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TOBACCO FACTORY THEATRES

BUSINESS PLAN 2015 – 2018

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" an essential theatre."





MISSION STATEMENT

Tobacco Factory Theatres produces and presents excellent art in unique and intimate spaces. It is a cultural flagship for the local community, an innovative social and cultural hub and an inspirational model of urban renewal.

CORE BELIEFS

- 1. We started as an experiment and we encourage experimentation
- 2. We are ambitious and we encourage artistic ambition; we tell epic stories in small spaces
- 3. We seek as wide an audience as possible for our work
- 4. Our diverse programme is our cornerstone but we are a place of creation, development and learning as well as performance
- 5. We never forget that our audience is our reason for existence

OVERARCHING PHILOSOPHIES FOR THE PERIOD 2015-2018

- 1. We will produce and present a rounded portfolio of excellent work by talented artists from diverse backgrounds and with a rich range of skills.
- 2. We will cement our role as a hub of the local community, as a place that reaches out to and engages with a great diversity of people both on and off stage.
- 3. We will continue to build an exceptional operating model for artists and employees and work hard to promote the model as a flagship for innovation.
- 4. We will manage and develop resources through our entrepreneurial approach to increasing and diversifying income. We have developed an exceptional ability to balance commercial and subsidised sensibilities and this allows us to safeguard the long term sustainability of Tobacco Factory Theatres.

"The future of theatre lies in places like this." Jonathan Miller

PHILOSOPHY ONE

We will produce and present a rounded portfolio of excellent work by talented artists from diverse backgrounds and with a rich range of skills.

We will build coherently our production portfolio expansion and consolidate a transformational step-change into a mixed model of receiving and producing house.

We will maintain our commitment to programming the best touring companies in both the Factory Theatre and the Brewery Theatre, but continue our trend to reduce the number of companies we present, believing that we should present the highest quality companies for longer runs.

We will support artists by consciously producing and programming with artist and company development in mind to ensure that we support artists at all stages of their careers to make work and get it seen.

OBJECTIVES

- 1. We will produce between 8 12 new works each year of a range of scale and genre and we will seek to remount the best of these and tour them nationally and internationally
- 2. We will support artists at all stages of their careers from Bristol, the South West and further afield in a variety of ways, each designed to support artists to make work and get it seen
- 3. We will seek out and work with a wide range of artists from a wide range of backgrounds in order to offer our audiences our trademark breadth of programme; exciting, varied and diverse artists, genre, style and concepts
- 4. We will present c600 performances of 65 excellent shows each year

PHILOSOPHY 2

We will cement our role as a hub of the local community, as a place that reaches out to and engages with a great diversity of people both on and off stage.

Tobacco Factory Theatres will continue to be a place where art mingles naturally with everyday life. Known and appreciated for our relaxed and egalitarian style of enjoying great theatre, we are as important to the local community as the gym upstairs, the bar downstairs, and the bakery next door. Toddlers and mums drink coffee next to the Opera production team meeting. Teenagers drop in on their way home from school to take part in open mic sessions, have poetry slams and create their own brand of Tobacco Factory theatre.

We sell to 84% of capacity (average for the last three years) and we are proud of this extraordinary fact. It is testament to the popularity of our programme, which we never take for granted and we will continue to strive to offer work of the greatest range of diversity, styles and genre.

We want to diversify our audiences over the next three years and reach out to communities in Bristol who are harder to reach and we have committed resources to achieving this.

We will continue to work with children and young people to find the audiences and theatre makers of the future, working across Bristol with a particular focus over the next three years on the deprived areas of South Bristol.

OBJECTIVES

- 1. We will reach at least 130,000 people every year through our programmes of work on and off stage
- 2. We will make full use of our public spaces during the day and evening to create informal, inspiring and comfortable meeting places for both artists, audiences, participants, parents, children and young people and our local communities
- 3. We will maintain an average audience capacity of at least 80% across the Factory Theatre and Brewery Theatre annually
- 4. We will diversify our audiences through a targeted approach that builds across the three year period with a specific focus hard to reach audiences in Bristol, delivering an increase of 5% year on year in these target groups
- 5. We will build on our work with children and young people to deliver an expanded three year programme that reaches 5,000 children and young people from across Bristol each year with a particular focus on an inclusive programme that encourages young people from across the deprived areas of South Bristol where we already have strong links as well as young people from the rest of the city to come and work together

PHILOSOPHY 3

We will continue to build an exceptional operating model for artists and employees and work hard to promote the model as a flagship for innovation.

We believe that we have the cornerstones in place to build an operating model that shows it is possible to do things differently. We will promote this model to the wider theatre sector to support the development of best practice and work with advocacy movements across the UK to link our voice to theirs in support of a greater combined voice.

Tobacco Factory Theatres is already renowned for achieving great things on few resources. We will seek to profile our spirit of independence and ambition to move us towards a position of real influence regionally and nationally.

OBJECTIVES

- 1. We will pay artists appropriately for their work
- 2. We will programme and present artists at all stages of their careers, and present their work for long runs, believing that in this way we best support artists and companies to tour at the small scale in a way that builds audiences and is financially sustainable
- 3. We will promote talent across artists and employees, having made sure that our selection processes reach out to and engage with the widest diverse ethnic and social demographic
- 4. We will create a working environment for employees that encourages sustainable working practices in the theatre industry particularly for those with young families
- 5. We will invest in our workforce building a skilled team of diverse people from intern level to leadership in order to deliver our operating model in way that allows us to deliver our ambitions
- 6. We will maintain our excellent governance record, ensuring that our Board of Trustees are from diverse backgrounds, highly skilled and well connected

PHILOSOPHY 4

We will manage and develop resources through our entrepreneurial approach to increasing and diversifying income. We have developed an exceptional ability to balance commercial and subsidised sensibilities and this allows us to safeguard the long term sustainability of Tobacco Factory Theatres.

Our outstanding funding mix, demonstrated below [pie chart diagram] is one of the great success stories of the arts world in the UK.

Pie Chart:	
Earned Income (box office, bar takings)	64%
Theatre Hire	4%
Contributed Income	17%
Production Income	6%
Public Funding	5%
Theatre Space Gift*	3%
Other Income	1%
*confirmed for 20 years	

We will seek to continue to build on our recent growth in levels of contributed (fundraised) income which has risen from £87k in 2011 to £350k in 2014, in order to mitigate against over-reliance on box office and other earned income.

We will continue to act innovatively and quickly, to be responsive and demonstrate our resilience and entrepreneurism.

OBJECTIVES

- 1. We will build on our strong growth in contributed and other income to increase the income generation mix of our organisation, including a new stream from production royalties as part of our production expansion
- 2. We will make continued capital investment into our physical infrastructure to create performance and rehearsal spaces for artists and audiences that are of the highest quality
- 3. We will build on our strong track record of an environmentally sustainable operation

PHILOSOPHY 1

We will produce between 8 - 12 new works each year of a range of scale and genre and we will seek to remount the best of these and tour them nationally and internationally

2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
School for Scandal	• Two Shakespeares tbc	• Two Shakespeares tbc
(Factory Theatre) A co-production with SATTF. Directed by Andrew Hilton.	(Factory Theatre) Co-productions with SATTF. One directed by Andrew Hilton, one by guest director. One tours UK.	(Factory Theatre) Co-productions with SATTF. One directed by Andrew Hilton, one by guest director. One tours UK.
• Outpost (Scandinavian tour, Brewery Theatre and UK tour) Cast size 3. New puppetry / live action. A co-production with Nordland Visual Theatres and Green Ginger, directed by Joseph Wallace and written by Mike Akers.	• Mallory Towers (Factory Theatre) An adaptation of the Blyton books, in a co-production with Kneehigh, directed by Emma Rice.	 Mallory Towers (UK tour) A tour of our 2016 co-production with Kneehigh, directed by Emma Rice. Contemporary play (Factory
 20th century classic play (Factory Theatre) Cast size up to 10. A classic 20th century play, played 'straight'. Falstaff (Factory Theatre) 	• Contemporary play (Factory Theatre) Cast size up to 10. A 20 th century play, not necessarily played 'straight'.	Theatre) Cinderella (Factory Theatre) A return of our 2011 Xmas hit, after 6 years and 3 touring seasons. Directed by Sally Cookson.
 Parstall (Pactory meatre) A co-production, with Opera Project. Directed by Richard Studer. Conducted by Jon Lyness. Play, Pie, Pint title tbc 	• New work (Brewery Theatre & UK tour) Cast size up to 5. A new work, commissioned from and co-produced with an exciting young company tbc.	• Xmas show (Brewery Theatre) Cast size 2 – 3. A new 50 minute Xmas show for 2 – 6 year olds.
(Brewery Theatre and Oran Mor) Cast size 1 – 3. New writing commission, written by Adam Peck, directed by Nik Partridge, c. 50 minutes, 1 act. A co- production with Oran Mor.	• Snow White (Factory Theatre) Cast size 6. A new adaptation of the classic story. A co-production with NIE, directed by Alex Byrne.	 Play, Pie, Pint titles tbc (Brewery Theatre and Oran Mor) Cast size 1 – 3. 6 new writing commissions, c. 50 minutes, 1 act. Co-
 Play, Pie, Pint titles tbc (Brewery Theatre and Oran Mor) Cast size 1 – 3. 3 further new writing commissions, c. 50 minutes, 1 act. Co- productions with Oran Mor. 	• Xmas show (Brewery Theatre) Cast size 2 – 3. A new 50 minute Xmas show for 2 – 6 year olds.	 • Opera (Factory Theatre) A co-production, with Opera Project. Directed by Richard Studer. Conducted by Jon Lyness.
 Macbeth (UK tour) A co-production with Filter that premiered in Bristol in 2014 and will tour UK in 2015. The Light Princess (Factory 	 Play, Pie, Pint titles tbc (Brewery Theatre and Oran Mor) Cast size 1 – 3. 6 new writing commissions, c. 50 minutes, 1 act. Co- productions with Oran Mor. 	• New works Two further new works, commissioned from and co-produced with producing companies/theatres tbc.
Theatre) Cast size 6 – 8. A new adaptation of a classic family friendly story.	• Opera (Factory Theatre) A co-production, with Opera Project. Directed by Richard Studer. Conducted by Jon Lyness.	
• Xmas show (Brewery Theatre) Cast size 2 – 3. A new 50 minute Xmas show for 2 – 6 year olds.	• Outpost (European tour) Cast size 3. A remount of our co- production with Nordland Visual Theatres and Green Ginger, directed by Joseph	
 Cinderella (Midlands Arts Centre) Cast size 7. Revival of a previous Xmas hit after 1 Bristol and 2 London seasons. 	Wallace and written by Mike Akers.	

Directed by Sally Cookson.	
Hamlet (Factory Theatre and	
UK tour) A co-production, with SATTF. Directed	
by Andrew Hilton.	

Programming

2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
All work described above plus	All the work described above	All the work described
locally produced and touring	plus locally produced and	above plus locally produced
work including:	touring work. We anticipate	and touring work including:
	having a slightly greater	
Programmed:	international presence in our	 Puppet festival (Factory and
 Lorraine and Alan (Brewery Theatre) 	programme by this point and	Brewery Theatres)
New show from Bucket Club;	started increasing our go-see	Return of the biannual puppetry festival, centred
exciting company recently	spend in 2014 as a	around TFT. One of the most
relocated to Bristol.	preparation for this.	significant puppetry festivals in
Bristol Old Vic Theatre		the country.
School Graduate Directors		
(Brewery Theatre)		
4 contemporary plays from the		
outgoing directors from BOVTS.		
 Mayfest (Factory Theatre) 		
Continuing our relationship with		
one of Bristol's most exciting performance festivals.		
 Dick Tracy (Factory Theatre) 		
Run from SW-based Le Navet Bete, who we have previously		
programmed in the Brewery		
Theatre. This show is directed by		
John Nicholson and represents a		
big step for this company.		
Kelvin Players (Factory		
Theatre)		
First time programming an amateur company. Good fit with		
our mission statement of being a		
cultural hub.		
• Around the World in 80		
Days (Factory Theatre)		
Long run from NIE (Cambridge		
and Norway) – a firmly		
established company.		
 Prizefighter (Factory Theatre) 		
Significant run from Bristol-based		
Blue Brook, who we have		
regularly programmed in the Brewery Theatre. A real step up		
for this company.		

Artist Development

2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
We consciously produce and	We consciously produce and	We consciously produce and
programme with artist and	programme with artist and	programme with artist and
company development in	company development in	company development in
mind to ensure that we	mind to ensure that we	mind to ensure that we
support artists at all stages	support artists at all stages	support artists at all stages
of their career to make work	of their career to make work	of their career to make work
and get it seen.	and get it seen.	and get it seen.
Particular examples of work	Works programmed or	Works programmed or
programmed or produced	produced that will have	produced that will have
that will have positive artist /	positive artist / company	positive artist / company
company development	development outcomes	development outcomes
outcomes include:	include:	include:
 Lorraine and Alan BOVTS Graduate Directors Dick Tracy Prizefighter Impermanence Dance Titles tbc (Play, Pie, Pint) Artist Development Initiatives: 	 Six co-productions with Oran Mor (Play, Pie, Pint), which provide us with a financially realistic and fulfilling way to work with a large number of writers / directors A new work commissioned for the 	 Six co-productions with Oran Mor (Play, Pie, Pint), which provide us with a financially realistic and fulfilling way to work with a large number of writers / directors Two new works commissioned and co-

Prototype	Brewery Theatre and	produced in this year.
We will deliver our longstanding,	touring the UK	 The premiering of the
influential scratch night with	• The premiering of the	work that the Director-in-
partner organisations three times	work that the Director-in-	Residence developed over
per year.	Residence developed over	2016-17.
• Director-in-Residence	2015-16.	
post		Artist Development
We will take on a paid intern	Artist Development	Initiatives:
position of Director in Residence,	Initiatives:	
who will work with us for a year,		 Prototype
asst directing at least three shows	 Prototype 	We will deliver our longstanding,
and developing one for future	We will deliver our longstanding,	influential scratch night with
programming.	influential scratch night with	partner organisations three times
 Discretionary support 	partner organisations three times	per year.
All members of the production	per year.	
team have discretion to offer		 Director-in-Residence
space and light-touch support to	 Director-in-Residence 	post
promising companies / projects.	post	We will take on a paid intern
 Commissioning fund 	We will take on a paid intern	position of Director in Residence, who will work with us for a year,
We have created a £10,000	position of Director in Residence,	asst directing at least three shows
commissioning fund for emerging	who will work with us for a year, asst directing at least three shows	and developing one for future
directors / companies.	and developing one for future	programming.
	programming.	
		 Discretionary support
	 Discretionary support 	All members of the production
	All members of the production	team have discretion to offer
	team have discretion to offer	space and light-touch support to promising companies / projects.
	space and light-touch support to promising companies / projects.	promising companies / projects.
		 Commissioning fund
	 Commissioning fund 	We will create a £15,000
	We will create a £15,000	commissioning fund for emerging
	commissioning fund for emerging	directors / companies.
	directors / companies.	

PHILOSOPHY 2

Audience Development

2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	
See attached Audience			
Development Plan for 2015 –			
2018			

Digital reach and online development

2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Visual Rebrand project complete	Develop our digital strategy to include greater online content	Explore commercial and/or sponsored options to live stream
New website project complete		our longest-running in-house productions
		Explore option to host NT Live screenings in Brewery Theatre

Children and Young People

2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
• Launch YTM14:19; Young	As above (all pilot activity to	As above (all pilot activity to
Theatre Makers for 14-19 year	become part of the regular	become part of the regular
olds	programme) plus below:	programme) plus below:
30 participants		
	 Launch TYM11:13; Young 	 Co-produce a Children and
• FIVE DAY PLAY; summer school	Theatre Makers for 11-13 year	Young People Festival with
for 14-19 year olds	olds	other consortium members
30 participants	30 participants	(Travelling Light, Bristol Old Vic
		and the egg, Bath)
USE IT OR LOSE IT; summer	 Pilot mentoring scheme for 	
school for 11-13 year olds	non-performers who are	YTM SPEAK curate at least one
30 participants	members of YTM14:19	show as part of the TFT
		programme
• Establish termly workshops for	 After school sessions for local 	
home educated children and	8-11 year olds	 Additional schools-based work
young people	30 participants per session	either relating to the
50 participants per term		programme or bespoke
	 Work experience; one week 	
Establish monthly TOUR AND	placement for up to 10	Additional YTM classes for 14-
TALKS	students who will complete a	19 /11-13 year olds
30 participants per session	project while with us	
	10 participants	Pilot YTM sessions for 8-11
Pilot BRIDGING THE GAP		year olds
(transition project for Year 6	 Establish YTM SPEAK; 	

students) in collaboration with South West Bristol Co- operative Learning Trust 80 participants	representatives from both YTM companies who act as ambassadors 10 participants	 Schools programme; including work with exam groups (secondary/college) to create theatre that can tour primary schools and bespoke projects
 TAKE IT ON (after-school monthly masterclasses) for 11- 13 year olds 30 participants per session Pilot IGNITION; devising project for drama/performing arts exam groups (14-19 year olds) 60 participants Christmas show-related workshops (pre and post) for schools 300 participants 	 Pilot CREATE AND DEBATE; a primary school programme supporting speech development and developing presentation skills PRIMARY DNA; taking Brewery Theatre shows into the local community Become Arts Award Support organisation 	 linked with the programme. Collaborations with other organisations to deliver projects targeting children and young people from deprived areas/backgrounds Begin delivery of Arts Award

PHILOSOPHY 3

Innovative working practice for artists and employees

2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Pay artists Equity minimum	Increase show payments to artists as per Equity guidelines	
	Demand evidence that all artists are paid appropriately in Factory Theatre	Demand evidence that all artists are paid appropriately in Factory Theatre
We will increase the number of long runs in the Brewery Theatre by 8%	We will increase the number of long runs in the Brewery Theatre by a further 7%	
Flexible working for employees with children actively encouraged	Investigation of an employee childrens crèche at new Brewery Theatre	We will increase the number of long runs in the Brewery Theatre by a further 6%
Offer 1 paid internship pro- actively recruited from a	Increase paid internships to two	
disadvantaged background	Living Wage for all employees introduced	
Through our equalities plan ensure our employment recruitment practices encourage diversity		
Invest in our workforce by continuing to offer tailored professional development		

Excellent governance

2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Succession planning for Trustee recruitment continues to be robust	Succession planning for Trustee recruitment continues to be robust	Succession planning for Trustee recruitment continues to be robust
Financial and trustee reporting continues to be on schedule and full	Financial and trustee reporting continues to be on schedule and full	Financial and trustee reporting continues to be on schedule and full
Publish our Annual Report and accounts details on website	Publish our Annual Report and accounts details on website	Publish our Annual Report and accounts details on website

PHILOSOPHY 4

Increase income generation

2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
CONTRIBUTED INCOME		
Increase individual Giving via memberships by 5%	Increase individual Giving via memberships by 5%	Increase individual Giving via memberships by 5%
Increase Trust and Foundation income by 50%	Maintain annual levels of Trust and Foundation support	Maintain annual levels of Trust and Foundation support
Consolidate major donor Production Fund campaign to reach £250,000 target by year end	Increase major donor giving by 10% with introduction of new campaign	Maintain levels of major donor support
Confirm new income stream from production royalties of £41,000	Confirm new income stream from production royalties of £42,000	Confirm new income stream from production royalties of £68,000
Launch Legacy Giving for TFT	Target to secure 5 legacies	Target to secure 5 legacies
EARNED INCOME Establish option to buy new land for refurbished Brewery Theatre, opening February 2016	Increased capacity in the new Brewery Theatre brings increased revenue target of £24k per annum	Increased capacity in the new Brewery Theatre brings increased revenue target of £24k per annum
Secure regular lead tenant for Factory Studio for three-year period at market rates	Rent out production/making space	
Utilise our spaces so there is always something happening within the building		
Profit target of £5k from Theatre Café by increasing opening hours	Profit target of £10k from Theatre Café	Maintain profit targets
Profit target of £5k from rental of storage space to other companies in our shipping containers	Profit target of £5k from rental of storage space to other companies in our shipping containers	Profit target of £5k from rental of storage space to other companies in our shipping containers

Continued capital investment

2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Refurbish the Brewery Theatre at	Update technical and lighting	Update technical and lighting

new location as stated above	stock according to schedule	stock according to schedule
Update IT server allowing for more remote working	Source production/making space. Possibly build in Brewery Yard or rent part of Vector building.	
Update rehearsal facilities in the Brewery Theatre. Improve light and temperature. Increase hires income by £10,000 per annum	Update conference facilities to increase hire income by a further £10,000 per annum	

Creating an environmentally sound organisation

2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Create an environmental sub	Install PV Panels on the new	Replace 25% of lighting in the
group containing staff and	Brewery Theatre	Brewery Theatre with low energy
stakeholders		lights
	Replace 25% of lighting in the	
Partner with other local	Factory Theatre with low energy	Programme at least one
organisations to lobby First Bus	lights.	environmentally friendly show
and city council for better bus		per year
routes to North Street	Programme at least one	
	environmentally friendly show	Request and lobby for
Partner with other local	per year	environmental riders from
organisations to lobby for a train		touring companies.
route near to North Street	Request and lobby for	
	environmental riders from	Maintain excellent rating from
Partner with other local	touring companies	Julie's Bicycle
organisations to lobby for cycle		
routes to North Street	Seek to secure excellent rating	
	from Julie's Bicycle	
Investigate a bus discount:		
discount by presenting bus ticket		
when arriving at theatre.		
Consider LED lights when		
replacing lighting stock in and		
around the theatres		
Request environmental riders		
from touring companies		
Continue to work with Julie's		
Bicycle to improve our		
environmental activities		
Look to work with companies		
with strong environmental		
reputation where possible		

TOBACCO FACTORY THEATRES Appendix 1: Budget 2015-2018

	2015/16 £	2016/17	2017/18
INCOME	Ľ		
Box Office	1,056	6% increase - Brewery investment and better dynamic 1,119 pricing	1,186 6% increase - steadily better dynamic pricing
Box Office - External shows	57	59 3% increase	61 3% increase
Box Office - External shows Bar Takings	129	133 3% increase	137 3% increase
Theatre Hire	79	81 3% increase	84 3% increase
Spon/Don/Trusts/Found	350	361 3% increase	371 3% increase
			68 3% increase + significant return from previous investment
Production Income	41	42 3% increase	
Theatre Space Gift	68	70 3% increase	72 3% increase
Core Funding	100	100 assumed stationary	100 assumed stationary
All other income	48	49 3% increase	51 3% increase
INCOME TOTAL	1,928	2,014	2,130
DIRECT COSTS			
Visiting co. costs	513	553 6% increase + 10k on top for international work	597 6% increase + 10k for emerging directors
External show costs	11	11 3% increase	11 3% increase
		3% increase + 20k investment into show with commercial	
Production costs	508	543 partner	539 3% increase year-on-year
Creative development	15	18 20% increase as CYP work strengthens	22 20% increase as CYP work strengthens
Other activity support costs	39	40 3% increase	41 3% increase
DIRECT COSTS TOTAL	1,085	1,165	1,209
GROSS MARGIN	843	849	921
OVERHEADS			
Staff	406	418 3% increase	430 3% increase
Marketing	51	53 3% increase	75 ^{3%} increase+ 20k towards hard-to-reach audiences
Running costs	111	114 3% increase	117 3% increase
Theatre Space costs	68	70 3% increase	72 3% increase
Other Premises cost	109	112 3% increase	115 3% increase
OVERHEAD TOTAL	744	767	810
Depreciation	88	82	92
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	10	0	20
B/F	17	27	27
Year-end position	27	27	47

APPENDIX 2: TOBACCO FACTORY THEATRES BUSINESS PLAN 2015-2018

AUDIENCE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015 – 2018

This plan sets out our approach to building and diversifying audiences for the next three years. It should be read in conjunction with our Business Plan and will allow us to succeed in meeting our objectives across Philosophy 2 and our Equality Action Plan.

Central to our audience development strategy for the period 2015 – 2018 will be the greater interrogation of our existing audience data and benchmarking with other organisations in the industry locally and where possible, nationally.

We will ensure an improved audience development approach by:

- Reporting on a range of booking information (customer demographics, booking patterns & crossover between areas of programming).
- Working closely with other venues and arts organisations as part of the Audience Finder project and outside this to benchmark and jointly develop audiences and market shows.

Our audience development strategy is currently based on the Arts Audiences Insight segments but as the Audience Finder project progresses we are prepared to adapt this planning to incorporate the use of Audience Spectrum and Mosaic where appropriate.

We will use our increased knowledge in two specific ways:

TO RETAIN EXISTING AUDIENCES

- We will further segment our data to better target marketing activities to existing audiences including increasing their level of engagement with all aspects of our organisation and making them more frequent attenders.
- We will deepen engagement with existing audiences through rich content and interaction on our new website and all of our social media platforms. We will also increase online sales from 50% to 70% during the period.
- We will better integrate the Front of House, Box Office and volunteer teams with Marketing and Development teams, empowering frontline staff to be advocates for the organisation including upselling shows and other ways to engage with the organisation.

TO ACCESS AND DRAW IN NEW AUDIENCES

- We will expand the reach of our work to new audiences in our city, county and nationally by profiling the organisation through a new, vastly improved website and in the national and local press. We will also undertake initiatives to grow our email mailing list by 5% during the period.
- We will particularly focus on increasing the attendance of the people in the following Arts Audiences Insight segments, particularly in postcodes BS4 and BS5. We will achieve a 10% increase in attendance across the period from:
 - Family & Community Focused
 - Mid-life hobbyists
 - A quiet pint with the match
 - Limited means, nothing fancy
- We will coordinate audience development activity alongside our new Children and Young People Programme.
- We will better provide for, engage and market to audiences with additional needs.

2015 - 2016		2016 - 2017		2017 – 2018			
Data analysis:		Та	Targeted marketing to existing		Targeted marketing to new		
•	Interrogate audience data	au	diences:	au	diences:		
	to build up a current	٠	Send out a tailored	•	Increase our email mailing		
	audience profile		postcard to lapsed bookers		list by 2%. Strategy will be		
•	Work with the Audience		to entice them back with a		informed by previous		
	Agency and local arts		ticket or added value offer.		successes.		
	organisations as part of	•	Continue to grow online	•	Continue to grow online		
	Audience Finder to		booking by 10% this year.		booking by 5% this year.		
	benchmark our audience	•	Increase digital options for	•	Continue to develop our		
	profile and build up a		audiences with digital		social media presence and		
	Bristol-wide and county-		freesheets available in the		engagement by 25% this		
	wide profile.		Factory Theatre Bar via QR		year.		
•	Update the show		codes and interval drinks	•	, Through sponsorship /		
	'categories' on Spektrix to		bookable in advance.		partnership with First Bus		
	better split our programme	•	Use our core audiences to		or similar, investigate		
	by genre in order to better		spread the word about us –		discounted vouchers for		
	segment audiences and		'Introduce a Friend' offers		transport and additional		
	target marketing.		which include enews sign		activity at the theatre e.g.		
•	Use tags and autotags in		up.		feedback/post show		
	the Spektrix system to tag		-		sessions to encourage		
	specific audience	Та	rgeted marketing to new		people to venture out to		
	behaviours e.g. lapsed /		diences:		see us.		
	first time attenders and	•	Use £5000 community	•	Tailor outdoor advertising		
	therefore track our success		comps resource to develop		campaigns to specific areas		
	in retaining audiences.		relationships with target		of the city e .g .BS4 and BS5		
•	Evaluate current use of		audience groups e.g.	•	Leaflet door drops in target		
	community comps and		community centres in BS4,		areas for relevant shows		
	begin to strategically target		audiences with additional		and extra activity including		
	which organisations these		needs.		the CYP Programme.		
	go to.	•	Increase our email mailing	•	Marketing partnerships		
			list by 2% through social		with		
Tar	geted marketing to existing		media campaigns and sign		pubs/restaurants/markets		
aud	liences:		up cards in front of house		& gym/fitness groups using		
•	Better target email		areas.		physical & digital media.		
	communications by	•	Develop our social media	•	Subsidise tickets for hard to		
	creative segmentation		presence, increasing		reach audiences and		
	based on audience		engagement on current		introduce a staggered		
	behaviours and tailored		platforms by 25% and		discounting system to bring		
	messaging.		extending presence to new		these audiences in and		
	Success will be measured		and underdeveloped		encourage them to see the		
	by increased click throughs		platforms including		long term value for money		
	and bookings.		AudioBoo and YouTube.		in our experience and ticket		
•	Engage with first time	•	Alongside CYP's DNA		prices.		
	bookers who came to see		Project: introduce a				
	<i>101 Dalmatians</i> to		staggered introductory	Au	diences with additional		
	persuade them to return to		discount for DNA audiences		eds:		
	us for Around the World in		and further engage through	•	Research how to better		
	80 Days, converting 25%		digital content (e.g. like		serve visually impaired		
			Travelling Light's Theatre		people including provision		
	from 1st time attenders to						

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 Start sending post show emails tailored to the booker and their behaviour (e.g. first timers/repeat bookers) to increase engagement and upsell. Alongside a brochure redesign, we will reconsider volume of brochures mailed and consider sending a smaller piece of print or email to less frequent bookers. Work with Front of House and Box Office teams to better integrate them with Marketing and Development teams empowering frontline staff to upsell and encourage engagement. Press: Create a press strategy to raise our audience profiling and producing coverage especially in national publications. 	 focus groups and post show events. Explore options for a partnership with First Bus to facilitate travel for audiences in target areas of South Bristol. Work with community centres & groups e.g. digitally through member emails, Facebook events & physically through displaying posters/leaflets, taster sessions & pop-up performances Work with parenting websites/forums & bloggers, plus childminder/nanny groups to market our programme digitally & through word of mouth. Collaborate with sports venues and pubs to market to their audiences digitally and physically. Research and explore new audiences and links for 	description, using channels such as AudioBoo.
 Digital: Launch a brand new website in May 2015 to better represent each aspect of the organisation and its programme. Success will be measured through an increase in website traffic by 25%, online booking by 10% and engagement with social networks. Create a digital strategy for the next three years including creation of more high quality digital content including show trailers, behind the scenes, podcasts and educational/family resources. Alongside the website 	 particular programming streams e.g. work by Tamasha and Asian Arts Agency. Utilise Business Club contacts to target professional and graduate employers. 	

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	development create a new	
	show/organisation film and	
	commission new	
	photography.	
	geted marketing for new	
auc	liences:	
•	Collaborate with Bristol Old	
	Vic, Colston Hall and St	
	George's Hall in January	
	2015 for a city wide	
	#flashtag Bristol Arts Flash	
	Sale aiming to raise the	
	profile of Tobacco Factory	
	Theatres to the audiences	
	of those venues.	
•	Increase our email mailing	
	list by 2% through better	
	profile of sign up on the	
	new website.	
•	Alongside the final public	
	launch of the new website,	
	profile the organisation and	
	website through a city-wide	
	outdoor, print and digital	
	advertising campaign.	
•	Undertake research and	
	build links with five influential contacts or	
	groups within the ethnically diverse communities of	
	BS5, specifically Easton, to	
	gain a greater	
	understanding of the BME	
	population in this area,	
	their interest in attending	
	theatre and an increased	
	mailing list from addresses	
	in this area.	
•	Develop relationships with	
	student organisations,	
	piloting a student	
	ambassador scheme with	
	UWE & BOVTS.	
•	Raise awareness of our	
	accessible pricing and	
	travel options to potential	
	new audiences.	
•	Raise awareness for school	
	teachers & parents digitally	
	& physically.	
	a physically.	

	Work with South West
	arts/tourism organisations
	e.g. Destination Bristol and
	Cultural Destinations to
	profile the organisation and
	programme and to engage
	with Bristol Green Capital.
Διι	diences with additional
	eds:
ne	Provide a minimum of two
•	
	BSL-interpreted
	performances per season (6
	plus per year) & improve
	our marketing & captioning
	services to these groups by
	consulting experts. We will
	also work to retain the
	increased numbers of
	customers using these
	services and turn them into
	return visitors.
•	We will offer a minimum of
	two relaxed performances
	annually for people with
	learning difficulties and will
	improve our ways of
	marketing to these
	audiences, increasing
	attendance.
•	Work with key contacts to
	set up schemes to
	introduce young people to
	arts opportunities. e.g.
	partner with Creative Youth
	Network & Nick Young's
	Turbine Pilot Project, which
	aims to fill a gap in arts
	provision in schools in
	particular Bristol areas.
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