



## BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME

# Supporter **Spotlight**

Welcome to your round-up of membership benefits, offers, event dates and fundraising news to accompany our new season brochure.

As we enjoy springtime and celebrate the year anniversary of CEO & Artistic Director Jon Gilchrist in post, we send heartfelt thanks to all our supporters. We've enjoyed meeting many of you recently at shows, gala events, receptions and backstage tours, a round-up of which appears overleaf.

There's so much to look forward to - new season shows, goosebump moments and progress of our Young Advocates, Curtain Raiser and HEN

participants - but it's only with your support that we can achieve this vital creative impact and touch the lives of so many deserving people in our region- thank you!

With warmest wishes

**Judith, Adele & Luke**

Fundraising and Development Team

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Join us at one of our special theatre experiences:

- **SEP** The Lion King Gala sponsored by Voice Fostering - SOLD OUT! Private hospitality packages available for groups of 10+.
- **OCT** Backstage Tour - your chance to experience our magnificent auditorium from another angle, Thu 26 Oct.
- 2024**
- **FEB** Gala Night at Matthew Bourne's Edward Scissorhands, Thu 8 Feb.
- **FEB** Supporter Afternoon Tea, Thu 15 Feb.
- **MAR** Fabulous Gala evening at Wicked, Thu 7 Mar. BOOK NOW – details below.
- **MAR** Backstage Tours, Wed 20 & Wed 26 Mar.
- **APR** Supporter Supper, Thu 18 Apr.

## DEFY GRAVITY AND JOIN US FOR A WICKED EVENT



Fabulous Gala evening at Wicked, **Thu 7 Mar** tables for 10 guests at £2,000 or individual places at £200 available.

Dazzle your senses at an evening of first-class hospitality and entertainment. Book now to entertain your valued clients, treat a team, network with other city professionals or simply to enjoy with family & friends.

**BOOK NOW** call **Luke** on **0121 689 3068** to secure your spot!  
[birminghamhippodrome.com/WickedGala](http://birminghamhippodrome.com/WickedGala)

## MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Show your Patron membership card to enjoy 20% discount on Front of House food & drink purchases.



To redeem a 20% discount on an overnight stay at The Grand Hotel Birmingham, quote **BHT001** at [thegrandhotelbirmingham.co.uk](http://thegrandhotelbirmingham.co.uk)

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### Hippodrome Education Network

(HEN) participant, **Tianna** from Gold HEN category member school, Harborne Academy, joined us at our gala night alongside Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty, which raised a fantastic £5,000 for our Young Dance Talent Development Programme.

Tianna wowed our 100 guests - patrons, donors, corporate partners and evening sponsor Gowling WLG - during a Q&A with Artistic Director & CEO Jon Gilchrist. Tianna gave a fantastic testimonial, delivered with polish and confidence. As a direct result Tianna has been offered a future opportunity to perform and present at a high-profile city-wide event. It will be a fantastic chance for her to further develop her skills and raise awareness of all the creative offers available at the Hippodrome for disadvantaged young people.



*"The gala was amazing as I had an opportunity to share all of my achievements. Everyone was so supportive and respectful and I really enjoyed it. I would love to be able to share with more people to inspire them"* **Tianna**

# Supporter Success

Together, look at what we've achieved...



A huge shout-out to our amazing team of Individual and Corporate Patron volunteers who gave a fantastic welcome to over 1000 audience members with additional needs at our pantomime Relaxed Performance. Keep an eye out for the invitation for our next online volunteer training session in May.

Our Curtain Raiser young company received a standing ovation for their performance on our main stage before Motionhouse show, Starchitects with one delighted participant saying, "Dancing in partnership with the Hippodrome has allowed me to grow, evolve and create new networks as a dancer." The young company's ideas flourished through learning Motionhouse's dance style and story-telling techniques leading to the creation of an original piece of dance. Warm thanks to the Oakley Charitable Trust for funding support and Motionhouse artists for their inspirational tuition.



Backstage tours are back! - thanks to all those who attended the behind-the-scenes experience and donated towards our Arts Matter! campaign. We were thrilled to give you the chance to step out onto the boards beloved by our star performers. And for those of you visiting the Proscenium Lounge for the first time, we hope you enjoyed the hosted experience. Why not consider a patron membership upgrade to include Proscenium passes in your package.

Help us create Generations of Joy.

Go to [birminghamhippodrome.com/legacy](https://birminghamhippodrome.com/legacy) to watch our beautiful short new film in which long-standing theatre goer, Yvonne Gateley, explains how a special experience inspired her to leave a Gift to the theatre in her Will.

Your Gift, whatever its size, will help us create Generations of Joy.



Our recently announced new cohort of Young Advocates have embarked on their year-long creative programme. At a reception alongside My Fair Lady which featured a surprise appearance from household name and show lead Adam Woodyatt, Young Advocate Jess Butler shared her excitement about the upcoming opportunities and experiences in conversation with BHTT board member, Elizabeth Lawal. We can't wait to follow the Young Advocates progress over the coming months - good luck!

The roster of fantastic partners for our outdoor Festivals programme continues to grow - we're so excited to be working with **Bullring Grand Central, Birmingham City Council, Uber, Southside BID, The Arcadian, Hollywood Monster** and more to deliver a series of free, fully accessible and family-friendly festivals - B-SIDE Hip Hop, Birmingham Weekender and Lunar New Year. We'd love to talk to you about how your brand can join the line up and benefit from a value-packed package.



To find out more about our fundraising activities, become a member or to book for an event, please get in touch with the team on **0121 689 3068** or email [fundraising@birminghamhippodrome.com](mailto:fundraising@birminghamhippodrome.com)