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3rd - 7th August 2026  
10.00am - 5pm approx.



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## SILVER AWARD THEATRE STAGE CONSTRUCTION

ABTT is now offering the Silver Certificated Award for Theatre Stage Construction:

### What is the Silver Award for Theatre Stage Construction?

The Silver Award is a five day course which is designed to enable candidates to develop their skills in the specialist area of Theatre Stage Carpenter. The Silver Award is the second step in the ABTT professional development awards for the theatre stage carpenters.

### Who can do the course?

Candidates wanting to pursue a Silver Award for Theatre Stage Construction should have gained equivalent knowledge and skills covered by the Bronze Award prior to considering undertaking this course.

### How is the course structured?

The course is split in to five sections, these include:

1. Introduction to Theatre Stage Construction
2. Preparation and Planning
3. Construction Practical - Part 1
4. Construction Practical - Part 2
5. Stage Structures

The training is followed by the Silver Award Test.

### What is covered on the course?

**Course 1: Introduction to Theatre Stage Construction:** covers Backgrounds the techniques and factors that influence scenic construction. This element aims to contextualise and build on previous knowledge. Discussion includes the design process, the role of the Designer and Production Manager and information exchange between the creative team, Production Manager and Constructor; the process from initial concept through feasibility, white card and model meetings; methods of scenic construction from mortise and tenon to on edge construction and contextualises developments in methods and materials. This element will also look at typical materials and selection of materials, licensing, self- regulation, risk assessment and use of guidance referencing the Technical Standards for Places of Public Entertainment.

**Courses 2: Preparation and Planning:** covers the need to plan construction work and types of construction drawings with the focus on orthographic / multiview drawings, interpretation of, scale, layout and standards. Candidates will produce a construction drawing for the flat that they will build. This section includes discussion of hardware, bracing and support and structure required to allow joining of scenic elements and for features such as windows, doors or details such as moldings.

**Course 3 & 4: Construction Practical:** Covers inductions to hand, power and machine tools. The construction process for a standard 8' x 4' flat will be demonstrated using a range of typical hand, power and machine tools. Candidates will cut and build their own flat from their construction drawings receiving inductions and tuition on tools and techniques as required and dependent on candidate's choices. Candidates will then have the opportunity to draw and construct a set of treads applying techniques learned and allowing use of alternative tools and techniques.

**Courses 5: Stage Structures** This course provides an introduction to temporary staging structures. The aim is to impart an awareness of mechanical and structural principles; and to give the stage technician an appreciation of safe erection of temporary stage structures and staging. Topics include: handling and positioning, support and bracing, edges, handrails, treads, joints and supports. Performer flying, Identifying, logging and recording data.



**Course Costs:**

£940 + VAT for ABTT Members

£1070+ VAT for Non - Members



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**SILVER AWARD THEATRE STAGE CONSTRUCTION REGISTRATION FORM**

**Course Date: 3rd - 7th August 2026**

**Please complete the application below:**

**Name:** ..... **Membership No:** .....

**Address:**.....

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..... **Postcode:** .....

**Telephone Number:** .....

**Email:** .....

**Please indicate what relevant experience you have, if any:** .....

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**Please indicate if you require any assistance during the course e.g dyslexia/disability etc.:**

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Please can you provide us with an emergency contact:

Emergency Contact Name and number:.....

Please tick this box if you agree to your data being used in relation to your training application

**To be invoiced please fill in all the information below:**

**Name:** ..... **Purchase Order No:** .....

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