years subject to the approval of the Board. The maximum consecutive terms served by a member of the Board of Directors shall be 2.
- 4) Vacancies. Any officer vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term by action of the Board of Directors.
- 5) Student Representatives. An undergraduate student shall be elected by vote of the majors in the Department of Theatre to serve a 1-year renewable term on the Board of Directors. The student representative will be introduced/announced at the annual meeting.

**Article 3 Amendment: Membership** - amendment proposed 6-2006, approved 07/14/2006

The following classes of membership may be chosen through annual payment of membership dues established each year by the Board of Directors: Student, Senior Citizen, Faculty/Staff, Friend, Producer, Patron, Benefactor, Angel (corporate or institutional).

**Article 4 Amendment: Committees and Other Agencies** - amendment proposed 6-2006, approved 07/14/2006

The Board of Directors may appoint such committees, work groups, and task forces and initiate other agencies consistent with the purpose, resources, and essential tasks of this Association.

**Article 5 Amendment: Amendments** - amendment proposed 6-2006, approved 07/14/2006

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of this association by a 75% affirmative vote of the members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment(s) shall have been mailed to all members at least 2 weeks in advance of the scheduled meeting.

**Amendment 1**

**Executive Committee Resolution Amendment** – amended 9/2009

The FROTH Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-elect, Treasurer, and the Managing Director of Theatre. The Executive Committee shall be charged with approving or implementing necessary business of the Association when the Board of Directors is unavailable to meet or in an emergency situation as determined by the President.

The Executive Committee shall have all powers of the full Board except to act on financial matters in excess of \$1,000 and to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors.

Meetings of the Executive Committee may be held at any time on the call of the President, or in the President's absence, the President-Elect, upon 1-day's notice given to all Executive Committee members. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. A majority of votes cast at any meeting of the Executive Committee, a quorum being present, shall be controlling.

The University Theatre Office Manager will arrange for minutes of each meeting to be recorded and will make them available to the Board of Directors at the next meeting of the Board.