

SHALDON THEATRE COMPANY
Registered Charity Number 1192428

This is our third year of reporting since we registering as a Charity in November 2020 and the annual reporting period is 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024. Shaldon Theatre Company (STC) have carried out a range of activities which meet its charitable objectives and which also benefit the community.

We have an annual summer performance of Zebediah Hook (ZH) which was performed during August 2023, this is held to raise funds to enable us to continue putting on our charity performances for members of the community who may find it difficult accessing local live theatre at reduced costs for our pantomime but is also where members of our community can see an open-air performance. The play is written by a local writer who is a long-standing member of the theatre company. It is an open-air production with committee members doing a bucket collection afterwards and audience members can contribute if they so wish, making the play accessible to everyone as tickets are not sold for this production.

STC's annual pantomime was performed in January 2024 which took the form of a pantomime adaption of The Wizard of Oz. We held our auditions in a local village hall during the summer of 2023 with the purpose of inviting a varied section of the community, both adults and children, to attend. Over 40 people attended the auditions, 99% of them coming from within a radius of 3 miles of Shaldon, which resulted in a total of 10 Principal roles and 15 ensemble parts, both for adults and children. This is in line with an STC primary objective of encouraging and enabling adults and junior members to enjoy and develop their talents and skills linked to all aspects of performing arts.

Two performances of The Wizard of Oz were held as our charity evenings, Gateway Night, and Youth Night. Gateway Night is aimed at inviting members of the community, along with their carer's, who might have mental health, physical disabilities or other specific needs which might cause difficulty for them to attend a regular theatrical performance. Tickets for Gateway Night are subsidised by taking surplus income from regular performances and sponsorship from local businesses and individuals, enabling us to sell the tickets at 50% of the cost of the regular performances pricing structure. Our Gateway night sold in excess of 185 tickets, the comments and feedback from the staff of residential homes, carers and audience members that attended was very positive and was enjoyed hugely, with many enquiring when the next production would be.

Youth Night is for local youth organisations such as Scouts, Girl Guides and Devon Youth Carers who are invited to a dedicated performance just for these groups and again tickets are subsidised to the same format as Gateway Night. We are very pleased that one group who benefit from this charity performance are the Devon Youth Carers organisation, where younger members of the community whom look after adult parents or relatives and may not have the time or ability to go to a theatre performance, are able to attend with the support that Devon Youth Carers gives them.

Both Gateway Night and Youth night is incredibly rewarding and a very important part of our ethos of making theatre accessible to all within our community and this also meets with the STC charitable objective of assisting charitable organisations in the promotion of performing arts.

We also held a fund-raising quiz in March and this was well attended by the local community and members of our theatre company, this was held in our local village hall and was to raise money to put towards our pantomime charity performances.

Audience members within the region of 1700 attended the performances we have put on and a total of over 45 cast members and 30 back stage and technical crew, Directors, Musical Directors, Musicians and Choreographers all of whom benefitted from taking part in our productions. Back-stage crew consisted of costume makers, chaperones, lighting and stage personnel and programme sellers with an age-range of 8 to 80 years old and from all sections of the community. Our pantomime The Wizard of Oz and quiz night has generated ticket sales of £22,433.00, with the vast majority of them coming from within the village of Shaldon and its close surroundings. This, coupled with the fact that the percentage of auditionees from the local area is exceptionally high which re-enforces that the charity is formulated for the promotion of performing arts for the benefit of the local community. As well as this, the charity offers the ability for people from a dis-advantaged background or who have a disability that prevents them from attending conventional performances to access performing arts in a safe and inclusive surrounding. This has proved so successful within the local area that the groups of people have expanded in recent years, as word has spread within the community about the theatre company's charitable performances that supports them.

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Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

Income and Expenditure Account	2024	2023
	£	£
Income		
Ticket Sales	22,433	19,416
Zebediah Hook	550	556
Programmes, Raffles and DVDs	1,406	1,692
Membership & Patrons	1,285	1,195
Advertising	635	670
Donations/Sponsorship	1,950	4,644
Sundries-Sale T-Shirts&Equip	-	960
Quiz night	266	-
Miscellaneous fund-raising	1,883	-
Other income	400	251
Clothes/Shoes	106	12
Interest	113	34
Bar takings	438	865
Rent - Helmore's Yard	1,200	1,100
Amazon charity donations	34	-
Total income	32,700	31,395
Expenditure		
Stage (Transport/Clothes/Flyers)	2,981	7,179
Light & Sound	5,875	6,300
Costumes	851	1,761
Props	405	313
DVDs	230	330
Premises - Pavilions	8,399	7,222
Rehearsal Room Hire	1,201	934
Publicity/Photography/advertising	-	53
Catering	-	819
Bar costs	348	618
Insurance	1,183	1,056
Licences	530	470
Printing and stationery	705	759
Sundries	1,367	1,129
After Show Party	383	515
Donations	100	150
Clothes/Shoes Cast	86	-
Helmore's Yard rent	3,300	3,300
Total expenditure	27,944	32,909
(Deficit)/Surplus	4,756	-1,514

Balance Sheet		
As at 31 March	2024	2023
	£	£
Assets		
Bank accounts		
Current	10,364	9,108
Reserve	6,000	2,500
Cash	66	66
Credit note	-	-
	16,430	11,674
Reserves		
Brought forward	11,674	13,188
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	4,756	-1,514
Carried forward	16,430	11,674

Accountant's certificate

We have examined the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The Theatre Company's income is derived from shows, voluntary donations and fund raising activities, which by their very nature are often in cash form and therefore cannot be fully controlled until entries are made in the accounting records.

In our opinion, subject to the foregoing, the accounts for the year to 31 March 2024 reflect a true and fair view of the Theatre Company's financial position and trading for the year.

We have not carried out an audit.

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