There are several areas in which Friends of BATC may volunteer to help perpetuate Bishop Art Theatre Center’s vision and mission.

Please check all that may apply to your interests or skill set.

- **Box Office Assistants**
  Aid the Box Office Manager in distributing Will Call tickets prior to productions.

- **Catering/Hospitality**
  Prepare and serve meals/appetizers for cast dress rehearsals, opening night receptions as well as other special events throughout the year. Individuals on this committee must also be willing to be committed to the set-up and clean-up associated with these events.

- **Concessions**
  Facilitate the sell of concession items to patrons before the performance and during intermission.

- **Decorating**
  Decorate the theatre lobby for special events and specifically during the holiday season for our Christmas performance.

- **General Office Support**
  Assist with answering the phone, filing, and facilitating mailing initiatives.

- **Theatre Service Committee**
  Assist BATC Staff with short-term focused projects on an as needed basis.

- **Ushering**
  Responsible for greeting and seating patrons during performances.

**Who are we?** The Bishop Arts Theatre Center (BATC) is home to TeCo Theatrical Productions, Inc., an award-winning, multicultural and multi-discipline theatre company. TeCo was chartered in September 1993 in Atlanta, Georgia and founded by Teresa Coleman Wash. At that time, the theatre was producing dinner theatre performances at the Lakewood Playhouse and partnering with community groups such as Luke’s Place, a neighborhood organization that provided social services for men who were recovering from substance abuse. The specific objectives and purposes of this corporation are to:

- Provide cultural and artistic opportunities to individuals who have been marginalized and children who live in at-risk communities;
- Use theater as a platform for social change and to raise awareness about issues that are important to our community;
- Provide instruction in theatre, acting, dance and other art forms;
- Sponsor special events involving public performances of plays, musicals, dances, and other art forms in various community performing art groups in order to broaden the cultural experience to a more diverse group; and,
- Directly engage and to facilitate others to engage in the promotion of the arts, generally.

In January 2000, TeCo relocated to Dallas and began producing a full season of theatre performances at the Hall of State in Fair Park. In 2005, a 10,000 square ft. building located at 215 S. Tyler Street in Dallas, Today, BATC offers a full season of theater performances, jazz concerts, a speaker series, and year around arts education programs. Each year, the BATC impacts over 20,000 a year within the city of Dallas.
Do you have a passion for cultural arts and community? If so, becoming a member of Friends of BATC is the opportunity for which you have been looking. Bishop Arts Theatre Center is seeking motivated community leaders with an attitude of servitude. You can utilize your interests and skill sets by volunteering at BATC. Formally, the Friends of TeCO, the Friends of BATC objectives are:

- To create enthusiasm for the Bishop Arts Theatre Center;
- To act as ambassadors and hospitality committee for BATC patrons;
- To give general office support and augment BATC’s marketing efforts through promotional collateral material distributions;
- To prepare and serve meals and/or appetizers for cast and patrons during dress rehearsals, opening night receptions, and special events;
- To man the Concession Bar during performance runs;
- To aid in the fundraising efforts of the theatre; and,
- To have FUN WHILE MAKING AN IMPACT!

**HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FRIENDS OF BATC?**

1. Complete the Membership Form to the right.
2. Remit your annual membership dues of $25 via online or mail.
3. Choose your area(s) of interest.

**FRIENDS OF BATC MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:**

- Complimentary tickets to productions and BATC events;
- Personalized Friends of BATC name badge;
- BATC premium promotional items; and,
- Volunteer participation award.

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You may pay your $25 Membership fee Online at www.bishopartstheatre.org or Mail your check/money order to Bishop Arts Theatre Center Attn: Friends of BATC 215 South Tyler Street | Dallas, TX 75208