ABOUT MEMBERSHIP IN CIRKUSCENTRUM

Cirkuscentrum is a national membership organization, a non-profit association, and an expert body dedicated to strengthening and promoting the art of circus.

Cirkuscentrum offers three types of membership:

- Individual membership
- Organizational membership
- Support membership

To become a member of Cirkuscentrum, you must share and support the association's mission: "The association shall work to promote circus arts and support professional practitioners in Sweden. It is politically and religiously independent and serves as Sweden's representative in Nordic, European, and international forums with similar objectives."

Individual and Organizational membership

Membership is available to professional practitioners and organizations within circus, variety, and street performance. Students at Stockholm University of the Arts (SKH) are offered free membership during their studies (applies to bachelor's and master's programs). For application procedures, please refer to the document "Cirkuscentrum member application".

Membership benefits:

Support for artistic and professional development

- Free workshops and masterclasses to inspire and deepen your research—within your own art form and in interdisciplinary settings.
- Professional development access to coaching and courses that strengthen key skills.
- Residency opportunities in collaboration with selected partners and residency platforms.

Support and quidance

Access to expert knowledge and resources in administration, communication, organization, and funding to support your profession.

Networking and visibility

Promotion and communication to programmers and organizers. Cirkuscentrum highlights circus artists, companies, performances, and other activities in meetings, presentations, digital newsletters, on the website, and social media.

Statistics tool

As a producing member, you get access to Cirkuscentrum's statistics tool – a

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valuable resource for your company and an important asset for the entire circus sector. The tool helps you collect and analyze your statistics, improving reporting, communication, and tracking your work over time. Want to start using the tool and receive an introduction? Email info@manegen.org. The tool was launched in December 2024.

Industry meetings

Cirkuscentrum organizes industry and networking events for circus professionals.

Sector support

Cirkuscentrum works to improve working conditions and infrastructure for circus artists in Sweden. By becoming a member, you support the association's work, the art form, and your colleagues in the sector

Cirkuscentrum also raises awareness among policymakers, the public, and organizers about the value and significance of circus arts. The organization advocates for greater recognition and increased support for circus at municipal, regional, and national levels. Additionally, Cirkuscentrum highlights how circus enriches individuals and communities, strengthens social bonds, and contributes to cultural diversity.

Professional Practitioners - Training Card (300 SEK/year)*

- Access to daily training to develop and maintain your technical and physical capacity.
- Training facilities specifically designed for circus artists.
- Heavily subsidized training fees. The training card is valid at all locations
 where Cirkuscentrum offers daily training. The membership fee helps us
 continue to operate and apply for funding from the Swedish Arts Council to
 further subsidize training for circus artists

Support membership

Support members play an important role in promoting the circus arts, infrastructure, and advocacy work.

As a support member, you:

- Have the opportunity to participate in selected activities and events.
- Receive Cirkuscentrum's newsletter with industry news and interviews.
- Act as an ambassador for circus arts and support its position in the cultural sector.
- Help us strengthen and develop the circus field.

Support members have the right to receive information about the association's activities but do not have voting rights in decision-making bodies.

Support membership costs 200 SEK/year or a voluntary amount above 200 SEK.

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What is a membership association?

Cirkuscentrum is a membership association, meaning it is an organization where individuals with shared interests come together to develop a community. All ordinary members have voting rights at the general assembly and gain access to networks, resources, and activities while also being expected to contribute to the association's development and goals. The highest decision-making body of the association is the annual meeting.

For more information and to apply for membership, email us at info@manegen.org. You can also read more in the document "Cirkuscentrum member application". We look forward to welcoming you as a member of Cirkuscentrum!

Membership fees

Membership is available to individuals and organizations who share and support the association's mission.

Cirkuscentrum offers competitive membership fees:

- Individual membership 200 SEK/year (incl. VAT)
- Organizational membership:
 - o 2-4 employees: 1,000 SEK/year
 - o 5-10 employees: 2,000 SEK/year
 - o 11–50+ employees: 5,000 SEK/year
- Support membership 200 SEK/year or any voluntary amount above 200 SEK (incl. VAT)
- SKH students (bachelor's and master's programs) –free membership.

Training card fees

Training card*:

- Full year 300 SEK (incl. VAT)
- Half year 200 SEK (incl. VAT)
- * *Note: You must be a Cirkuscentrum member and meet the professional circus artist criteria to purchase a training card. The Daily Training card is valid at all Daily Training locations in Sweden and remains valid for one year from the purchase date.

HOW TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP AND TRAINING PERMIT

Membership for professional practitioners and organizations

For professional artistic practitioners, creators, producers, and organizations within circus, variety, and street performance.

To become a member of Cirkuscentrum, you must share and support the association's mission: The association works to promote the art forms and support professional practitioners in Sweden. It is politically and religiously independent and serves as Sweden's representative in Nordic, European, and international forums with similar objectives. Cirkuscentrum is a discrimination-free organization where all members are entitled to a safe and inclusive environment. No form of racism, sexism, ableism, age discrimination, homophobia, or transphobia is accepted.

Students enrolled at Stockholm University of the Arts (SKH) are offered free membership during their studies (applies to bachelor's and master's programs).

Read the document "Cirkuscentrum Membership Benefits" to learn about the advantages of your membership.

How to Apply

To apply for membership, send an email with the following information: Name, email, address, professional status (your role within the circus sector, e.g., artist, creator, producer, etc.), organization (if applying for an organizational membership), the type of membership you are applying for. Send your application to info@manegen.org. The membership fee is paid via PlusGiro (account details will be emailed to you) or via Swish (only available in Alby, Stockholm).

Once your membership is approved, you can apply for a training permit (for six months or one year), which allows you to participate in Daily Training for professional circus artists at all locations where Cirkuscentrum offers training.

Below, you will find information about the training permit.

Training Permit

Criteria for Training Permit

If you are a circus artist and wish to apply for a training permit, you must meet one of the following criteria:

- At least three years of professional circus education (at university level or equivalent), or
- Three years of documented professional experience in circus, street performance, or variety.

How to Apply for a Training Permit:

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- Write a short description of your professional status. Attach documents that
 verify your education or professional experience. Due to the non-institutional
 tradition of circus, each application is assessed individually. Documents
 proving your professional status (e.g., CV, performance videos, certificates,
 or diplomas) should be sent via email to info@manegen.org before your first
 training session.
- Submit your application at least one business day before your planned first training session. Late applications may result in denied access.
- If your application is incomplete, Cirkuscentrum may request additional information. You must meet the requirement of at least three years of education or two years of professional work as a circus artist. If the criteria are not met, Cirkuscentrum reserves the right to deny access to the training facility.
- Please note that different locations for Daily Training may have specific rules depending on their funding. Contact your local representative for further information.

Rules and Conduct

As a Cirkuscentrum member, you agree to follow the association's regulations.

Before starting Daily Training, you must read the document "Cirkuscentrum Rules and Code of Conduct" and accept the guidelines stated there.