

The Playhouse Theatre Northampton

Annual Report for September 2023 to August 2024

This has been a particularly difficult year for the theatre which ended with a nearly unanimous decision taken at an Extraordinary General Meeting on 20 August to serve notice to terminate the lease of the theatre that has been our home for over 60 years. This decision was not taken lightly but the theatre will continue to thrive, initially using premises available to hire while searching for a new home.

We did run a full programme of performances. These included 'Bouncers' by John Godber which had been selected by the membership as the play that they would most like to see again but which had been postponed on more than one occasion for different reasons. When it was eventually staged the performances were lively and very well received by the audiences.

There were a number of successful hires, notably including two weeks in March when students from the University of Northampton put on 10 different short plays which they wrote, directed and performed, all to a high standard. Unfortunately hires like this are no longer possible.

The accounts for the year show operational profit reduced by about £3,000 from the previous year and the bar profits down by a similar amount. While expenditure on the building was low, if we had decided to stay in the premises there would have been a need for high immediate and ongoing costs to enable us to meet current safety standards.

Corinna Leeder, the Chair and several other members of the Management Committee have taken the opportunity to retire from their roles as volunteers on the Committee and all are thanked for their efforts over the years. A new enthusiastic Committee has been appointed by the trustees with Ben Knight as Chair and Giles Mooney as Treasurer. They are actively arranging for performances to continue at alternative venues.

Since the decision to vacate the building, trustees Gary Holland, Debby de Haes, Ed Bennett and Sally Fuller have resigned and Ben Knight has been co-opted to join Mike Bond and myself as trustees. We currently have the minimum number of trustees permitted by the Constitution. All

the retiring trustees are thanked for their enormous efforts over the last few difficult years to keep the theatre running.

I have been called upon to be an Acting Chair of Trustees again this year, although it remains my intention to stand down from this role.

Although we shall no longer have premises, for the time being, the organisation will still be dependent on volunteers from within the membership for roles both on and off the stage, to enable productions to take place for the benefit of the participants and the wider community.

Bob Entwistle

Acting Chair of Trustees

Registered Charity Number: 1174920

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Accounts

for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

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**Chartered Certified Accountants' Report on the Preparation of the Unaudited Financial
Information of
The Playhouse Theatre Northampton**

We have prepared for your approval the financial information of The Playhouse Theatre Northampton for the Year ended 31 August 2024 which comprises the Income and Expense Account, the statement of assets and liabilities and the related notes from the entity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practicing member firm of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.accaglobal.com/en/member/professional-standards/rules-standards/acca-rulebook.html>.

You have approved the financial information for the Year and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.



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Approval of financial information

I approve the financial information which comprises the Income and Expense Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

I acknowledge my responsibility for the financial information, including the appropriateness of the applicable financial reporting framework as set out in note 1, and for providing CSH Consulting with all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

I give my authority for the financial information to be made available to the members upon formal request.
The financial information was approved by the chairperson on 9th December 2024.



Robert Entwistle

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Income and Expense Account for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Membership	3,957		2,753	
Ticket Sales	11,516		11,917	
Theatre Hire	2,323		5,809	
Bar Income	8,692		13,365	
Bank Interest	478		154	
Donations	61		212	
		<u>27,027</u>		<u>34,252</u>
Cost of Sales				
Bar Costs		<u>(2,923)</u>		<u>(4,860)</u>
		<u>24,104</u>		<u>29,392</u>
Expenses				
Rent	6,800		7,190	
Water	180		230	
Business Rates	143		147	
Light, heat & power	1,701		2,513	
Insurance	1,833		1,627	
Play Licences	2,196		2,662	
Bar License	180		180	
PRS/PPL	140		567	
Repairs & Cleaning	398		725	
Fire Services	1,256		251	
Scripts	682		678	
Publicity	460		521	
Refurbishment	589		1,256	
Telephone & Fax	768		674	
Directors Expenses	256		236	
Professional Fees	360		360	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	1,143		1,174	
Sound/Lighting	38		18	
Sundry Expenses	290		264	
Set Costs	91		280	
Depreciation	561		770	
Bank & Transaction Charges	159		187	
		<u>(20,224)</u>		<u>(22,509)</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year		<u>3,882</u>		<u>6,883</u>

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Asset and Liability Statement as at 31 August 2024

	Note	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets			<u>683</u>		<u>608</u>
			683		608
Current Assets					
Stocks	2	569		418	
Debtors	3	3,935		4,733	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>42,723</u>		<u>40,359</u>	
		47,227		45,510	
Current Liabilities		<u>2,808</u>		<u>4,898</u>	
Net Assets			<u>45,102</u>		<u>41,220</u>
 Unrestricted Fund Account					
Brought Forward from 2023			41,220		34,337
(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year			<u>3,882</u>		<u>6,883</u>
			<u>45,102</u>		<u>41,220</u>

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Turnover

Turnover represents the value of productions and goods sold.

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Net realisable value is based on selling price less anticipated costs to completion and selling costs.

2 Stock and work in progress

	2024		2023
	£	£	£
Stocks	<u>569</u>		<u>418</u>

3 Debtors

	2024		2023
	£	£	£
Prepayments	<u>3,935</u>		<u>4,733</u>

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