

PROCESS FOR BECOMING A PERFORMING MEMBER

1. Join the Guild by completing a Supporting Membership application, and indicate on it your interest in becoming a Performing Member.
2. Read: JSG Bylaws and Performing Member Guidelines.
3. Prepare a minimum of six stories: It is recommended that a performer have one hour's worth of appropriate, general-audience stories. Each story should be approximately 10–12 minutes long.
4. Submit a letter to the Board of Directors indicating your interest in becoming a Performing Member. Include with your letter separate page with a brief but professional biography.
5. Complete two auditions:
 - First audition at a regularly scheduled meeting before the general membership.
 - Second audition at a JSG public storytelling concert.

Candidates who wish help on any aspect of preparing to become a Performing Member may request help from a mentor. Contact the Board for assistance.

It is the candidate's responsibility to schedule these auditions at least two weeks in advance. Contact the President or another member of the Board to determine appropriate dates.

Both auditions cannot be on the same evening. Please plan to tell a different story for each audition.

The Board will either recommend you for Performing Member status, to be voted on by the members at the next general meeting; or notify you if further preparation is needed.

WHAT TO DO AFTER ACCEPTANCE

6. Provide a recent portrait photo (not a snapshot) suitable for inclusion on the JSG Web site.
7. Sign a *Permission-to-Tell Certification* (available from the Board). This form—and perhaps others required for special events or recording projects—is designed to protect the Guild in the event of future legal action against an individual member for copyright infringement.
8. Fill out *Fun Teller Facts For Emcees* which, along with your bio information, will be used by emcees when introducing you for performances.

When these steps have been completed you will be placed on the Guild's roster of performing members and scheduled to tell at the Guild's weekly venue. Please review the *Performing Member Guidelines* thoroughly. You will be expected to abide by the policies and procedures described in them.

