



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SEVENTH ROUND OF SMALL GRANTS ANNOUNCED**

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The Theatres Trust is pleased to announce its seventh round of small capital grants to theatres from its UK Small Grants Scheme. Successful theatres in this round are the Upfront Arts Theatre in Penrith, Bristol's volunteer run Wardrobe Theatre, Colne's Pendle Hippodrome, the Category B-listed Theatre Royal Dumfries, and the Horse and Bamboo Theatre in Rossendale.

Grants from The Theatres Trust Theatres Protection Fund Small Grants Scheme are awarded as follows:

Upfront Arts Theatre, Penrith receives £4,000 towards its 'Upfront Grand Staircase' project to build a linking staircase from the ground to the first floor of its theatre foyer area to significantly improve audience flow around the building.

Wardrobe Theatre, Bristol receives £5,000 towards its 'New Dressing Room' project to construct a dressing room within its new premises.

Pendle Hippodrome, Colne receives £5,000 towards its 'Pendle Hippodrome Trust Ltd extension' project to repair and fit a new roof to the recently acquired adjacent building, to allow the venue to expand its ancillary facilities.

Theatre Royal Dumfries receives £5,000 towards its 'Refurbishment and extensions' project to install sound-proof, custom-made auditorium and studio doors, in-keeping with the category B-listed building, as part of a larger scheme of works to refurbish and reopen the venue.

Horse and Bamboo Theatre, Rossendale receives £5,000 towards its 'Boo Building Redevelopment Project' to ensure wheelchair access to its improved theatre space.

Mhora Samuel, Director of The Theatres Trust said: "Our seventh round of small grants includes the Theatre Royal Dumfries, one of the oldest theatres in the country, as well as one of the newest, the Wardrobe Theatre in Bristol. I'm proud that our Theatres Protection Fund is helping to ensure theatres can address urgent repairs and provide long-term benefit."

The Theatres Trust Small Grants Scheme helps theatres in need and at risk address urgent building repairs, improve their operational viability, introduce environmental improvements, and enhance physical accessibility.

Trustees of The Theatres Trust will meet in spring 2016 to consider further Small Grants Scheme awards.  
Deadline for Round 8 applications is 12noon Wednesday 3 February 2016.

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