

The Middlesbrough Little Theatre Limited

Legal and Administrative Information

Directors and Trustees

Chairman	Mr J.A.Harrison
Secretary	Mrs C M Henderson
Elected members	Mrs M L Anderson, Mr.R.Burton, Mrs C A Lee, Mrs C J McEwan, Mrs W Middleton Mrs C W Narey, Mr L.M.Sayers, Mr R Tunncliffe (resigned 7th March 2024),

Directors	Mr M J.Crooks, Mr S Jones
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Company Number	572515
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Charity Number	222426
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Registered Office and Principal Place of Business	Toft House The Avenue Middlesbrough TS5 6SA
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Bankers	HSBC Bank plc 60 Albert Road Middlesbrough TS1 1RS
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Accountants	Jones Harper Chartered Accountants 25 Roseberry Road Billingham TS23 2SD
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Independent Examiner	J.W.Hugill – Accountants Room101 The Grange Business Centre Belasis Avenue Billingham TS23 1LG
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The Middlesbrough Little Theatre Limited

Report of the trustees for the year ending 30th June 2024

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their Annual Report and the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2024.

Objects of the Charity, Principal Activities and Organisation of Our Work

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is therefore governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The charity's object and its principal activity continues to be that of promoting, maintaining, improving and advancing education and the performing arts - drama, dancing, singing and music. This involves young people, from the age of seven, as well as adults.

The charity is organised so that the trustees, known as the Executive Committee, meet regularly to manage its affairs.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Structure, Governance and Management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 5th October 1956 and registered as a charity on 24th September 1963. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the Charitable Company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of its being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding one pound..

The Trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's articles are elected onto the Executive Committee for a period of one or three years at the Annual General Meeting.

Developments, Activities and Achievements

As we were not able to go ahead with our planned production in the Studio in July 2023 a variety show was put together entitled *Party Pieces*. This proved to be very popular and there were requests to make it an annual event.

In October 2023 Agatha Christie's *Go Back For Murder*, in Middlesbrough Theatre, proved to be a very popular choice as the audience figures were well above our average.

The March 2024 production, *The Thrill of Love* by Amanda Whittington, was a very powerful and thought provoking play based on the life of Ruth Ellis, hanged in 1955 for killing her lover – the last woman to be hanged in Britain. The play was brilliantly performed, but audience figures were not good as some theatre goers felt the subject matter was too upsetting and chose not to attend. Gina Hurwood, who played Ruth Ellis, was nominated for a National Operatic and Drama Association Best Actress award.

The season finished with *Time and Time Again*, a comedy by Alan Ayckbourne, in May 2024. Artistically the production was very successful, but the fees we pay for using Middlesbrough Theatre have been substantially increased and so, for the first time, the theatre expenses exceeded the box office receipts.

During the year our Studio has hosted thirty-five live music events, featuring original artists, including poets and authors. These 'not for profit' events have given one hundred and fifty-eight local people, of all ages, the opportunity to perform to an audience and to learn from professional musicians

The company youth section, Middlesbrough Youth Theatre, has had another successful year. In July 2023 the older students performed *Spring Awakening*, a coming of age rock musical based on a play by Steven Sater. The students themselves were involved in every aspect of the production. There were some very strong performances with lots of energy and tickets were sold out on the first and last nights.

In November 2023 forty students performed *ELF the musical*, a lively and amusing show by Chad Beguelin and Matthew Sklar. .

Jamie Collicot was nominated for a NODA Youth award for his role of Buddy.

The box office receipts were just under £38,000.

MYTalent, in April 2024, showcased the wealth of talent in both MYT and Kidstage with a lively show of songs and sketches.

Three students will be moving on to further training in the performing arts in the autumn 2024.

The group for the youngest members of MYT, Kidstage, were in the Middlesbrough Theatre in July 2023. This was their second time in the theatre. The very talented large cast performed a version of Disney's *Aladdin*. All three nights sold out at the box office.

Currently MYT has around a hundred members with a two-year waiting list. The leaders are keen to take on more students, but lack of rehearsal space is preventing this.

Our home, Toft House, has limited space so other venues have to be hired for rehearsals.

Future Developments

We will continue with our usual programme of four productions a year, one in our Studio theatre and three in Middlesbrough Theatre, during 2025.

It is not certain if that will continue beyond 2025. The increased costs of performing in Middlesbrough Theatre may necessitate reducing the number of plays performed in the theatre and using the Studio more.

Our next play will be *A Bunch of Amateurs* by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman, in October 2024. This will be followed by *Albert Nobbs*, a light drama set in Middlesbrough by local playwright Gordon Steel, in February 2025. At the end of April there will be a MLT/MYT joint production of *The Railway Children* as part of a programme of events in County Durham and the Tees Valley in 2025 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Stockton and Darlington Railway.

MYT are currently rehearsing their November 2024 production of the musical *Les Miserables*. Their November 2025 production will be the musical *Footloose*.

Kidstage performed *Annie Jr* in Middlesbrough Theatre in July 2024..

Investments policy and returns

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the charity has the power to make any investment which the trustees see fit. The trustees have considered the most appropriate policy for investing funds is in building society and bank accounts.

Reserves

The present level of funding is adequate to support the continuation of the productions in the theatre. It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which equates to over twelve months expenditure, providing sufficient funds to cover management and administration.

Directors and Trustees

All trustees are also directors of the company and, currently, there are two other directors.

Risk management

The trustees actively review the major risks which the company faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current level, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational business risks faced by the Charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Statement of Trustees responsibilities

Company law requires the Trustees prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the financial activities of the Charity and its financial position at the end of that year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:-

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Companies act 2006 and with applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue in operation

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the board of directors and trustees on 12th September 2024 and signed on its behalf



Chairman

The Middlesbrough Little Theatre Limited

Independent Examiners's Report to the Executive Committee of The Middlesbrough Little Theatre Limited

I report to the Executive Committee on my examination of the accounts of The Middlesbrough Little Theatre Limited for the year ended 30 June 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees and directors of The Middlesbrough Little Theatre Limited 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 Middlesbrough Little Theatre Limited's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Middlesbrough Little Theatre Limited as required by section 130 of the Act: or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records: or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the forms and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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11-Jan-24

Middlesbrough Little Theatre Limited
Statement of financial activities (incorporation an Income & Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 30th June 2024

INCOMING RESOURCES

Incoming resources from generated funds

		Restricted	Unrestricted	2024	2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
<i>Voluntary income:</i>					
Members' subscriptions			37,942	37,942	35,923
Donations	1	0	721	721	1,004
<i>Activities generating funds</i>					
Fundraising	2		3,328	3,328	2,493
<i>Investment income</i>					0
Bank interest received			1,470	1,470	563

Total		0	43,461	43,461	39,983
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Incoming resources from charitable activities

		Restricted	Unrestricted	2024	2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
<i>Production income</i>					
Adult Theatre			8,415	8,415	9,413
Youth Theatre			42,955	42,955	26,132
Other income	3		405	405	417

Total		0	51,775	51,775	35,962
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TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		0	95,236	95,236	75,945
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RESOURCES EXPENDED

		Restricted	Unrestricted	2024	2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities:					
Cost of productions:-					
Adult Theatre			12,564	12,564	8,446
Youth Theatre			55,684	55,684	45,861
Theatre running costs	4		34,001	34,001	25,192
				0	0
Governance costs				0	0
Management and administration	5	500	2,346	2,846	2,064

TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		500	104,595	105,095	81,563
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RESOURCES RECEIVED LESS EXPENDED	6	-500	-9,359	-9,859	-5,618
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FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		12,217	153,296	165,513	171,131
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FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		11,717	143,937	155,654	165,513
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Middlesbrough Little Theatre Limited

Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2024

		2024		2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	7		2,356		2,994
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	8	12,022		17,779	
Cash at bank and in hand		143,206		147,496	
		155,228		165,275	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors falling due within one year	9	1,930		2,756	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			153,298		162,519
TOTAL NET ASSETS/LIABILITIES					
			155,654		165,513
Represented by:-					
Funds of the charity					
Restricted funds	10		11,717		12,217
Unrestricted funds	10		143,937		153,296
			155,654		165,513

2024
£

2023
£

1 DONATIONS

Lew Oliver	0	0
General donations	721	1,004

2 FUNDRAISING INCOME

Coffee mornings	427	878
MYT fundraising	2,901	1,615
	3,328	2,493

3 OTHER INCOME

Others	405	417
	405	417

4 COMPANY RUNNING COSTS

Rent	625	625
Rates and council tax	255	1,455
Heating & lighting	6,474	4,578
Insurance	1,322	866
Postage printing stationery & advertising	1,554	1,011
Cleaning	4,958	5,469
General repairs	15,627	9,674
Sundries	2,549	1,193
Depreciation	637	321
	34,001	25,192

5 MANAGEMENT & ADMIN.

Restricted spend	500	0
Accountancy & bookkeeping	2,356	2,018

6 NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	2024	2023
This is stated after charging		
Depreciation	321	321
Accountancy	2,064	2,064

7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold improvements	Fixtures & equipment	Total
Cost			
As at 1st July 2023	17,421	18,711	36,132
Additions	-	-	0
As at 30th June 2024	17,421	18,711	36,132
Depreciation			
As at 1st July 2023	16,310	16,828	33,138
Charge for year	167	471	638
As at 30th June 2024	16,477	17,299	33,776
Net book value	944	1,412	2,356

8 DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments	504	0
Other debtor	0	0
<i>Due after one year:-</i>		
Loan to Theatre Club	11,518	17,779
	12,022	17,779

CREDITORS FALLING DUE 9 WITHIN ONE YEAR

Accruals and creditors	1,930	2,756
	1,930	2,756

10 ANALYSIS OF ASSETS

	Restricted, Low Oliver Fund £	Restricted, Building Fund £	Unrestricted £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets			2,356	2,356
Net other assets	3,762	7,955	141,581	153,298
	<u>3,762</u>	<u>7,955</u>	<u>143,937</u>	<u>155,654</u>

11 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	As at 1st July 2023	Income	Spend	As at 30th June 2024
Unrestricted funds	<u>153,296</u>	<u>95,236</u>	<u>104,595</u>	<u>143,937</u>
Restricted funds:				
Lew Oliver fund	4,262	0	500	3,762
Building fund	<u>7,955</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,955</u>
	<u>12,217</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>11,717</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>165,513</u>	<u>95,236</u>	<u>105,095</u>	<u>155,654</u>