

# Drama Circle Theatre Trust

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103761

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-10-01
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The Trust is established to be an educational trust to promote and advance in the area of benefit by charitable means only the education knowledge technique and appreciation of drama and the theatre of students of dramatic art and of the theatre and of members of the public generally, whether by the provision of scholarships bursaries and maintenance allowances to such persons to enable them to study and to travel in furtherance of their study, or by such of the same or such other means as the Trustees may from time to time decide Provided that no Trustee and no close relative of a Trustee shall be considered for or be eligible to receive a grant or otherwise to benefit financially from the Trust.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

**How the charity works:** Grant making

**Who the charity helps:** General public, Men, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£2,716	£447	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Marshall		
Dorothy Wiley		
H. Montgomery		
M. McClelland		
Mrs Gayna Beresford B.Ed		

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# Accounts

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE:				
DATE	PARTICULARS	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
06/04/2024	B/F.			£2,593.08
11/04/2024	Smith & Williamson INV.		£685.36	£3,278.44
15/04/2024	Monthly Fee	£5.00		£3,273.44
30/04/2024	ICS cheque	£50.00		
	Cheque fee	£0.75		£3,222.69
15/05/2024	Monthly fee	£5.00		£3,217.69
17/06/2024	Monthly fee	£5.00		£3,212.69
26/06/2024	Interest to date		£1.57	£3,214.26
11/07/2024	Smith & Williamson INV		£719.44	£3,933.70
15/07/2024	Monthly fee	£5.00		£3,928.70
15/08/2024	Monthly fee	£5.00		£3,923.70
16/09/2024	Monthly fee	£5.00		£3,918.70
20/09/2024	Interest to date		£1.92	£3,920.62
11/10/2024	Smith & Williamson INV		£663.02	£4,583.64
15/10/2024	Monthly fee	£5.00		£4,578.64
07/11/2025	Cheque	£50.00		
	Cheque fee	£0.75		£4,527.89
15/11/2024	Monthly fee	£5.00		£4,522.89
02/12/2024	Cheque	£71.76		
	Cheque fee	£0.75		£4,450.38
16/12/2024	Monthly fee	£5.00		£4,445.38
27/12/2024	Interest to date		£2.20	£4,447.58
13/01/2025	Smith & Williamson INV		£640.87	£5,088.45
15/01/2025	Monthly fee	£5.00		£5,083.45
24/01/2025	Cheque	£61.72		
	Cheque fee	£0.75		£5,020.98
17.02.25	Monthly Acc Fee	£5.00		£5,015.98
13.03.25	ICS cheque	£150.00		
	ICS cheque Fee	£1.00		£4,864.98
17.03.25	Monthly Acc Fee	£5.00		£4,859.98
26.03.25	Interest to date		£2.42	£4,862.40
	<b>Total</b>	£447.48	£2,716.80	

## VALUATION of ASSETS:

CASH ACCOUNTS	
GBP Income account GBP (MACC.ACC.INC.GBP).	£702.14
GBP Investment GBP (MACC.INV.GBP).	£758.74
<b>BONDS</b>	
<b>Sterling (GBP)</b>	
Fund 5000 Schroeder INV Fund	£4,487.50
<b>ALTERNATIVES &amp; MULTI-ASSET</b>	
<b>Direct</b>	
3,400 SDCL Energy Efficiency Inc PLC Ord.	£1,638.80
2,500 Tritax Big Box REIT PLC Ord.	£3,510.00
5,000 VH Global Energy Infrastructure Ord.	£2,850.00
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>	
1,350 City of London INV Trust Ord.	£6,102.00
1,000 Edinburgh INV TST PLC.	£7,400.00
750 LAW Debenture Corp Ord.	£6,592.50
500 M&G Securities Ltd (Equities INV for Charities)	£7,591.50
<b>OVERSEAS</b>	
Pacific Basin ex Japan	
750 Henderson Far East Income Ltd Ord.	£1,608.75
<b>Global</b>	
2,500 Murray International Trust PLC Ord.	£6,550.00
Management Portfolio - Discretionary Total.	£49,791.93

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Date.	Particulars.	Debit.	Credit.	Balance
	Balance C/F			£3,427.83
13/04/2023	Interest on Assets		£593.12	£4,020.95
17/04/2023	Monthly acc fee	£5.00		£4,015.95
15/05/2023	Monthly acc fee	£5.00		£4,010.95
18/05/2023	Cheque 14	£3,000.00		£1,010.95
18/05/2023	Cheque fee	£0.75		£1,010.20
15/06/2023	Monthly acc fee	£5.00		£1,005.20
21/06/2023	Cheque 15	£100.00		£905.20
21/06/2023	Cheque fee	£0.75		£904.45
26/06/2023	Interest to date	£1.32		£905.77
12/07/2023	Interest on assets		£692.17	£1,597.94
17/07/2023	Monthly acc fee	£5.00		£1,592.94
15/08/2023	Monthly acc fee	£5.00		£1,587.94
15/09/2023	Monthly acc fee	£5.00		£1,582.94
26/09/2023	Interest to date	£0.74		£1,583.68
11/10/2023	Interest on assets		£640.51	£2,224.19
16/10/2023	Monthly fee	£5.00		£2,219.19
15/11/2023	Monthly fee	£5.00		£2,214.19
30/11/2023	Cheque 16	£62.40		£2,151.19
30/11/2023	Cheque fee	£0.75		£2,151.04
15/12/2023	Monthly fee	£5.00		£2,146.04
27/12/2023	Interest to date		£1.04	£2,147.08
11/01/2024	Interest on assets		£610.48	£2,757.56
15/01/2024	Monthly fee	£5.00		£2,752.56
18/01/2024	Cheque 17	£150.00		£2,602.56
18/01/2024	Cheque fee	£0.75		£2,601.81
15/02/2024	Monthly fee	£5.00		£2,596.81
15/03/2024	Monthly fee	£5.00		£2,591.81
26/03/2024	Interest to date		£1.27	£2,593.08
05/04/2024	Balance			£2,593.08
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£3,377.46</b>	<b>£2,538.59</b>	

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# Annual report

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Annual Report April 2023 to March 2024

Name of the Charity is Drama Circle Theatre Trust

NI Charity Commission number is 103761

The purpose of the Charity is to promote and advance the education, knowledge, technique and appreciation of drama and theatre of students of dramatic art and of theatre by grants to enable study and/or travel in the furtherance of such studies.

The names of the Charity Trustees on the date the report was approved were Ms D Wiley, Ms M McClelland, Ms G Beresford, Mr P Cavan, Mr A Marshall and Mr H Montgomery.

All the above functioned as Trustees during 2023 to 2024 except Mr P Cavan who died during this period at the end of May, 2023.

The financial year of the report is 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 to 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.

One grant was made towards the functioning of a local drama festival of plays from various groups.

At the start of the year i.e. April 2023, the accumulated interest on investments was £3,427.83.

The grants offered are openly on offer to any applicant successfully meeting the requirements to satisfy the Trustees of his/her passion in the furtherance of his/her study and education in drama and theatre.

The Board feel they are meeting these requirements.

The capital invested by the Trustees, under the guidance of our financial advisers, continued to function satisfactorily in a fluctuating market. As our overheads are low, most of our income can be awarded in grants. We completed the financial year with an income of £2,500 plus.

No funds were in deficit at the end of the year.

Signed and dated:

T H Montgomery (Sec) 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

## Income &amp; Outgoings of the Trust:

Date.	Particulars.	Debit.	Credit.	Balance
	Balance C/F			£3,427.83
13/04/23	Interest on Assets		£593.12	£4,020.95
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15/05/23	Monthly acc fee	£5.00		£4,010.95
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05/04/24	Balance			£2,593.08
	Totals:	£3,377.46	£2,538.59	

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# Annual return

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Trustees of the Drama Circle Theatre Trust  
12 Lenaghan Crescent  
Belfast  
BT8 7JD  
Charity No: NIC103761

25 January 2025

Dear Trustees

**Re: Independent examiner's report for year end 31 March 2024**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out in section 3 of my examination file.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

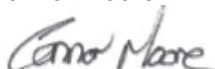
My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Connor Moore



ACA (Institute of Chartered Accountants Ireland)

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# Accounts

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CAPITAL & EXPENDITURE-06/04/22 to 05/04/23:

		INCOME	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE
06/04/2022	B/F	£3,627.92		£3,627.92
13/04/2022	Investment interest	£484.44		£4,112.36
19/04/2022	Account fee		£8.00	£4,104.36
16/05/2022	Account fee		£8.00	£4,096.36
26/05/2022	Cheque		£95.00	£4,001.36
	Cheque fee		£0.50	£4,000.86
15/06/2022	Account fee		£8.00	£3,992.86
27/06/2022	Interest	£0.35		£3,992.51
13/07/2022	Investment interest	£664.50		£4,657.01
15/07/2022	Account fee		£8.00	£4,649.01
15/08/2022	Account fee		£5.00	£4,644.01
24/08/2022	Grant (cheque cancelled).£2000			£4,644.01
	Cheque fee		£0.50	£4,643.51
15/09/2022	Account Fee		£5.00	£4,638.51
26/09/2022	Interest.	£1.50		£4,640.01
12/10/2022	Investment interest.	£479.23		£5,119.24
17/10/2022	Account fee		£5.00	£5,114.24
18/10/2022	Grant.		£2,000.00	£3,114.24
			£0.50	£3,113.74
15/11/2022	Account fee		£5.00	£3,108.74
15/12/2022	Account fee		£5.00	£3,103.74
28/12/2022	Interest	£1.75		£3,105.49
11/01/2023	Investment interest	£583.82		£3,689.31
16/01/2023	Account fee		£5.00	£3,684.31
13/02/2023	Auditor fee		£150.00	£3,534.31
	Cheque fee		£0.75	£3,533.56
15/02/2023	Account fee		£5.00	£3,528.56
15/03/2023	Account fee		£5.00	£3,523.56
27/03/2023	Interest	£1.72		£3,525.28
03/04/2023	Web fee		£77.40	£3,447.88
	Cheque fee		£0.75	£3,447.13
05/04/2023	Totals	£2,217.31	£2,397.40	

VALUATION of ASSETS at 06/04/23

CASH Accounts

GBP Income account GBP (MACC.ACC.INC.GBP). £65.63

GBP Investment GBP (MACC.INV.GBP). £1,648.57

46 days interest accrued from 15 March 2023. £2.52

TOTAL: £1,651.09

BONDS

Sterling (GBP) Fund	
5000 Schroeder Unit Trust Ltd SIFC Strategic Credit.	£4,248.50
ALTERNATIVE & MULTI-ASSETS	
3,400 SDCL Energy Efficiency INC TST PLC Ord GBP 0.01.	£3162.00
2,500 TRITAX BIG BOX REIT OLC ORD GBP 0.91.	£3,877.50
5,000 VH GBL SUSTAINABLE ENERGY OPPS PLC ORD GBP 0.01	£4,940.00
EQUITIES:	
United Kingdom	
1,350. City of London Investment Trust ORD GBP 0.25.	£5,710.50
1,000 Edinburgh Investment Trust ORD GBP 0.25.	£6,810.00
750 Law Debenture Corp ORD GBP 0.05.	£6,180.00
500 M&G Eqts. Inv. FD for Charities	£7,571.00
Overseas	
Pacific Basin exc. Japan	
750 Henderson Far East Income Ltd ORD SHS NVP.	£1,878.75
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MANGED PORTFOLIO - Discretionary Total.	£52,774.97
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# Annual report

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## ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2022-MARCH 2023

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The purpose of the Trust is to promote and advance the education, technique and appreciation of drama and theatre for students of the dramatic arts and of theatre by grants to enable study and/or travel in the furtherance of such studies.

The names of the Charity Trustees at the date of the report and all individuals who served as Trustees during the year as follows:

Mrs B. Kinch, Ms D. Wiley, Mrs M. McClelland, Mrs G. Beresford. Mr P. Cavan, Mr A. Marshall, and Mr H. Montgomery.

All the above-named functioned as Trustees, attending joint discussions during 2022 to 2023, except Mrs B. Kinch who, though confined to bed, was kept fully up-to-date and was involved in all decisions.

The financial year is from 6th April 2022 to 5th April 2023.

By the middle of April, 2022, the accumulated interest was over three thousand, mainly due to the fact that the Trustees did not award any grants in the previous year.

Only one grant was made in the current year which was for the sum of £2000 to a drama student from NI studying in England towards continuing his second year of study.

The Trustees did not gather together, formally, during the year but kept in touch by e-mail, telephone or individual small meetings.

After the Secretary attended a seminar run by Evelyn Partners regarding charities and the NI Commission, it was agreed by the Trustees that the Secretary would contact our investment managers to discuss whether our investments were reasonably ethical.

The Secretary did so and it was accepted by the Trustees that a mix of types on investments was suitable to allow a certain level of return on our capital.

It was with deep regret that Mrs B Kinch, one of our original Trustees, died in June, 2022, at the age of 96. Always able to offer wise and realistic advice, even in later years when confined to her own home. She will be greatly missed by all the remaining Trustees.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charities Commission's Public Benefit requirement that grants are openly on offer to any applicant successfully meeting the requirements to satisfy the Trustees of said applicant's passion in the furtherance of study and education in Drama and Theatre.

The Trustees take Health and Safety issues seriously. All applicants make contact and present applications through e-mail or post and are contacted regarding interviews and results in the same way. All interviews are carried out by a panel of, at least, four Trustees. The Board of Trustees believe they are complying with these issues.

With regard to the Trust's financial position, the capital invested by the Trustees, under the guidance of our financial advisers, Cunningham Coates, now Evelyn Partners, has been performing as well as possible in the current times. As our overheads are relatively low, most of our income can be offered as grants. We try to retain a small reserve in case of an emergency.

T H Montgomery (Honorary Secretary)

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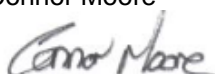
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