



## **ANNUAL REPORT - 22/23**

**The Chair, Sheena Mc Cooley, presented the Annual Report at the AGM on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

Sheena took the opportunity to deeply appreciate the collective effort of our officers, members, funders, and individuals who have been the driving force behind Skyzdalimit's success. Their unwavering support, including that of James Martin, Kerri Quinn, and Ryan Duff, has not only made our programme possible but also significantly raised the group's profile.

The shows in Omagh and Belfast this year have not only been a source of joy for our members but have also significantly boosted their confidence. Sheena highlighted the invaluable contribution of Autism NI, Mencap, Inclusion Ireland, Donegal Down's Syndrome Group, and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council in making these shows a reality.

The success of continuing to take the shows out of Omagh has increased interest and membership. Current members' acting and singing abilities have been honed and perfected over the years, culminating in the 2022/23 show.

The amount of support out of the hometown has been amazing, as has the support of family and friends who travelled to the shows with members. In conclusion, Sheena acknowledged again the commitment of volunteers and our committee. The volunteers are the backbone of the group. We have not yet updated our training due to the absence of face-to-face classes because of Covid, but

this will be done in 2024. Moving forward, we would like to raise the profile of Skyzdalimit and inspire other musical theatre groups throughout Ireland.

Regarding the financial situation, Sheena reported a healthy balance of £18,740.84 and thanked the treasurer for his efforts and fundraising abilities.

Looking forward, Sheena said our ambition to perform two shows in Omagh and one in Londonderry in 2024 was ambitious. Still, given the energy within the group, she was confident it would be achieved.

Finally, Sheena paid tribute to our Tutor, Pearse Mc Closkey, for his dedication and expertise.

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