

Week Commencing  
17th October 2005 - Nationwide  
24th October 2005 - West End

**acting for others**

An Appeal in 3 Acts

**COMBINED  
THEATRICAL  
CHARITIES**

Charity No. 241279

## Act 1

For one week, theatres and members of the cast throughout the UK are asked to support the Theatrical Charities by raising money to help those members of the theatrical profession and their families who are in great need.



## Act 2

In past years, many leading players have made an appeal from the stage at the end of the performance. When cast members participate in the collections audiences respond generously.



## Act 3

The Theatrical Charities will use this money to help those suffering from illnesses such as Cancer, Alzheimer's or other misfortunes who have been working or performing in the entertainment industry. Of these, many hundreds have been members of Equity.



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## DID YOU KNOW?

*CASE STUDY A young actor with a wife and two small children contracted septicaemia which resulted in the loss of all his limbs. State assistance was limited and several theatrical charities shared the costs of home care and personal aids.*

*CASE STUDY An elderly stage door-keeper was rescued from the streets. A theatrical charity secured housing and provided furniture and home-care in his new flat.*

*CASE STUDY A young actress with 3 children under the age of 6 died of breast cancer. She was assisted while undergoing treatment as a shared case with 3 charities to help pay for the cost of the child care.*

*CASE STUDY An opera singer suffering from cancer of the throat was no longer able to perform. She was supported through her treatment and rehabilitation by a theatrical charity.*

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## SUGGESTED APPEAL FROM THE STAGE AT END OF PERFORMANCE

This week, in most theatres around the country we are joining with our fellow performers to make a special appeal to you our audience.

For every successful actor there are hundreds of ex performers, including backstage and theatre staff, who are not so fortunate. They may suffer from cancer, multiple sclerosis, alzheimers or have just become too old or ill to earn a living ; some with disabilities, some with young children.

Many in our profession lend their support to other good causes but like other professions we also try to take care of our own. Will you kindly help us to do so by contributing to the collection that follows?

Any contribution you make will be shared amongst all the Combined Theatrical Charities who share the burden of care of hundreds of sad cases. Thank you.

### COMBINED THEATRICAL CHARITIES

Include:

Actors' Benevolent Fund  
The Actors' Charitable Trust  
Actors' Church Union  
Dancers' Career Development  
Denville Hall  
Equity Trust Fund  
Evelyn Norris Trust

Grand Order of Water Rats  
International Performers Aid Trust  
King George V Fund for Actors & Actresses  
Royal Ballet Benevolent Fund  
The Royal Theatrical Fund  
Royal Opera House Benevolent Fund  
The Theatrical Guild

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I wish to support your appeal and enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_  
made payable to Acting for Others

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to: The Secretary, Acting for Others, FREEPOST, (Lon 5079) London, WC2E 9BR.

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