

Crisis in Community Theatre in Derby

Performance venues in Derby are either too expensive to hire, or not available at appropriate times, or both. Most groups have to organise fundraising to cover losses on their main productions. Some Derby-based groups can only stage viable productions outside the city. Our concerns are set out in the attached Key Briefing Document 2007.

- Reduce hire charges for amateur groups at the Assembly Rooms and Guildhall, or provide grants towards meeting ever-increasing costs
- Apply pressure on Derby Playhouse to make its Main House accessible to amateur groups at reasonable times and at an affordable hire charge. Reasonable times means not just when the theatre is 'dark' in July/August but at appropriate weeks throughout the year
- Honour its commitment to reconvene the Steering Group on performance spaces in the city to decide on a way to take forward the proposals in the Locum Report jointly commissioned by the Council and Arts Council England
- Actively pursue ways to ensure that Derby's last remaining traditional theatre building – The Hippodrome in Green Lane – is preserved and brought back into use as a theatre for use by amateur groups and touring professional theatre companies.

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Derby New Theatre Association	Keith Briars	KEITH BRIARS
Central Operatic Society	Carole M. Presbury	CAROLE PRESBURY
Centre Stage Theatre Arts	James Rayner	JAMES RAYNER
Chellaston Players	Matthew Sharratt	MATTHEW SHARRATT
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Derby Gilbert and Sullivan Company	D. Cothall	D. COTHALL
Derby Opera Company	Paul Kirkland	PAUL KIRKLAND
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Derby Theatre in the Round	Stephanie Jures	STEPHANIE JURES
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Kaleidoscope Players	Tina Webster	TINA WEBSTER
Marlowe Players	Gil Townes	GIL TOWNES
Mickleover Players	Andrew Galleary	ANDREW GALLEARY
New Opera Company	Peter Gemmell	PETER GEMMELL
Present Company	Sean Gemmell	SEAN GEMMELL
Rolls-Royce Operatic Society	Sheila D. Smith	SHEILA D. SMITH
Rosehill Musical Society	Colin Ashton	COLIN ASHTON
St. Nicholas Players	Asrian Pratt	ASRIAN PRATT
Scout and Guide Gang Show	Jean Roulinson	JEAN ROULINSON
Watson Players	Patricia Church	PATRICIA CHURCH
Whitecross Strolling Players	Chris Nixon	CHRIS NIXON