

Trustees Report for Flying Ducks Youth Theatre

Period Covered: Sept 2023 – Sept 2024

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The Flying Ducks Youth Theatre (FDYT) is dedicated to providing young people with opportunities to engage in the performing arts, fostering creativity, confidence, and collaboration. This report outlines our activities, financial performance, and future plans for the year 2024/2025

Financial Statements

These are attached at the end of this report.

Investment Performance

FDYT has maintained a conservative investment strategy, focusing on stability and modest growth. Termly fees and yearly theatre production profit continue to support our operational expenses and help to build reserves for future performance projects, community projects and plans for future growth.

Operational Highlights

- Productions

In March 2024, FDYT successfully staged a main production: Flying Ducks and All that Jazz at Joseph Rowntree theatre. It was a cabaret of Musical Theatre Showstoppers with 4 of our 6 groups taking part- 70 children participating in 4 shows.

The production was really well-received, showcasing the immense talent of our young performers.

- Workshops and Training:

We offered a series of summer workshops in August, working alongside other local theatre makers, which included skill work improvisation, dance and singing. These workshops were led by experienced professionals and aimed to enhance the skills of our young actors.

- Staff successfully completed First aid training, safeguarding training and mental health first aid training to support the company and safety of students.

- Community Engagement:

We engaged with local schools and community groups, providing opportunities for collaboration and outreach. We performed at 5 different public events with our members over a course of 3 months- performing for 100s of spectators.

Future Outlook

Looking ahead to 2025/2026, FDYT aims to:

- Expand our workshop offerings to include professional industry workshops
- Complete our largest book musical full scale production at the theatre to date.
- Increase community outreach programs to involve a more diverse group of participants.
- Launch a fundraising campaign to support our scholarship programme, ensuring that we can offer more young people have access to the arts, regardless of their financial situation.

Compliance and Governance

FDYT remains committed to maintaining high standards of governance. We have complied with all relevant regulations and have undergone an external audit to ensure transparency and accountability in our financial reporting.

Conclusion

The Flying Ducks Youth Theatre continues to thrive, thanks to the dedication of our trustees, staff, volunteers, and the support of our community. We look forward to another successful year of inspiring young talent and enriching our community through the performing arts.

Signed
Jenna Dee Howlett
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This report serves as a comprehensive overview of the past year's activities and sets the stage for future growth and success at FDYT.

Flying Ducks Youth Theatre Budget 2023/2024

Income

Show Profit	£4,488.77
Show Programme Sales	£242.66
Show Revenue	£4,731.43

Membership subs/Fees

Ducks/Ducklings/Quacks Fees	£24,088.00
Summer School Fees	£2,305.00
Show Fee	£900.00
Total Member donations	£27,293.00

Other income/fundraising

Gift Aid	£3,282.74
Donations	£1,929.00
Hoodies/Polo Shirts	£614.00
Sponsorship	£450.00
Misc/Other	£566.00
Total Other Income	£6,841.74

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Rehearsal Costs

Rehearsal Room Hire	£4,965.00
Teachers/Admin/Treasurer	£17,037.00
Polo Shirts/Hoodies	£752.42
Total rehearsal costs	£22,754.42

Publicity & Marketing

Posters/Programmes/Fliers	£341.80
Website	£0.00
Advertising	£50.00
Total marketing costs	£391.80

Production

Joseph Rowntree Theatre Hire & Fees	£4,829.93
Set build/Scenery	£150.00
Costumes	£1,310.98
Props	£30.98
Insurance	£400.83
Script/License Fees	£0.00
Jess and Band	£280.00
Training/DBS/Chaperone License Costs	£955.40
Total Production costs	<u>£7,958.12</u>

Miscellaneous	<u>£1,278.33</u>
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Total Expenses	<u>£32,382.67</u>
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<u>SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR</u>	<u>£6,483.50</u>
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<u>BALANCE OF CURRENT ACCOUNT</u>	<u>£29,144.40</u>
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<u>BALANCE OF SAVINGS ACCOUNT</u>	<u>£15,702.51</u>
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