

# Sample Speeches

## Speech 1

### Ladies and Gentlemen

Thank you. Thank you very much indeed. For the last 150 minutes we have been acting for you. Now may I take a further minute of your time for **Acting for Others?**

Your applause has been confirmation that you have enjoyed our performance and is very much welcomed - never believe an actor who says he doesn't appreciate it! But what happens to people in our business when, through accident, illness or old age, the applause stops? The performances stop. The productions stop and work, in every aspect, stops?

This is where **Acting for Others** steps up to the mark; we help the ill, injured, young and old who need help, solace or support in our business. May I appeal to your generosity and ask if you would donate tonight and drop a little something into the buckets you will see on your way out.

Research suggests a pile of notes are easier to carry, easier on the ear and easier to count! On behalf of the people you will be helping, please accept our gratitude.

Thank you for helping us to help others and enabling the show to go on.

## Speech 2

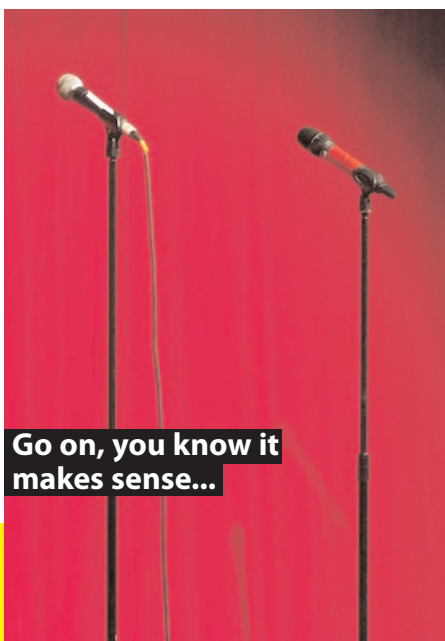
### Ladies and Gentlemen

During one special week each year, on stages up and down the country, we in the profession are asking you our audience to join with us to assist those performers who, through old age, ill health or cruel circumstances, are no longer able to help themselves. I'm sure you know that not all are in the spotlight of fame and fortune.

As you leave the theatre we, the cast, would like to come amongst you to collect whatever you might spare in aid of **Acting for Others**.

This comprises all the major charities helping performers, backstage workers and others in the entertainment industry that are in desperate need.

Thank you for coming to see us and for any contribution however modest, that you may care to make.



Go on, you know it makes sense...

## Speech 3

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Whenever anyone wants to organise a charity event - nine times out of ten they ask someone from our profession to help them. Today we are asking you to help us - because - for every successful actor there are hundreds of performers, backstage and front-of-house theatre staff who are not so fortunate. They may suffer from a life-threatening illness; they have become disabled, or they are caring for children with special needs.

Many in our industry lend their support, or put their name to other good causes but, like any profession, we also try to take care of our own.

This week - in every theatre throughout the country - we are joining with our fellow professionals to make this special appeal to you, our audience.

Some of us will be coming down amongst you in the hope that you will dig deep down into your pockets and give as generously as you can. Whatever you can afford will enable us to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you so very much for your kindness and generosity.