

Building Bridges Community Arts Theatre

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108046

Details

Status Received

Registered 2021-05-17

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The Association is established for the promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit, the advancement of education and the advancement, improvement, production and promotion of arts, theatre and culture in particular but not exclusively the Lurgan area and its environs (“herein after called the “area of benefit”) without distinction of age, gender, sexual orientation, disability/ability, race, nationality, ethnic origin, political, religious or other opinion by associating the statutory and local authorities, voluntary organisations and the inhabitants (hereinafter called the “beneficiaries” in a common effort to promote the arts with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants and in particular: (a) to promote and improve theatre and performance art and the production of works of theatrical merit by the provision of information and training, classes, workshops, facilities and equipment, support and instruction and the organisation of exhibitions of plays, performances, works and events and in such other charitable ways as the Committee may from time to time decide; (b) to promote equality and diversity and to eliminate discrimination in relation to ethnic minority communities and local communities in the area of benefit by such charitable means as the Committee may from time to time decide and in particular but not exclusively by the promotion of cross-community and cross-cultural based arts activities in an effort to advance education and raise awareness about different national, cultural and racial groups in order to promote good community relations; (c) to advance education particularly but not exclusively by the encouragement and promotion of works and performances for young people in branches of arts, including the arts of drama, pantomime, mime, dance, singing and music.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science, The advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation or the promotion of religious or

racial harmony or equality and diversity

How the charity works: Arts,Community development,Cross-border/cross-community,Education/training,Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds),Sexual orientation,Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£52,588	£58,788	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Becca Mckeown		
Miss Joanne Gillespie		
Miss Jordon Ewart		
Miss Rebecca Mcknight		
Mr Simon Hylands		
Mrs Dorota Fafinska		
Ms Sarah Canning		

Building Bridges Community Arts Theatre

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Accounts

BUILDING BRIDGES COMMUNITY ARTS THEATRE

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st March 2025

Receipts and Payments Account

RECEIPTS

Online ticket sales

KIDS DRAMA & YOUTH THEATRE FEES	£	12,844.75
BROADWAY BOX OFFICE	£	7,571.33
WYRD SISTERS BOX OFFICE	£	1,985.40
PANTO BOX OFFICE	£	9,942.75

Cash Events

KIDS DRAMA & YOUTH THEATRE FEES	£	293.00
YOUTH THEATRE & KIDS SHOWCASES	£	522.50
TWILIGHT MARKET	£	242.02
PANTO BOX OFFICE	£	450.00

Fundraising / Other

MEMBER CONTRIBS re HOODIES & EVENTS	£	2,179.55
FUNDRAISING	£	3,190.24
DONATIONS	£	1,518.35
PROGRAMMES	£	65.14
TUCKSHOP/TEA, COFFEE	£	2,696.57
CAST FEES	£	2,734.98
YOUTH & KIDS FUNDRAISING	£	3,008.49
BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP	£	1,180.00
SET & COSTUME HIRE / SALE	£	580.00
COSTUME RETURNS/REFUNDS	£	385.12
SUNDRY INCOME	£	1,198.78

C/Forward 52,588.97

BUILDING BRIDGES COMMUNITY ARTS THEATRE

Statement of Financial Activities cont'd

Year ended 31st March 2025

Receipts and Payments Account

RECEIPTS

B/Forward 52,588.97

Total receipts 52,588.97

Bank balance at 1.4.24 37,197.43
89,786.40

PAYMENTS

From ABC BC support

Venue Hire	£	450.00
sound Equipment Hire	£	250.00
Publicity	£	200.00
Costumes	£	800.00

From FIBRUS FUND

IT Equipment	£	324.97
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From ABC BC small capital grants

Heating Installation	£	2,500.00
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From General Funds

UTILITIES	£	1,991.36
RENT	£	7,500.00
HOUSEKEEPING & FACILITIES MGT	£	768.71
FUNDRAISING	£	568.93
TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	£	3,216.00
PRINTING & PUBLICITY	£	4,378.49
HOSPITALITY	£	458.11
VOLUNTEER EXPENSES	£	1,789.38
BUILDING WORK & MAINTENANCE	£	4,095.46
INSURANCE	£	574.74
EQUIPMENT & FURNITURE	£	984.81
KIDS & YOUTH THEATRE EXPENSES	£	3,354.25
TUCK SHOP & TEA/COFFEE	£	1,342.66
BANK FEES	£	198.61
MISCELLANEOUS	£	258.00

C/Forward £ 36,004.48

PAYMENTS

B/Forward £ 36,004.48

ANNUAL MUSICAL UNFUNDED	SET & MATERIALS	£	5,582.21
	PROPS	£	956.95
	COSTUMES	£	4,072.48
ANNUAL PLAY UNFUNDED	LICENCING & SCRIPTS	£	500.00
	SOUND&LIGHTING &MUSIC	£	3,608.40
	SET & MATERIALS	£	210.00
ANNUAL CONCERT UNFUNDED	VENUE HIRE	£	-
	PROPS & TECH	£	272.63
	LICENCING & SCRIPTS	£	370.62
PANTO UNFUNDED	COSTUMES	£	-
	SET & MATERIALS	£	12.00
	VENUE HIRE	£	-
	PROPS & TECH	£	145.00
	COSTUMES	£	2,087.32
	SET & MATERIALS	£	755.28
	VENUE HIRE	£	1,620.00
	PROPS & TECH	£	738.25
	COSTUMES	£	1,852.96
		£	58,788.58

Bank balance at 31.3.25 £ 30,997.82

£ 89,786.40

Building Bridges Community Arts Theatre

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities
At 31st March 2025**

ASSETS

Bank balance	£ 30,998.00
Props & Costumes (Note 1)	£ 27,500.00
Tools & equipment (Note 1)	£ 4,000.00
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	£ 62,498.00
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LIABILITIES (Note 2)

(Nil)

Note 1: Stated at Trustees valuation

Note 2: The Trustees have signed a 15 year lease for the studio premises at 2 Carnegie Street, Lurgan, Craigavon, BT66 6AS ending on 30 June 2037.

The Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities were approved at a meeting of the Trustees on 9th March 2026 and authorised for issue

Simon Hylands - Chair



Joanne Gillespie - Treasurer



BUILDING BRIDGES COMMUNITY ARTS THEATRE

(CHARITY No: NIC108046)

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Building Bridges Community Arts Theatre

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108046

Accounts

Financial Statement for Year ended 31.03.24

Balance forward at 01.04.23	£49,130.45		£97,860.28
Income		Expenditure	
RESTRICTED		RESTRICTED	
CFNI	2,000.00	TNL	
ACBCBC - Panto	2,000.00	Rent	6,000.00
ACBCBC - KIDS DRAMA	1,000.00	Utilities	2,328.42
TNL	16,350.00	Pride	1,716.47
CASH 4 KIDS	3,585.40	Training	360.00
		Steps to Success	175.13
		Drop In/Art/Fashion Show	1,202.97
UNRESTRICTED		Arts & Crafts	571.73
ONLINE TICKET SALES		Publicity	890.02
KIDS DRAMA & YOUTH THEATRE FEES	10,364.60	Facilitators	600.00
BROADWAY BOX OFFICE	3,054.93	Book Club	125.99
DEATH ON THE NILE BOX OFFICE	3,776.26	Counselling	0.00
WIZARD BOX OFFICE	12,011.11	Travel	145.80
PANTO BOX OFFICE	10,152.57	Cleaning	50.00
		ABC PANTO	
Cash Events		Printing	200.00
KIDS DRAMA & YOUTH THEATRE FEES	429.00	Set	500.00
YOUTH THEATRE & KIDS SHOWCASES	512.50	sound Equipment Hire	300.00
TWILIGHT MARKET	265.56	Venue Hire	1,000.00
DEATH ON THE NILE BOX OFFICE	10.00		
PANTO BOX OFFICE	1,477.00	CASHAKIDS	
		FUNDRAISING	2,322.66
Fundraising / Other		Printing & Publicity	750.00
Member Contributions Hoodies/Events	2,327.94	Venue Hire	750.00
Fundraising	4,721.40	Costumes	750.00
Donations	1,291.78	Equipment	585.40
PROGRAMMES	340.15	Mic Hire	750.00
Tuckshop/Tea-Coffee	3,285.60	FIBRUS FUND	
Cast Fees	2,308.43	Rent portion	250.00
YOUTH & KIDS FUNDRAISING	263.50	IT Equipment	1,389.93
BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP	1,200.00	Materials	50.23
SET & COSTUME HIRE / SALE	2,073.00	Software	95.98
DUPLICATE PYTS/ADJUSTMENTS	1,043.73	Hospitality	84.81
MISC	82.80	UNRESTRICTED	
		UTILITIES	400.00
		RENT	1,250.00
		HOUSEKEEPING & FACILITIES MGT	1,125.87
		FUNDRAISING	764.81
		TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1,270.00
		Printing & Publicity	4,569.30
		HOSPITALITY	565.01
		VOLUNTEER EXPENSES	661.96
		VENUE HIRE	366.25
		BUILDING WORK & MAINTENANCE	25,307.30
		INSURANCE	393.10
		EQUIPMENT & FURNITURE	2,123.29
		KIDS & YOUTH THEATRE UNFUNDED	2,677.53
		TUCK SHOP & TEA/COFFEE	2,254.83
		BANK FEES	202.25
		ADJUSTMENTS/MISCELLANEOUS	2,039.00
		UNFUNDED PERFORMANCE COSTS	2,842.98
		SET & MATERIALS	2,620.83
		PROPS	246.86
		COSTUMES	4,514.02
		LICENCING & SCRIPTS	9,755.48
		SOUND&LIGHTI	
		NG&MUSIC	2,408.43
		SET & MATERIALS	1,644.44
		VENUE HIRE	563.50
		PROPS & TECH	774.93
		COSTUMES	2,572.77
		Balance at	
		31.03.24	37,197.43
	135,057.71		135,057.71

Building Bridges Community Arts Theatre

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108046

Annual report

Charity No: NIC108046

BUILDING BRIDGES
COMMUNITY ARTS THEATRE

Annual Report and Accounts

Year ended 31st March 2024

Building Bridges Community Arts Theatre

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Building Bridges Community Arts Theatre

Reference and administrative details

Trustees	Mr Simon Hylands (<i>Chairperson</i>) Miss Joanne Gillespie (<i>Treasurer</i>) Dr Ruth Abraham <i>Appointed 23.1.24</i> Mrs Kirsty Armstrong Miss Clare Costa <i>Appointed 24.5.23</i> Miss Eadaoin Donaghy <i>Resigned 27.3.24</i> Miss Jordon Ewart Ms Dorota Fafinska Mx Amie Martin <i>Resigned 23.1.24</i> Mr Mollie Haughian <i>Appointed 25.4.23</i> Miss Sarah Massey Mr Peter McCormack <i>Resigned 24.5.23</i> Miss Rebecca McKnight Mr Patrick McMahon <i>Appointed 24.5.23</i> Mr Andrew Molloy <i>Resigned 23.8.23</i> Mr Alex Morrow Ms Ciara Reid Miss Bethany Young <i>Appointed 24.5.23</i>
Charity registered number	NIC108046
Contact address	9 Knocknashane Park, Lurgan Craigavon BT66 7XY
Bankers	Ulster Bank 20 High Street Portadown BT62 1HU
Independent Examiner	A I McCullagh Accountant & Independent Examiner 6 Agars Road Lisburn BT28 2TQ

Building Bridges Community Arts Theatre

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31st March 2024

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTS

The principal activities are the promotion of equality and diversity, the advancement of education and the advancement, improvement, production and promotion of arts, theatre and culture in particular in, but not exclusively, the Lurgan area and its environs. The direct benefits are the open and welcoming space we provide for all members of the community and the elimination of discrimination on the grounds age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, religion, race, political opinion or disability. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and are content that the objects of the charity are being delivered in line with this guidance. No harm flows from the purposes of the charity and no private benefits ensue.

GOVERNANCE

The charity is governed by the Management Committee (who are the Charity Trustees) and the governing document is the constitution.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the charity in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice. As the charity's income is less than £250,000 the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a Receipts and Payments Account and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

REVIEW

Achievements and performance

Our Kid's Drama Team worked on Matilda Jr and we welcomed many new faces to the Youth Theatre and Kid's Drama sessions with over 60 members performing at Lurgan Town Hall in June.

A successful summer scheme and increased participant numbers meant that our concert, 'One Way To Broadway', attracted over 80 participants who performed to a sold out audience at the Marketplace Theatre. Our play, 'Murder On The Nile', was well received with a sold out performance at the studio in the Market Place Theatre and was also well attended at Lurgan Town hall and The Sanctuary Theatre in Belfast.

Our final term of the year saw great support for our performances at the Christmas Light Switch-On and Twilight Market event, as well as for our first ever Children's Showcase, held at our own studio.

Building Bridges Community Arts Theatre

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31st March 2024

Our Youth Theatre and adults performed to sold out audiences of our pantomime, 'Aladdin', which was again very well received.

The New Year brought new challenges with our production of 'The Wizard of Oz'. We spent many evenings and weekends putting set together and it really paid off with what was a spectacular show at the Marketplace Theatre.

Over the year our LGBTQ+ project continued to prosper with drop-in sessions and skills workshops.

Our reputation and presence in the community continues to grow, as do our numbers, and we are achieving capacity, particularly with our Kid's Drama and Youth Theatre classes. Attendees continue to comment on the calibre of our productions and we are delighted to be raising the bar for amateur performance in our community.

Financial review

In the 2023/24 financial year receipts were down 20.5% to £84,884 (2023: £106,804), of which 30.8% (2023: 47.2%) was from external funding support sources. After charitable activity costs of £57,881 (2023: £55,066), running and overhead costs of £13,629 (2023: £12,446) and renovation and maintenance costs of £25,307 (2023: £13,353) the year ended with a deficit of £11,933 (2023: surplus of £25,939).

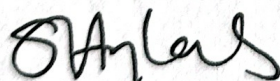
The Trustees feel confident in the future of the organisation as a going concern.

Future plans

Moving into the 2024/25 season, the group plans to continue with the activities we have carried out in 2023/24, including Junior Musical, (which will be 'The Sound of Music – Youth Edition'), our annual concert 'One Way To Broadway' scheduled for September, our first ever Terry Pratchett play 'The Wyrd Sisters', our annual Pantomime in December, which will take on a western theme for 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and then our musical 'Beauty and the Beast' in March 2025.

We also plan to continue our LGBTQ+ outreach project offering Friday night drop-in, steps to success workshops and craft workshops as well as continuing to improve our studio space.

By order of the Trustees



Simon Hylands
Chairperson

Approved by the Trustees on 6th January 2025

Building Bridges Community Arts Theatre

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108046

Annual return

Building Bridges Community Arts Theatre

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of Building Bridges Community Arts Theatre

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by the law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or this report.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination it is my responsibility to:-

- Examine the financial statements
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

I have examined the charity's financial statements as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the Directions given by the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b).

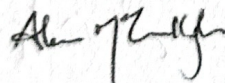
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such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

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination for the year ended 31st March 2024 and no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect

- 1) The requirements to keep accounting records and prepare accounts which accord with those accounting records have not been met and
- 2) That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed;



Date: 30th April 2025

A I McCullagh
Accountant & Independent Examiner
6 Agars Road, Lisburn
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Building Bridges Community Arts Theatre

Statement of Financial Activities Year ended 31st March 2024

Receipts and Payments Account

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Funding support:		Props, sets, materials etc	5,837.29
The National Lottery	16,350.00	Costumes	7,836.79
Cash 4 Kids	3,585.40	Equipment	4,194.60
Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon BC		Youth/Kids theatre costs	2,677.53
Community Fund N I	3,000.00	Equipment/venue hire	3,729.75
Business sponsorship	2,000.00	Other performance costs including licencing	16,636.16
Members contributions	1,200.00	Publicity & printing	5,775.32
Youth & Kids drama fees	2,327.94	Fundraising	3,087.47
Panto	10,793.60	Drop-In/Arts/Crafts	1,774.70
Shows:		Steps to Success	175.13
Death on the Nile	11,629.57	Tuckshop	2,254.83
One Way to Broadway	3,786.26	Pride resources	1,716.47
The Wizard of Oz	3,054.93	Book Club	125.99
Kids shows	12,011.11	Facilitators	600.00
Programmes	512.50	Hospitality	649.82
Tuckshop/tea, coffee	340.15	Travel	145.80
Youth & Kids fundraising	3,285.60	Volunteer expenses	661.96
Fundraising	263.50	Administration & overheads:	
Donations	4,721.40	Rent	7,500.00
Cast fees	1,291.78	Utilities	2,728.42
Twilight Market	2,308.43	Insurance	393.10
Set/Costume hire & sale	265.56	Cleaning & facilities management	1,175.87
Sundry income	2,073.00	Renovations & maintenance	25,307.30
	82.80	Training & professional fees	1,630.00
		Bank fees	202.25
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Total receipts	84,883.53	Total payments	96,816.55
Bank balance 1.4.23	49,130.45	Bank balance 31.3.24	37,197.43
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Building Bridges Community Arts Theatre

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities
At 31st March 2024**

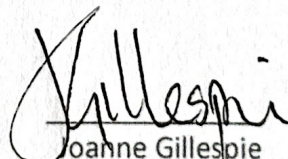
Assets	
Bank balance	£ 37,197
Props & costumes (note 1)	25,000
Tools and equipment (note 1)	3,000

	62,697
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LIABILITIES	(Nil)
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Note 1: Stated at Trustees valuation

The Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities were approved at a meeting of the Trustees of the charity on 6th January 2025 and authorised for issue.


Simon Hylands
Chairperson


Joanne Gillespie
Treasurer

Building Bridges Community Arts Theatre

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108046

Accounts

Building Bridges Community Arts Theatre

Reference and administrative details

Trustees

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Miss Joanne Gillespie (*Treasurer*)
Dr Ruth Abraham *Appointed 23.1.24*
Mrs Kirsty Armstrong *Appointed 9.1.23*
Ms Anne Chambers *Resigned 27.9.22*
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Building Bridges Community Arts Theatre

Statement of Financial Activities Year ended 31st March 2023

Receipts and Payments Account

RECEIPTS	£	PAYMENTS	£
Funding support:		Props, sets, materials etc	8,883.61
Ulster Garden Villages	20,000.00	Costumes	9,386.84
The National Lottery	18,550.00	Equipment	2,798.32
Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon BC	2,695.50	Youth/Kids theatre costs	1,606.40
Foyle Foundation	5,000.00	Equipment and venue hire	3,487.81
Business sponsorship	1,213.52	Other performance costs including	
Landlords's donation	3,000.00	licencing	4,392.43
Members contributions	1,792.00	Logistics	5,520.07
Youth & Kids drama fees	4,092.65	Printing & publicity	4,964.55
Kids drama fees	1,962.36	Hoodies	555.00
Lego exhibition	1,453.61	Fundraising	915.92
Panto	11,556.50	Tuckshop	1,664.77
Shows:		Pride resources	3,477.48
The Sound of Music	9,903.70	Steps to Success	1,482.27
One Way to Broadway	2,023.94	Drop-in/Art/Fashion Show	729.00
Tea in a China Cup	560.28	Arts & Crafts	388.18
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang	14,725.13	Facilitators	600.00
Kids shows	467.75	Hospitality	740.17
Programmes	166.30	Travel	179.27
Tuckshop/tea, coffee	2,343.70	Volunteer expenses	1,151.52
Youth & Kids fundraising	287.00	Jubilee Celebrations	270.00
Fundraising	2,891.15	Twilight event	286.53
Donations	810.05	Community garden project	1,585.95
Cast fees	2,055.00	Administration & overheads:	
Twilight Market	967.67	Rent	7,403.95
		Utilities	3,512.23
		Insurance	372.98
		Housekeeping	292.72
		Renovations & maintenance	13,353.04
		Bank fees	183.77
		Sundry expenses	679.93
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Total receipts	106,803.95	Total payments	80,864.71
Bank balance 1.4.22	23,191.21	Bank balance 31.3.23	49,130.45
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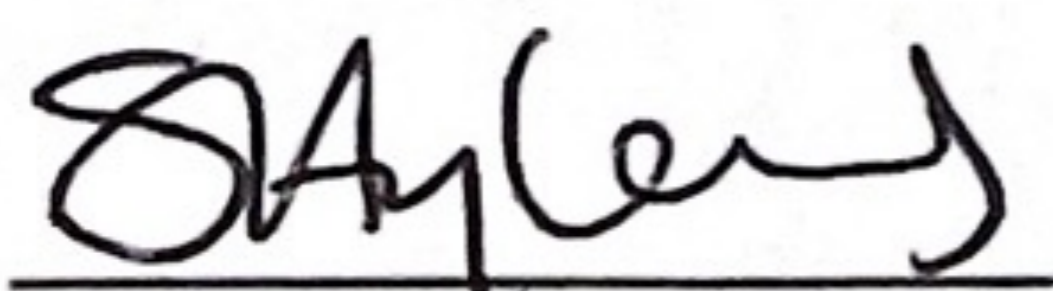
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities
At 31st March 2023**

Assets	
	£
Bank balance	49,130
Props & costumes (note 1)	20,500
Tools and equipment (note 1)	2,000

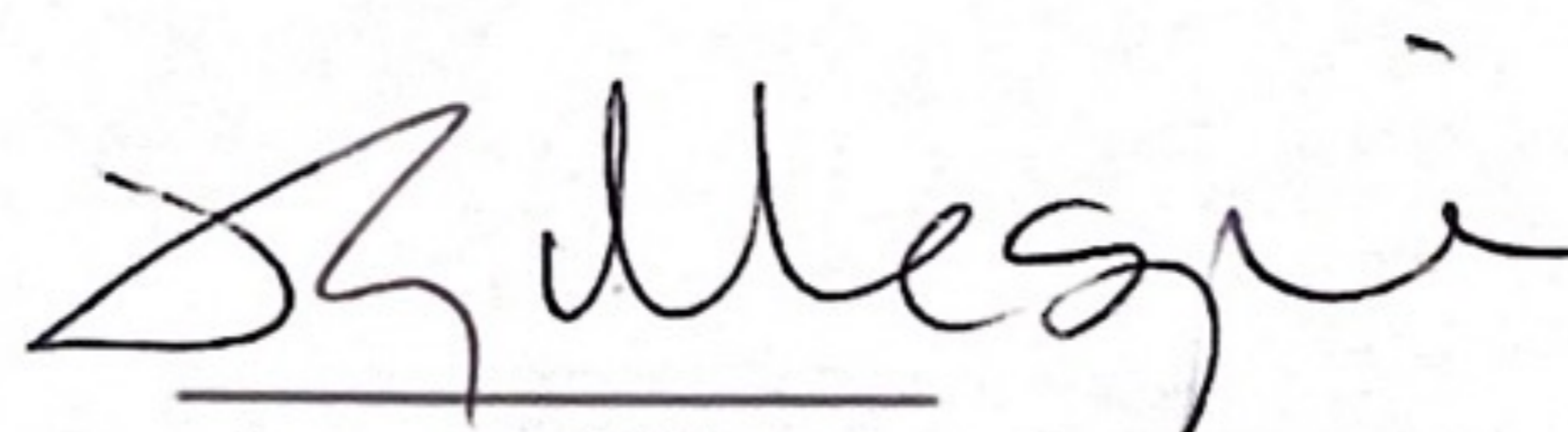
	71,630
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 LIABILITIES	
	(Nil)
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Note 1: Stated at Trustees valuation

The Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities were approved at a meeting of the Trustees of the charity on 23rd January 2024 and authorised for issue.



Simon Hylands
Chairperson



Joanne Gillespie
Treasurer

Building Bridges Community Arts Theatre

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Annual report

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Trustees' Annual Report Year ended 31st March 2023

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTS

The principal activities are the promotion of equality and diversity, the advancement of education and the advancement, improvement, production and promotion of arts, theatre and culture in particular in, but not exclusively, the Lurgan area and its environs. The direct benefits are the open and welcoming space we provide for all members of the community and the elimination of discrimination on the grounds age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, religion, race, political opinion or disability. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and are content that the objects of the charity are being delivered in line with this guidance. No harm flows from the purposes of the charity and no private benefits ensue.

GOVERNANCE

The charity is governed by the Management Committee (who are the Charity Trustees) and the governing document is the constitution.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the charity in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice. As the charity's income is less than £250,000 the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a Receipts and Payments Account and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

REVIEW

Achievements and performance

The Junior Musical provided an opportunity to welcome many new faces to our Youth Theatre where we performed two shows and had around 40 children onstage. In September 70 members were involved onstage during our production of 'One Way To Broadway', which was a huge achievement but presented many logistical issues on the night! 'Tea in a China Cup' was then an excellent step for us theatrically as we affectionately left our Sam Cree tradition behind us. September also saw the re-commencement of Drop-in and Book Club as our key LGBTQ+ activities.

The Tesco Bucket collection and Twilight market were well supported by our members and were great fundraisers for the group.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31st March 2023

Panto this year was our best ever in terms of member involvement, reception and attendees. We welcomed over 2,000 people to see the show and again would thank everyone who helped make it a success.

We held healthy eating nights at Drop-in which were very well supported and welcome in the challenging cost of living crisis.

In February much effort went into getting the set together for Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Renovation work began on the studio and while it came with its challenges it was most welcome. Our Kids Drama and Youth Theatre had to move temporarily to the Jethro Centre but at the end of April we were back in our renovated studio and we are delighted to have new storage mezzanines, new toilets and plumbing upstairs, a fire alarm and emergency lighting system installed, new electrics and lighting, fresh plastering and disabled access toilet facilities.

In March we were very proud to bring Chitty Chitty Bang Bang to the stage in Armagh where it was a roaring success, selling over 1,400 tickets with 3 sold out shows and 4 standing ovations. It will forever be a special part of our BBCAT legacy!

Building Bridges has made huge leaps this year and we have really invested in our activities. We have built an incredibly strong presence and reputation in our community and are growing, not just in numbers, but also in the calibre of the projects we offer. We very much appreciate our marvellous volunteers and thanks go also to our funders and sponsors.

Financial review

In the 2022/23 financial year receipts rose significantly, totalling £106,804 £ (2022: £30,950), of which 47.2% (2022: 44.7%) was from external funding support sources. After charitable activity costs of £55,066, running and overhead costs of £12,446 and renovation and maintenance costs of £13,353 the year ended with a surplus of £25,939 (2022: deficit of £2,894). The Trustees feel confident in the future of the organisation as a going concern.

Future plans

Moving into the 2023/24 season, the group plans to continue with the activities we have carried out in 2022/23, including Junior Musical, (which will be Matilda), our annual concert, One Way to Broadway, scheduled for September, our first ever Murder mystery play, Death on the Nile, our annual Pantomime in December and then our musical, The Wizard of Oz in March 2024. We also aim to continue to offer drama classes and opportunities for our children and young people to perform through showcase, public events, summer scheme and our main productions. We also plan to continue with our LGBTQ+ outreach project offering Friday night drop-in, steps to success workshops and crafts workshops.

By order of the Trustees

Simon Hylands
Chairperson

Approved by the Trustees on 23rd January 2024

Building Bridges Community Arts Theatre

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108046

Annual return

Building Bridges Community Arts Theatre

Independent Examiner's Report To the Trustees of Building Bridges Community Arts Theatre

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023 which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by the law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or this report.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination it is my responsibility to:-

- Examine the financial statements
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

I have examined the charity's financial statements as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the Directions given by the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b).

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 financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination for the year ended 31st March 2023 and no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect

- 1) The requirements to keep accounting records and prepare accounts which accord with those accounting records have not been met and
- 2) That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 23rd January 2024

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