



RICHMOND
ART SOCIETY

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Contact details

Membership RAS

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I hereby apply for Membership of the Richmond Art Society.

Name (Block letters) Mr/Mrs/Ms _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code _____

Tel _____ Mobile _____

E-mail _____

NON EXHIBITING MEMBERS

I wish to join the RAS to attend the Lecture programme.

Please tick box

Payment of the annual membership fee of £25 is to be made by **Direct Debit** (see Payment of Annual Subscription page 4). Upon receipt of your application form we will send you an email with an **active link** to set up your direct debit.

EXHIBITING MEMBERS

I wish to be considered as an exhibiting member with Richmond Art Society.

Please tick box

For more information see page 2.

I enclose a cheque for my non-refundable submission fee of £10.

Once approved as an Exhibiting Member your annual membership fee of £25 is due.

Payment is to be made by **Direct Debit** and you will receive with your acceptance email an **active link** to set up your direct debit.

NOTE

- If you want to attend lectures and become an exhibiting member tick both boxes. You will need to set up the direct debit and send the cheque.
- The Society's year runs from 1st April to 31st March.
- If you do not wish to apply for exhibitor status at this time it does not preclude you from applying in the future, just contact Membership RAS.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please post this completed Application Form together with the Can You Help form on Page 3 to Membership RAS at the above address.

SELECTION FOR EXHIBITOR STATUS

The Membership Secretary will advise you of the next selection date on which we have space – selections are held in spring and autumn so this will normally be within six months.

The venue for the selection and timing will also be advised to you.

The selection committee is comprised of our existing exhibiting members.

Selection will be based on four of your finished works which, if wall hung, should be suitably framed (if unframed box canvas, it should be at least 4 cm deep, neatly finished and secured at the edges with back stapling); if 3-D works they should be self-standing.

Only work less than four years old should be presented.

For artists specialising in photographic and digital works, we expect that, beyond capturing an image, techniques are used to make the finished work truly original - Send with the application form a brief note of your working practice.

Do send us with your application, if possible, a brief note about your artistic background, the media you use and the type of subject matter you prefer. For abstract work it is interesting to know the inspiration for the subject matter. If you have an art website let us know the web address.

If you are selected for exhibiting membership, the Membership Secretary will write to you, and the annual subscription of £25 becomes payable. See information on Pages 1 and 4



CAN YOU HELP?

RAS is run by volunteers. We encourage and rely on our members to get actively involved and contribute to the running of the Society and to make it even more successful.

Can you help, then please fill out the form below to indicate what skills and how you might contribute to the Society and return it with your Application for Membership.

SKILLS AUDIT

	YES	NO
EVENT MANAGEMENT		
Do you have experience of organising arts events?		
Could you help to set up our exhibitions, including hanging the work?		
Could you help at Private Views, serving drinks etc?		
Could you suggest new exhibition venues?		
Could you help to organise our Lecture programme?		
Could you help to set out the chairs for the Lectures?		
ADMINISTRATION		
Could you offer Financial/Bookkeeping skills?		
Could you offer Secretarial/Typing/Administration support?		
DESIGN and PUBLICITY		
Do you have graphic design skills?		
Do you have marketing experience?		
Do you have Social Media skills Facebook / Twitter / LinkedIn / YouTube?		
Do you have web design skills?		
THE COMMITTEE		
The Society has a Committee to run its affairs, including its Exhibitions and Lecture Programme. It meets a few times a year. It encourages its new Members to get actively involved in the Committee and from time to time will second members to the Committee. Would you aspire to one of these roles in the future?		
Chair & Deputy Chair		
Treasurer		
Membership		
Secretary		
Exhibition Organisers		
Lectures Organisers		
Marketing/Publicity Organiser		
Graphic Designer		
Web Master		
Social Media		

NAME.....

As noted above all help is on a voluntary basis and we understand that some applicants will be unable to help. This will not affect your membership

PAYMENT OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION BY DIRECT DEBIT

As the least time consuming payment method, for both Members and the Society, we now have a direct debit system for members to pay their annual subscription. We employ the company GoCardless for the collection of the direct debits using their web based system. This company was set up under the auspices of Royal Bank of Scotland and BACS to make direct debits available to smaller organisations. We know personally of two users, one of the Colleges of the Royal College of Surgeons with 1000 plus members, and a one person business doing VAT work for 50 or so clients. I understand from both that they and their clients/members have found the system works well and is easy to use.

The system works as follows:

We will send you by e mail an active link to connect you to the GoCardless web site and you go into it and register. No forms to sign and no details are given to Richmond Art Society. Richmond Art Society will instruct GoCardless to collect the payment. Renewal subscription payments are taken at the start of April each year. You are protected by the Direct Debit guarantee.

GoCardless will advise us that your payment has been received and we will send you your **annual membership card**. New members will also receive the lecture and exhibition programme and the current newsletter.

If your circumstances change and you no longer wish to make direct debit payments please advise us. We will cancel the direct debit. You can also cancel the direct debit at your bank..