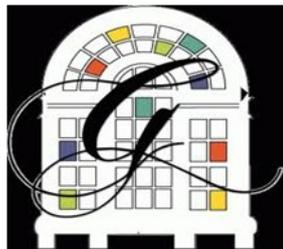


Theatre Case Study

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST :

- A Grade II listed building needing a sympathetic FM company to work with the current building attributes.
- Built in 1785, and being the oldest theatre in the UK, The Old Beneficial School is steeped with history.
- During Queen Victoria's reign she visited & donated £10 of her own money.
- In 1812, whilst attending a dance in the building, Elizabeth Dickens went into labour and shortly afterwards gave birth to her son Charles.
- The man who became the Premier of South Australia 7 times and after whom Ayres Rock was named, Henry Ayres, was a pupil at this school.
- It retains original features such as fire places, large wooden dresser, original floorboards and flagstones together with two very large ornamental sash windows remain and give this wonderful building a truly unique atmosphere.

Groundlings Instruct FFM Services



Prior to FFM visiting the theatre, Groundlings had various facility companies dealing with the different disciplines with no measurement criteria and no common standards.

At the start of the relationship FFM carefully assessed the theatre and came up with an offering which meant they only had to deal with one company for all their facility management requirements, keeping them up to date with compliance issues within the building, Groundlings theatre now benefit from a proactive, responsive and personal service delivered by the team within FFM.

When our clients commit to a multi-disciplined service it is beneficial on a dual basis. The client saves cost for service as multi disciplined engineer can service multiple disciplines and improving performance. From FFM's point of view It reduces our carbon emissions and helps to save the planet we all live in, helping us towards achieving ISO 14001.



Front View of the Theatre

Groundlings wanted an in house Facility Manager, however obtaining a local external FM company makes practical and financial sense as this puts the liability with the chosen company First Facility Management, this enables the groundlings staff more time within the Theatre to concentrate on what they do best... putting on the shows.

Performances and show times vary depending on the time of the year.

With a reputation for providing robust, integrated and cost effective solutions, along with a pragmatic and proactive approach the FFM team look after several key facilities within this building, this is reassuring to the owner as extra care and attention to detail is required on a grade II listed building such as this.



Bar/Reception Area

The bar area (featured above) can comfortably hold up to 70/80 people which also doubles up as the reception area on evenings when shows are being performed and can be used for wedding reception drinks area or main meals.



Main Auditorium

The main house has charming tall Georgian windows and a high ceiling, there have been many a show taken place in the main house. This area can comfortably seat 160 people, the perfect function room for those larger parties, such as weddings or corporate events.