

First Act 2011 - Trustees' Report 2022/23

This has been a year of changes and moving forward to new theatrical ambitions.

The summer workshops of 2022 saw tutors old and new working on singing, drama, dance and prop making. These workshops continue throughout August for the first time at the request of some of the members. We were able to utilise not only the indoor space but venture outside to work in the fresh air. All workshops were enjoyed by all. We visited Naturezones a local nature reserve, (on the hottest day of the year!) where we sang for the walkers and then had walk (in the shade) around the reserve.

Come September, rehearsals began for our pantomime 'Beauty & the Beast' with 3 performances and 3 different casts, Rowan our script writer had a difficult task combining 4 groups into 3 casts. But she managed beautifully and each show although the same story had a different interruption from the casts.

As usual the week after the shows we watched the DVD of the shows followed by a meal cooked at the clubhouse. The last week of term was 'Party Time' for all, with a magician popping in one day.

I was away for two months at the beginning of 2023, and on my return was delighted to see a complete show, 'Decades'. Martin Jones, one of our members, came up with the idea of music through the ages and it was decided to perform music from the 60's 70's & 80's with significant events from these eras interspersed throughout.

This proved to make a really entertaining first half. For Act 2, a cabaret style show was presented with members doing their 'own thing', they choose their own act whether song, dance or comedy rehearsing on their own or with partners.

We have been extremely lucky this year to have received donations from a local fashion show and a local runner in the London Marathon, this money will go towards our next production 'Peter Pan'.

Unfortunately, because of the costs of running our group have increased so much, we have had to put up our subscription fees. We are now running a fourth day and although - we -haven't attracted many new members so far, some members have changed days or added more.

A Big, Big Thank you, goes to Lottie who has taken over the running of First Act, and of course to the team of tutors who support her.

Carol Laidler
Chairman

First Act 2011 accounts for 2022 - 2023

Expenses	Totals	Income	Totals
Tutors	£ 52,347.25	Clients	£ 56,046.23
Musical director and script	£ -	Donations	£ 4,316.02
Dressmaker	£ -	Raffle and programmes	£ 1,352.90
Auditor	£ -	Theatre tickets	£ 1,870.34
Outside services (flie, van, etc)	£ 95.00	DVDs	£ 130.00
Theatre hire	£ -	Theatre trips	£ -
Hire of other halls	£ 10,290.00	Net savings interest	£ 51.42
Costumes/props	£ 2,128.33	Meals out	£ -
Fuel	£ -	Bank charges	£ -
Insurance	£ 417.42	Sale of props	£ -
Website	£ -	Donations	£ -
Noda Subscription	£ 84.00		
FOST membership	£ - PD EARLY		
PRS	£ -		
Stationery/stamps/printing	£ 157.88		
Repairs/renewals	£ -		
Advertising	£ 238.32		
PPE and cleaning	£ 2.99		
Raffle	£ 37.67		
Coffee, milk, etc	£ 357.40		
Theatre trips/tickets	£ -		
Meals out	£ -		
Gifts and cards	£ 120.62		
Charges	£ 112.14		
Sundries	£ 645.10		
Assets	£ 255.99		
Total	£ 67,290.11		£ 63,766.91

Current account balance B/F on 31.03.22	£ 11,828.26
Petty cash B/F on 31.03.22	£ 103.01
Savings account B/F on 31.03.22	£ 12,216.55
Donations account B/F on 31.03.22	£ 85.23
Donations petty cash account B/F on 31.03.22	£ 0.95

Plus total income from above £ 63,766.91

Less total expenses from above -£ 67,290.11

Total **£ 20,710.80**

Current account balance C/F 31.03.23	£ 8,422.27
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I have scrutinised the above for the year ended 31st March 2023 with reference to the records and Information provided and confirm that this represents a true and fair view of the Group for the year

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