

Armagh Theatre Company Limited

Trustees' Annual Report (Including Directors' Report) Year Ended 1st July 2023

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 1st July 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Trustees of the charity

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purposes of charity law. The trustees who have served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Mr W T Hanna
Mrs B Heaney
Miss A Kelly
Mr B Lamb

Objectives and activities

The purpose for which the charity is established is to advance the education of the general public by the production of theatre and plays.

The direct benefits which flow from this purpose are:

- Enhancement and wellbeing and appreciation of the Arts
- The enjoyment and better understanding of the Arts
- Expanding the educational and learning experience through the medium of live theatrical performance

These benefits are evidenced through:

- Regular feedback from audiences
- Photo/video documentation

There is no harm arising out of our purposes.

The charity's beneficiaries are:

- Primarily members of the public in Armagh City and its environs but extending further afield when touring certain productions.

There is no private benefit flowing from our purpose.

This year we returned to normal business, post covid.

My Brilliant Divorce travelled to the Craic Theatre in Coalisland and the Garage Theatre in Monaghan in the autumn.

November saw a major production of Impact, Armagh's Train Disaster in the Studio Theatre of the Market Place, Armagh.

June saw a production of Bleak Expectations over 2 weekends in Abbey Lane Theatre.

Open Mic Nights were held monthly in Abbey Lane Theatre.

A youth Drama group commenced in September with 15 young people participating and this continued through to June with 2 show case productions.

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Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Armagh Theatre Company Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, 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 presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board



Mr W T Hanna, Trustee

5th March 2024