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## MEMBERSHIP POLICY

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## 1. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

To take advantage of La Machinerie's services and contribute to its development, you must be a member in good standing. Three membership categories are available: **regular member — individual, regular member — organization** and **friend**.

### 1.1 REGULAR MEMBER — INDIVIDUAL: \$15/year including taxes (i.e. \$13.04 + taxes)

Individual members include independent artists and self-employed workers, including those operating a sole proprietorship. If your organization joins as an individual member, we will contact you to upgrade to the organizational membership.

### 1.2 REGULAR MEMBER — ORGANIZATION: \$35/year including taxes (i.e. \$30.44 + taxes)

Organizational members include not-for-profit creative/production companies, artists' collectives and any other cultural organization. La Machinerie considers any legally established entity to be an organization.

### 1.3 FRIEND: Starting at \$35/year

Friends include members who wish to make a financial contribution to La Machinerie's development by topping up their regular membership fee, whether individual or organizational. They may be artists, artists' collectives, not-for-profits, resources, donors or board members. La Machinerie is not able to provide receipts for tax purposes.

## 2. GENERAL ACCESS CONDITIONS

### 2.1 LENGTH OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership is valid for one year from the date the form is submitted online, by phone or in person. To maintain the right to access La Machinerie's services, it is important to renew the membership each year by the anniversary date. La Machinerie will send reminders by email and/or phone as the date approaches.

### 2.2 PROFESSIONAL ARTIST STATUS

La Machinerie's services are open to all performing artists who considered professionals. As such, they meet at least one of the following three criteria:

- Have specialized training in their artistic practice;
- Have received a grant from the Council for the Arts;
- Have presented a work to an audience in a peer-recognized venue.

Cultural organizations can also obtain services from La Machinerie, notably via the *Collaboration Counter* or the *Toolbox*.

### 2.3 ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

La Machinerie's services are available only to professional artists working in the performing arts. These include theatre, dance, music, circus arts and new performing arts (multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary). A professional in another artistic discipline who joins La Machinerie acknowledges that the majority of the services were developed and structured for the performing arts. Some *Toolbox* content and mandates assigned via the *Collaboration Counter* are exceptions, however.

### 2.4 OBLIGATION OF MEANS

Membership in La Machinerie is voluntary. La Machinerie sees itself as having an obligation of means and is thus responsible for taking appropriate steps to meet the needs of applying members to the best of its abilities. Membership in La Machinerie does not guarantee provision of a resource or service.

## 3. TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

### 3.1 TERMINATION

Any member wishing to terminate a membership may do so in writing at any time by mail or email.

### 3.2 SUSPENSION

La Machinerie reserves the right to suspend for a period of time at its discretion or to expel permanently any member who fails to provide required payment or who commits an act deemed harmful to La Machinerie's team, collaborators or members.

### 3.3 REIMBURSEMENT

If La Machinerie decides to suspend a membership or a member wishes to terminate a membership, the membership fee will not be reimbursed in whole or in part.