

Bryn Athyn Community Theatre
Information for potential directors

Who we are:

We are a non-profit theatre company housed in a conservative religious community. All of our board members, actors and actresses, directors, and production team for shows are volunteers. We do mostly family-friendly plays and musicals, usually one in the fall and one in the spring. Please visit our website www.bact.org for more information, to see a list of previous productions, and to sign up for our mailing list.

We usually perform at the Mitchell Performing Arts Center (www.mitchellcenter.info). We share this space with the local high school (www.ancss.org), college (www.brynathyn.edu), New Church Live (www.newchurchlive.tv), the Bryn Athyn Orchestra (www.baorchestra.org), and others.

Experienced directors:

If you have some experience directing and would like to direct a show for us, we would love to have you! Please submit a proposal form for the show you would like to do, along with a copy of the script for our board to review. We will schedule a time to meet with you to hear your ideas and vision for the show, get a feel for your style of directing, answer any questions you might have, and discuss any questions we may have for you. Because of our community standards, you should be aware that the board occasionally may make slight changes to the script where the existing language doesn't fit our standards (for example, replacing "Jesus" or "Christ" when used as an expletive). We also try to avoid situations (both on stage and off) that are likely to have a divisive effect on our community or feel too shocking or offensive to portions of our audience.

If you have never directed a show for us before, the board will likely assign a mentor who is familiar with our theater and community as a resource for you. They would meet with you frequently to guide you in how the process works, what the expectations are, what the constraints are in terms of set design, props, etc., and what kinds of things may or may not fit the standards that our audiences expect. The board is also here to support you. You are invited to attend our monthly board meetings, which are good opportunities to touch base and let the board know how things are going or discuss any questions or concerns that might arise. The final decision in any disagreement or conflict always rests with the board.

New directors:

Even if you have never directed a show before, BAct welcomes you to try your hand with us! If you have an idea for a show you would like to do, please submit a proposal form along with a copy of the script for our board to review. We will schedule a time to meet with you to hear your ideas and discuss any questions that you or we might have. New directors will usually be required to first assist an experienced director before attempting to direct something on their own. If you don't already have a director willing to work with you, we can help you find someone. You and your lead director will be invited to come to our monthly board meetings, which are good opportunities to touch base and let the board know how things are going or discuss any questions or concerns that might arise. The final decision in any disagreement or conflict always rests with the board.

If you have any questions or would like to request a proposal form please email us at info@bact.org or call Rachel Martin (267-737-9411).