“We do not mingle enough with minds that influence the world,” said Edwin Booth, the greatest American actor of his time. So in 1888, he turned to Mark Twain, General William Tecumseh Sherman and 13 other illustrious men-of-the-day to remedy this situation; and together they founded The Players at 16 Gramercy Park South. They commissioned celebrated architect, Stanford White, to transform the Gothic Revival-style mansion into an urban oasis for the “promotion of social intercourse between the representative members of the dramatic profession and the kindred professions of literature, painting, sculpture and music, and the patrons of the arts…” and the rest is history!

Today, The Players remains the oldest club in New York City that is still in its original location, which only adds to the palpable sense of living history one feels upon entering the clubhouse. Spirits of members past nod to each new generation who have contributed their own unique legacy to that which came before them, and the desire to keep it going and be a part of it all becomes simply irresistible.

From access to our historic Gramercy Park clubhouse, to a variety of weekly events including dramatic readings and presentations, evenings of cabaret and jazz, film screenings, to card games at the table where Mark Twain once played, cocktails in the Grill (if the walls could talk!) and keyed-access to Gramercy Park itself…the benefits of membership in The Players are as gratifying as you make them.

For more information on the benefits of membership visit our website theplayersnyc.org or contact membership@theplayersnyc.org