

FRIENDS AND DONOR UPDATE



THANK YOU

CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS OF JAZZ HANDS

Five years on and the Theatre is very much thriving - audience numbers have increased and the number and range of events has continued to grow. However there is no doubt that our ability to move forward, grasp opportunities and take creative risks for the Palace could not have been achieved without your help.

We set up Jazz Hands CIC (a not-for-profit Community Interest Company) to run the theatre and took on the lease from Torbay Council in 2018 so we are now well into our sixth year. Time update you on everything that has been achieved - despite the nightmare interruption of Covid!

Our donors:

- Annual subscribers to Friends of the Palace Theatre
- Seat sponsors with dedication plaques on many of our auditorium seats
- Donors to our Crowdfunder 'Spotlight on Stage Left'
- Donors to our Gofundme Covid campaign
- Donors to Maureen's sponsored walks (split with ESSW Charitable Trust)

We have also received donations from the original Friends of the Palace Theatre, The Co-op, Paignton Pantomime Productions, Paignton Chamber of Commerce, Bijou Theatre Productions, BACTA and the SW Festivals. Add to this the regular donations we receive from the Friends' Bingo sessions and after-show bucket collections and our donations pot has enabled us to do so much for the Theatre.

Thank you so much for your support.

Maureen and Deirdre, Directors of Jazz Hands CIC

WHAT'S NEXT?

Our biggest bugbear is the embarrassingly poor access to Stage Left. Wheelchair users deserve a medal just for getting in! We are now madly saving and seeking out grants that will enable us to have wheelchair access and accessible loos.

Our energy efficiency journey is well on its way but there is much more to do, for example refrigeration and insulation improvements.

And finally, we are determined to make more events and activities available to the most needy within our community, with a particular focus on young people and the elderly. We want everyone to benefit from what we do here as the area's cultural beating-heart.



MONEY WELL SPENT

With the support of our Friends and donors we have been able to do so much!

- Complete refurbishment of our event spaces; Stage Left and the Prop Store
- Much needed energy-efficient air conditioning in both the auditorium and Stage Left.
- New LED lighting throughout the theatre including all the stage lighting.
- Volunteer T-shirts and Lanyards.
- Endless tins of paint for ongoing maintenance.
- New tables for The Prop Store.
- A lovely new sign for the entrance to Stage Left.
- A new lighting desk.