# SOME POSSIBLE SOURCES OF HELP

##### ABF: ACTORS’ BENEVOLENT FUND

6 Adam Street, London WC2N 6AD.

020 7836 6378 [office@abf.org.uk](mailto:office@abf.org.uk)

[www.actorsbenevolentfund.co.uk](http://www.actorsbenevolentfund.co.uk)

General Secretary: Jonathan Ellacott.

Grants for actors and theatre stage managers who are unable to work due to illness, an accident or old age.

**ACT: THE ACTORS’ CHILDREN’S TRUST**

58 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3QT.

**020 76367868** robert@actorschildren.org

Executive Director: Robert Ashby

Helps the children of actors up to the age of 18, (or 26 where the young person has additional needs). Grants for activities, childcare, school uniform/trips, special needs support etc. Not private school fees. Student or apprenticeship grants for 18 – 21. Advice and support for parents on rights and entitlements (e.g. benefits), getting extra support at school, help with forms and finding other sources of help etc.

**BBC BENEVOLENT FUND (BBC) and GRACE WYNDHAM GOLDIE TRUST FUND**

BBC Pension and Benefit Centre,

Broadcasting House, Cardiff CF5 2YQ

029 2032 3772 [cheryl.miles@bbc.co.uk](mailto:christine.geen@bbc.co.uk)

**BBC Benevolent Fund** - one-off hardship grants for anyone in need who has worked for the BBC on a continuing contract.

**Grace Wyndham Goldie** **Trust** – hardship and educational grants for those who’ve been engaged in broadcasting, including their dependants.

##### BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR PERFORMING ARTS MEDICINE

7-9 Bream’s Buildings, London, EC4A 1DT

020 7404 8444

[admin@bapam.org.uk](mailto:admin@bapam.org.uk)

[www.bapam.org.uk](http://www.bapam.org.uk)

BAPAM provides a telephone advice line on health matters for the performing arts sector, offers free assessments with expert clinicians experience in working with performers. A Directory of Practitioners approved by BAPAM is available on the website and BAPAM trainers provide health promotion training across the country.

##### DANCERS’ CAREER DEVELOPMENT (DCD)

##### 19 Hatton Place, London EC1N 8RU

020 7831 1449 [admin@thedcd.org.uk](mailto:admin@thedcd.org.uk)

DCD offers dancers independent, confidential advice and career development guidance as well as financial support for retraining.

##### DANCE PROFESSIONALS FUND 01273 234011 [info@dancefund.org.uk](mailto:info@dancefund.org.uk)

Contact: Clementine Cowl.

Offers confidential advice and financial support for professional dancers, ex-dancers, choreographer and dance teachers.

##### DENVILLE HALL

62 Ducks Hill Road, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 2SB. 01923 825843 [www.denvillehall.org](http://www.denvillehall.org).uk

A care home for elderly actors (residential, nursing and dementia care).

##### DRURY LANE THEATRICAL FUND

18 Dudley Road, Wimbledon,

London SW19 8PN. 020 8542 5782.

Secretary: Miranda Fellows.

drurylanefund@gmail.com

Offers grants to performers and back stage staff over the age of 40 who have worked at the Drury Lane Theatre. No educational grants.

##### EQUITY BENEVOLENT FUND

Guild House, Upper St Martin’s Lane, London WC2H 9EG.

020 7379 6000

[pyip@equity.org.uk](mailto:info@equity.org.uk)

Contact: Pauline Yip

Helps Equity members in financial need with modest one-off grants and welfare advice. Student fees and convalescent care are not provided for.

##### EQUITY CHARITABLE TRUST

(formerly Equity Trust Fund)

Plouviez House, 19 Hatton Place,

London EC1N 8RU. 020 7831 1926

[info@equitycharitabletrust.org.uk](mailto:keith@equitytrustfund.org.uk)

www.equitycharitabletrust.org.uk

Secretary: Kaethe Cherney

Case worker: Rosalind Ambrose.

Grants and money advice for anyone eligible for Equity membership (i.e. performers, stage manager, directors) including help with re-training.

**Evelyn Norris Trust** funds breaks for professionals who are convalescing from an illness or those who can’t afford a holiday. No long term care is provided for. See ECT for contact details.

##### FILM & TELEVISION CHARITY (formerly Cinema & Television Benevolent Fund)

22 Golden Square, London W1F 1AD

020 7437 6567. [info@filmtvcharity.org.uk](mailto:info@filmtvcharity.org.uk)

www.filmtvcharity.org.uk

Head of Welfare: Eunice Bornasty.

Welfare grants for cinema and TV employees with at least two year’ experience (excl BBC). Doesn’t support actors, performers or students. Also runs a care home for elderly members of the technical professions.

**THE GRAND ORDER OF WATER RATS CHARITIES FUND**

328 Grays Inn Road, London, WC1X 8BZ

0207 278 3248. [charities@gowr.net](mailto:charities@gowr.net)

Secretary: Mike Martin.

Grants for professional entertainers and their dependants.

##### HELP MUSICIANS UK (formerly The Musicians’ Benevolent Fund)

7 Britannia Street, London

WC1X 9JS. 020 7239 9100

[www.helpmusicians.org.uk](mailto:casework@mbf.org.uk)

Helps professional musicians of all genres, from starting out through to retirement, in times of crisis or by providing opportunities to aid ones career.

**The Ralph & Meriel Richardson Foundation**

c/o Suite 23, 19 Cavendish Square,  
London W1A 2AW. 07980 505379  
[manager@sirralphrichardson.org.uk](mailto:manager@sirralphrichardson.org.uk)

Grants committee: Joanna David, Nickolas Grace, Phyllida Law, Angela Thorne.

Provides grants to professional actors and their families who are experiencing hardship.

**Royal National Theatre Foundation**

National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 9PX.

020 7452 3876.

j[messenger@nationaltheatre.org.uk](mailto:messenger@nationaltheatre.org.uk)

Juliet Messenger, welfare counsellor.

Advice and grants, apart from students, for anybody works or has worked at the National Theatre.

##### THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE BENEVOLENT FUND

Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2E 9DD. 020 7212 9128. [Ben.Fund@roh.org.uk](mailto:Ben.Fund@roh.org.uk)

Secretary: Cheng Loo.

Grants for current and past employees, including their families, of the Royal Opera House or the Birmingham Royal Ballet

##### ROYAL SOCIETY OF MUSICIANS

10 Stratford Place, London,

W1C 1BA. 020 7629 6137.

Contact: Maggie Gibbs

Helps musicians and singers who are not members of the Musicians’ Union.

**THE ROYAL THEATRICAL FUND**

11 Garrick Street, London WC2E 9AR.

020 7836 3322. [admin@trtf.com](mailto:admin@trtf.com)

www.trtf.com

Secretary: Sharon Lomas

##### Grants for professional practitioners who have contributed to the theatrical arts for at least 7 years who can’t work due to illness, infirmity or adversity. This includes family and dependents, but excludes students and school fees.

##### THE ROYAL VARIETY CHARITY (formerly the Entertainment Artistes’ Benevolent Fund (EABF)

Brinsworth House, 72 Staines Road, Twickenham TW2 5AL.020 8898 8164

www.royalvarietycharity.org

[enquiries@royalvarietycharity.org](mailto:enquiries@royalvarietycharity.org)

Offers financial assistance for members of the entertainment industry. Does not pay student fees. They also run a residential home at Brinsworth House, Twickenham.

##### THE THEATRICAL GUILD (TTG)

11 Garrick Street, London WC2E 9AR

[admin@ttg.org.uk](mailto:admin@the-theatrical-guild.org.uk) 020 7240 6062.

Office Manager: Adam Bambrough.

Supports anyone who has worked backstage and front of house in professional theatre. Offers access to counselling, welfare advice and financial aid. Also offers educational sponsorship for non performance relating training / retraining.

**THEATRE CHAPLAINCY UK**

St Paul’s Church, Bedford Street, London WC2E 9ED. 020 7240 0344

[info@theatrechaplaincyuk.com](mailto:actorschurchunion@gmail.com)

www.theatrechaplaincyuk.com

Pastoral and practical support for performers of all faiths and none.

**Catholic Association of Performing Arts**  
Corpus Christi, 1 Maiden Lane,  
London WC2E 7NB

Voice-Mail: 020 7240 1221  
secretary@caapa.org.uk

For chaplaincy and pastoral support.