

Boathouse Theatre Arts

Registered Charity Number 1156740

Annual Accounts

for the period Year Ending July 2024

Boathouse Theatre Arts

Jackson Hall

Portland Place

Hastings

East Sussex

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Organisational Information for the year ended 31st July 2024

Legal Form: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Governing Document: Constitution (Last amended in 2019)

Committee Members: Chair – Rachel Lowden
Treasurer – Nicola Rowland
Trustee – Felicity Parsons
Trustee - Sally Marchant
Trustee – Melissa Rowland
Member Trustee – Lawrence Jordan

Bankers **Melissa Rowland**
 Sally Marchant

Boathouse Theatre Arts

The report from the Chair and Trustee's for the year ending July 2024

The challenges in the current climate continue to be a concern for us as a small organisation. There is a high level of deprivation and poverty in Hastings and we continue to try and be as inclusive as possible for those with different needs, who may experience more financial hardship and fewer opportunities.

This means we rely heavily on our volunteers to support paid practitioners to deliver workshops. We have had some new volunteers join this year as well as some constant stalwarts who support both adult and children's groups. Our CEO supervises the volunteers and continues to invest high levels of energy and commitment over and above in order to sustain us as an organisation.

Funding applications have been submitted for various organisations and we have been unsuccessful in some but fortunate to be awarded a grant from the National Lottery.

Our new website and Instagram page have been launched which will increase awareness and spread news of our upcoming shows and socials. We have invested in this with a view that we can attract more donors, of which during this financial year we haven't had any.

We welcomed a new trustee to the board in January who is a participant at Boathouse and wrote the fabulous pantomime we saw at Christmas. Lawrence has Autism and is a gifted writer and performer and we are so thrilled for the skills he is bringing to the board and the voice of lived experience as an active member of the adult group.

It is a privilege to continue to work with a group of committed and passionate trustees, and to continue to work towards a sustainable robust financial structure that can scaffold the creative and powerful work our members and practitioners co create.

All our participants have learning difficulties to varying degrees, some are non-verbal and some have mobility challenges. Boathouse provides weekly sessions that engage people in singing, acting and performance.

We continue to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance in carrying out the Charity's objectives.

R.A. Lowden

CEO report

Boathouse Theatre Arts continues to meet the needs and wants of our community through the deliverance of theatre workshops.

We continue to have two groups that each deliver weekly theatre workshop session during term time.

The Sunday Adult Group continues to meet the need of 25 members. Over the past year, the group has welcomed a new member of paid staff and a volunteer. They have enjoyed several workshops from visiting artists, both building their skills and forging relationships within the community. One particular workshop was around comedy and was especially well received by many of our members! The Children's Group continues to meet the need of 10 children and their families. One member has his siblings join in, which allows them build upon their family bond. We have two parents who choose to remain in the session and support the team and members in the workshop. Parents have access to a relaxed area, with hot drinks and biscuits, and this has been a vital lifeline for several, allowing them some respite and the chance to talk to similar families. Last summer, we took our Singing and Signing Choir to a few local community events.

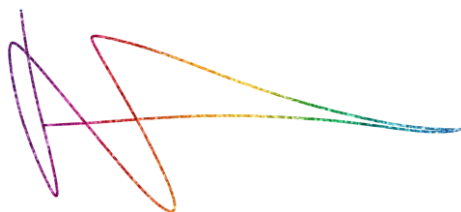
Last Christmas saw Boathouse Theatre Arts put on their annual Christmas Caberet. This was a lot of fun for the members to devise and they showcased many skills learnt throughout the year. This is a highlight of the Boathouse calendar.

Through our public events and productions, we often see a rise in interest as to what we offer and donations. We have one family now donating monthly. We have since created our website, which we worked closely with local website builders, and this brings in extra interest. I aim to send out a quarterly newsletter to those signed up to it- generally a mix of family members and local community groups.

Millie Rowland
CEO



This document has been seen and approved by all Trustees and the independent examiner



Sally Marchant
Rachel Lowden
Nicola Rowland
Felicity Parsons

Lawrence Jordan
Patricia Farnan- IE

Boathouse Theatre Arts
Treasurer's Report Year Ending 31 July 2024

Education and Administration

	Year ended 2024	Year ended 2023
Grants Received	8,080.00	3,000.00
Individual Donations (Direct Credit)	11,300.00	1,962.06
Friends of Boathouse	445.00	445.00
Income from Sessions and Shows	<u>6,512.67</u>	<u>8,024.30</u>
TOTAL FUND INCOME	26,337.67	13,431.36
EXPENDITURE		
Freelance Teachers	5,118.94	4,895.00
Venue Hire (Incl Hastings Centre Xmas Show)	2,710.50	2,237.20
P/T Administrator and Associated Costs	4,988.09	5,368.76
Printing and Publicity	1,864.49	-
Excursions	1,186.75	-
Insurances	139.60	139.60
Stationery and Sundry Expenditure	<u>460.00</u>	<u>596.48</u>
	16,468.37	13,237.04
EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATION FUND TOTAL FOR THE YEAR	<u>9,869.30</u>	<u>194.32</u>
BALANCE AT BANK B/FWD	6,114.45	5,920.13
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	9,869.30	194.32
BALANCE AT BANK C/FWD	<u>15,983.75</u>	<u>6,114.45</u>
 RESERVED FUNDS	 5,000.00	 5,000.00
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u>10,983.75</u>	<u>1,114.45</u>
	<u>15,983.75</u>	<u>6,114.45</u>

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of Boathouse Theatre Arts on the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2024

Charity number: 1156740

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Boathouse Theatre Arts ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



1 June 2024

Patricia Farnan

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