

BORDERS YOUTH THEATRE

YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2013

TRUSTEES REPORT



The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2013.

The charity is an unincorporated organisation, registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, registration number SC022282.

Trustees

The trustees serving during the year and * on the date of the approval of this annual report were as follows:

- *David J Bisset - Chairman
- *Primrose Scott – Treasurer
- *Jennie Bisset
- *Mark Douglas
- Beth Hadshar - Youth Advisor (Resigned Sept 2013)
- *Frances Mullan - (Appointed May 2013)
- *Liz Smith
- *Frances Teckkam (Appointed May 2013)
- *Lewis Teckkam - Youth Advisor (Appointed May 2013)
- *Donald Wallace

Advisors to the Trustees

Rita Docherty - SBC
Kirsty Taylor - Arts Development Officer, SBC

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Charitable purposes

The aims of the charity are:

- (a) to promote and ensure the advancement of education, particularly the literary and linguistic skills, of young people ages 8 - 25 across the Scottish Borders through work with professional tutors, artists and craftspeople in drama and educational activities
- (b) to promote and provide services for the advancement of the physical, mental and spiritual capacities, particularly the improvement of social skills and self-confidence, of youth people ages 8 - 25 across the Scottish Borders through drama and educational activities
- (c) to promote and ensure services for the arts in Scottish Borders, specifically Drama and Theatre, including the establishment of a permanent Youth Theatre in the Scottish Borders
- (d) to encourage and provide opportunities for young people to work together as a community and, in doing so as participants and volunteer leaders, to experience the practical workings of the theatre while respecting its skills and disciplines
- (e) to promote equal opportunities and participation in theatre among Borders young people by providing opportunities for young people who do not normally have access to drama workshops, theatre and performance

Activities

In furtherance of its aims the charity undertook the following activities during the year:

Workshops

Junior and Senior weekly workshops were run in 7 towns across the Scottish Borders over the three school terms with currently around 150 children and young people attending classes each week.

Productions and school holiday activities

Intensive production weeks are held in October, Easter and summer Holidays. Other major productions take place on an occasional basis. In addition there are local performances for family and friends based on work developed in workshops.

Major projects:

October 2012 - Seniors – A Tale of Two Shakespeares (Earlston High School and local venues)

- Juniors - "Make a Play in 3 Days" (Eastgate Theatre, Peebles)

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December 2012 - Kelso Seniors - "The Heights" (The Wynd, Melrose)

Easter 2013 - Juniors – "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" (Earlston Primary School)

- Seniors – "It Doesn't Have to be Zombies" (Earlston Primary School)

Summer 2013 - Seniors - "Sweeney Todd" (Jedburgh Town Hall)

- Juniors - "Make a Play in 2 Days" two-day workshops in 6 centres around Borders

Funding

The trustees acknowledge with thanks the support of Arts Development at Scottish Borders Council, Creative Scotland, Cash4Communities, Gordon Fraser Trust, The Hayward Trust, General Mills (Berwick) and Hugh Fraser Foundation.

Fundraising activities were carried out by the board and the young people throughout the year raising £2832. We also received £1266 in voluntary donations.

Members fees, which are kept at a low level to encourage participation of young people from all backgrounds, raised around £26000 and income from productions raised over £8000.

Reserves

The Trustees' reserve policy is to hold sufficient funds to meet all its obligations in event of dissolution.

By order of the Management Committee of Trustees

David J Bisset
Chairman

Date 2013