



ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY AND CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS

Blackpool Grand Theatre Trust Limited, theatre proprietors, and Blackpool Grand Theatre (Arts & Entertainments) Limited, theatre operators, are registered charities in receipt of comparatively small sums of public subsidy. Together with the Friends of the Grand (a third registered charity) we are continually fundraising for refurbishment of the Grade II* Listed theatre, as well as for funds to support our artistic and learning programmes.

The Grand Theatre is pleased to provide a limited number of ticket vouchers for prizes in charity raffles. These will be for productions and performances nominated at our discretion. We ask that charities' acknowledge such assistance in any printed materials and by announcement at their function. Please apply for vouchers, in writing only, to Robert Kearton, Administrator, The Grand Theatre, 33 Church Street, Blackpool, FY1 HT.

We receive numerous requests to provide assistance for a range of performing arts events (such as charity concerts and competitions) and non-performing arts events (such as Lawrence House Studio events). Many of them are for very worthy causes, but the Grand Theatre is unable to provide support for all of them. We exercise due diligence in the allocation and management of our limited resources and do not provide support to organisations simply because of their charitable status or because their aim is to raise funds for a worthy cause.

In general it is not the policy of the Grand Theatre to grant access to the theatre for other financial collections, however worthy the cause. We are committed to ensuring that theatregoers are free to enjoy their visit to the Grand without obstruction. Permission may be given for the collection of donations at the Grand Theatre in exceptional circumstances under the following conditions:

- the collection is restricted to a particular event at the Grand Theatre and its purpose is integral to that event (e.g., part of a fundraising concert)
- the collection is to raise funds for a performing arts related charitable organisation, such as the Actors' Benevolent Fund
- the organisation taking up the collection must be a genuine non-profit organisation or Fylde Coast community arts group
- the organisation making the request must provide its own authorised collecting agents and ensure that they carry appropriate identification whilst at the Grand Theatre
- consideration of a request to take up a collection at the Grand Theatre will not be approved if there is a perceived risk of a negative impact on the operations of the Grand Theatre's producers, visiting companies, presenters or theatregoers
- collections may only be approved within the Grand Theatre with the consent of the presenter using the theatre; and
- any collection agents authorised to operate in the Grand Theatre must at all times obey the instructions of our house managers with regard to the approved collection areas and the times during which collecting may take place