



Taibhdhearc

**Éileamh ar mhaoiniú
inbhuanaithe An
Taidbhdhearc,
Amharclann Náisiúnta
na Gaeilge**

Case for the
sustainable funding
of An Taibhdhearc,
the National Irish
Language Theatre



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An Taibhdhearc is the
national theatre of Irish
language dramatic arts.



Is í An Taibhdhearc amharclann náisiúnta na n-ealaíón drámaíochta Gaeilge. Cruthaímid, cuirimid i láthair, agus tacáimid le saothair ealaíonta thar go leor foirmeacha ealaíne.

Soláthraíonn an foras tábhachtach cultúrtha seo caighdeán gairmiúil áiseanna do phobal leathan ealaíontóirí agus eagraíochtaí cultúrtha, i bhfoirgneamh stairiúil a bhfuil tábhacht náisiúnta ag baint leis.

Tá áit ar leith ag An Taibhdhearc i samhlaíocht mhuintir na Gaeltachta, agus cainteoirí Gaeilge ar fud oileán na hÉireann. Breathnaigh glúnta pobail Ghaeilge ariamh, maraon le healaíontóirí, drámadóirí agus an pobal i gcoitinne, ar An Taibhdhearc mar phoras tábhachtach cultúrtha: ceann a thugann brí, braistint feiniúlachta agus muintearas, agus áit inar féidir taithí a fháil ar an amharclannaíocht agus ar na healaíona inár dteanga dhúchais agus i gcéad teanga oifigiúil na tíre seo.

Is píosa ríthábhachtach de bhonneagar ealaíón í An Taibhdhearc do phobail na Gaeilge, do chathair na Gaillimhe agus d'Éirinn. Tá an poiteínseal ag an amharclann náisiúnta seo i bhfad níos mó a sholáthar má tá acmhainní cuí aici.

Creidimid gur chóir gach ionad ealaíon a mhaoliniú sa chaoi is gur féidir a gcuid spriocanna a bhaint amach. Faigheann Amharclann na Mainistreach thart ar €7.5 milliún de Mhaoliniú Straitéiseach bliantúil na Comhairle Ealaíon. Faigheann Féile Ceoldrámaíochta Loch Garman €1.6 milliún i gCistíú Straitéiseach bliantúil ón gComhairle Ealaíon amháin. Faigheann An Taibhdhearc codán fíor-bheag den bhunmhaoliniú straitéiseach a fhraigheann amharclanna Béarla in Éirinn (€320,000 in aghaidh na bliana).

Tá Bord An Taibhdhearc ag iarráidh ar Rialtas na hÉireann, go háirithe ar An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán, aitheantas a thabhairt don éagothroime reatha sa mhaoliniú. Tá gealltanás á lorg againn ón rialtas an éagothroime seo a chur ina cheart tríd an tacaíocht airgeadais riachtanach a chur ar fáil le go mbeidh an amharclann náisiúnta Gaeilge in ann oibriú agus a bheith rathúil.

Cuirfidh maoliniú bliantúil de €2 milliún, mar aon le tiomantas do thimthriall maoinithe trí bliana ag an méid seo, ar chumas An Taibhdhearc a cuid aidhmeanna a bhaint amach. Tá luach na hinfheistíocha seo léirithe thíos.

An Taibhdhearc is the national theatre of Irish language dramatic arts. We create, present and support artistic endeavour across many artforms.

This important cultural institution provides a professional standard of facilities to a broad community of artists and cultural organisations, in a historic building of national significance.

An Taibhdhearc holds a special place in the imagination of people from the Gaeltacht, and Irish speakers across the island of Ireland. Generations of Irish-language communities, artists, dramatists and the public in general have always viewed An Taibhdhearc as an important cultural institution: one that gives them meaning, a sense of identity and belonging, and a place where they can experience theatre and the arts in our indigenous and first official language.

An Taibhdhearc is a critical piece of Arts infrastructure for Irish-language communities, for the city of Galway and for Ireland. This national theatre has the potential to provide much more if properly resourced.

We believe that all arts venues should be well-funded to achieve their goals. The Abbey receives approx. €7.5 million in annual Arts Council Strategic Funding alone. The Wexford Opera Festival receives €1.6 million in annual Arts Council Strategic Funding alone. An Taibhdhearc receives a fraction of the core strategic funding that English-language theatres in Ireland receive (€320,000 per annum).

The Board of An Taibhdhearc is asking Rialtas na hÉireann, in particular An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán, to recognise the current inequity in funding. We are seeking a commitment from the government to rectify this inequity by providing the necessary financial support so that the national Irish language theatre can operate and thrive.

Annual funding of €2 million, with a commitment to a three-year funding cycle at this amount, will enable An Taibhdhearc to achieve its aims. The value of this investment is presented below.

Torthaí na hinfheistíochta seo in amharclann náisiúnta na Gaeilge



Mar gheall ar an mbrú mór airgeadais le blianta beaga anuas, rinne Bord An Taibhdhearc an cinneadh riachtanach conradh “comhlacht cónaithe” úrnua a dhéanamh le Fibín Teo i 2021. Tá an conradh seo le dul in éag i 2024. Éascóidh an infheistíocht atá á lorg feidhmiú An Taibhdhearc mar institiúid ealaíon lánfheidhmeach agus rathúil gan gá le bainistíocht a lorg go seachtrach. Is mian linn aird a tharraingt ar roinnt de na príomhréimsí ina mbeidh tionchar bunathraithe ag an infheistíocht seo.

→ Spás amharclainne náisiúnta a athbheochan agus a bhláthú

Is í fíos An Taibhdhearc ná an príomhardán a sholáthar do na healaíona drámaíochta Gaeilge. Cuirimid ar a laghad cúig mhórléiriú ar an stáitse in aghaidh na bliana, in ainneoin na srianta airgeadais leanúnacha. Seo an méid atá á bhaint amach againn faoi láthair agus muid ag brath ar daoine an obair a dhéanamh “ar son na cíuse”, ach níl sé inbhuanaithe.

€580,000 - Caiteachas réamh-mheasta ar chúig mhórléiriú, clár ceoil, agus iarrachtaí ealaíne eile.

€100,000 - Ioncam measta bunaithe ar ioncam ó oifig na dticéad.

→ Turais agus compháirtíocht idirnáisiúnta

Tá sé mar aidhm againn léiriú amháin a thabhairt ar chamchuaireacht go náisiúnta gach bliain. Mar amharclann náisiúnta, tá sé thírúbhachtach na léiriúcháin atá ar stáitse in amharclann An Taibhdhearc a thabhairt chuit ionaid eile, ar a n-áirítear amharclanna i gceantair Ghaeltachta, agus níos faide ann.

Ba mhaith linn níos mó compháirtíochta a thógáil, go náisiúnta agus go hidirnáisiúnta. Tá próifil na hÉireann thar lear thírúbhachtach dár rath sóisialta, cultúrtha agus eacnamaíoch, agus is féidir leis An Taibhdhearc ról lárnach a ghlacadh anseo. D’fhéadfadh go n-áireofaí leis seo ár léiriúcháin is fearr a thabhairt ar camchuaireacht go hidirnáisiúnta agus leas a bhaint as suim agus tiomantas an diaspora agus cainteoíri nua ar fud an domhain.

€100,000 - Caiteachas réamh-mheasta ar chamchuaireacht le léiriúchán mór amháin.

→ Fostaíocht, tógáil acmhainne agus breisoiliúint

Tá maoiniú marthanach ag teastáil ón Taibhdhearc chun ceannaireacht láidir Ealaíne agus Feidhmiúcháin a fhostú chun na blianta amach romhainn a bhainistiú de réir mar a fhásann an eagraíocht. Níl an earnáil saor ó na dúshláin atá ag imirt tionchair ar an domhan mór, boilsciú, éagobhsaíocht gheopholaitiúil, agus an ghéarchéim aeráide ina measc.

Ní mór do cheannaireacht An Taibhdhearc a bheith cróga, cruthaitheach, cumasach, solúbtha agus iontaofa, agus é a dhéanamh i nGaeilge.

Tá an iliomad gairmithe oilte ag teastáil ón Taibhdhearc chun oibríochtaí a dhéanamh, ar nós Bainisteoir Teicniúil, Bainisteoir Forbartha Amharclainne agus Bainisteoir Cumarsáide agus Margaochta. Chuirfeadh foireann dá leitheád go mór leis na deiseanna do dhéantóirí amharclainne a fheidhmíonn trí Ghaeilge. Chuirfí le fostáiocht iontaofa do dhaoine in earnáil na n-ealafoon in iarthar na hÉireann.

Ar deireadh, táimid tiomanta oiliúint agus breisoiliúint a thairiscint, trí chláir oiliúna, printíseachtaí agus cursaí a fhorbairt do ghairmithe agus dóibh siúd atá ag gabháil do chleachtas amaitéarach. Tá sé seo ar aon dul le beartas níos leithne an rialtais maidir le fostáiocht agus foghlaim ar feadh an tsaoil.

€200,000 - Costas bliantúil measta an Stiúrthóra Ealaíne agus an Stiúrthóra Feidhmiúcháin, arna mheaitseáil le scála pá Príomhoide Cúnta san earnáil phoiblí agus lena n-áirítear ÍMAT, ÁSPC agus costais ghaolmhara eile.

€575,000 - Costas bliantúil measta na bhfoirne oibriúchán riachtanach, lena n-áirítear Bainisteoir Teicniúil, Bainisteoir Tosaigh Tí, Bainisteoir Cumarsáide agus Margaochta, Bainisteoir Fáilteachais, Bainisteoir Léiriúcháin, agus foireann pháirtaimseartha agus shéasúrach san áireamh.



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→ Tacú le cruthú tallainne agus cruthú ensemble gairmiúil

Is léir ón rath a bhí ar scannán ar nós An Cailín Ciúin ar an ardán domhanda go bhfuil éileamh suntasach ar aschur ealaíne ardcháilfachta agus nuálaoch i nGaeilge. Tá leanúint leis an rath seo ag brath ar chumas An Taibhdhearc tallainne nua a chothú agus a fhorbairt, bíodh sin san aisteoireacht, sa stiúradh, sa léiriú, sa scríbhneoireacht, sa dearadh, agus go deimhin thar raon leathan scileanna gairmiúla agus teicniúla a theastaíonn chun tacú leis an tionscal. Is féidir é seo a bhaint amach ar dhá bhealach shubstaintiúla.

1. Compántas gairmiúil amharclainne a chruthú chun saothar ealaíne nua a chruthú agus a fhorbairt.
€370,000 - Costas bliantúil measta (tuarastail, oiliúint, aistriúchán, cearta ar ábhar atá ann cheana féin, bainistíocht ghaolmhar, costais tárgthe agus riarracháin).
2. Comhoibriú le hollscoil chun cúrsaí creidiúnaithe a chruthú i réimsí amhail aisteoireacht, scríbhneoireacht agus léiriú amharclainne.
Teastóidh infheistíocht tosaigh anseo chun na cúrsaí a chruthú. Nuair a bheidh sin bunaithe, táthar ag suíl go mbeidh sé féinmhaoinithe den chuid is mó trí tháillí freastail agus ioncam gaolmhar.
€150,000 - Infheistíocht tosaigh réamh-mheasta.

→ Óige, amharclann pobail agus oideachas

Chun todhchaí An Taibhdhearc a chinntiú, ní mór dúinn glúin nua déantóirí amharclainne agus lucht féachana a mhealladh. Inniu anois an t-am chun infheistíocht a dhéanamh in amharclann óige, i gcomhthácais líon na nGaelscóileanna agus na nGaelcholáistí atá ag dul i méid, an t-éileamh gaolmhar ar ábhar mealltach le múineadh, agus an cinneadh Drámaíochta, Amharclannaíocht agus Léann na Scannánaíochta a chur le curaclam na hArdteistiméireachta. Cruthaíonn infheistíocht i ngníomhaíochtaí óige tionchair dhearfacha comhthreomhara ar mheabhairshláinte agus ar rannpháirtíocht na hóige. Tá sé beartaithe againn post Oifigeach Forbartha Amharclainne a chruthú le bheith i gceannas ar rannpháirtíocht óige.

Bheadh an tOifigeach seo freagrach freisin as amharclann pobail agus amaitéarach. D'fhéadfaidís comhordú a dhéanamh ar raon tacaíochtaí, acmhainní agus tionscnamh, ar nós athbhunú grúpa amaitéarach An Taibhdhearc, ceardlanna a réachtáil, agus díriú ar chuimsiú grúpaí tearc-ionadaíochta san amharclann ar nós baill de ghrúpaí imeallaithe agus daoine faoi mhíchumas.

Tá costas an Oifigeach seo san áireamh sna meastacháin do “Fostaíocht, tógáil acmhainne agus breisoiliúint” thusa.

→ Comhtháthú agus cumhachtú polasaí pleánaí teanga

Tugann Acht na Gaeltachta 2012 éifeacht reachtúil don phróiseas pleánaí teanga faoina n-ullmhófar pleannana teanga ag leibhéal an phobail i gceantair a d'fhéadfaí a aithint faoin Acht mar Limisteír Pleánaí Teanga Ghaeltachta, mar Bhailte Seirbhísé Gaeltachta nó mar Líonraí Gaeilge. Is féidir leis An Taibhdhearc go leor deiseanna a chur ar fáil maidir le hachtú na bPleannana Teanga do gach ceantar Gaeltachta, chomh maith le Gaillimh mar Bhaile Seirbhísé Gaeltachta agus Foras na Gaeilge, an eagraíocht atá freagrach as na Líonraí Gaeilge. Is féidir leis an amharclann náisiúnta Gaeilge dul i gcomhar leis na pobail seo chun comhspriocanna a bhaint amach maidir leis na healaíona agus forbairt pobail.

→ Comóradh céad bliain An Taibhdhearc

Nuair a bhí An Taibhdhearc ag ceiliúradh 90 bliain ar an bhfód, d'fhreastail an tUachtaráin Michael D Higgins ar imeachtaí a eagraíodh chun an ócáid a chomóradh. Ba cheart go mbeadh comóradh céad bliain An Taibhdhearc in 2028 ina ócáid speisialta, stairiúil, áthais, ócáid a shaineoidh an todhchaí. Éileoidh sé seo pleánáil agus ullmhúchán, fíos agus cruthaitheacht. Tá sé ríthábhachtach go ndéanaimid infheistíochtanois sa phleanáil agus san ullmhúchán.

→ Foirgneamh stairiúil

Tá ainmniúchán mar chathair Chruthaitheach UNESCO ag Cathair na Gaillimhe, agus tá An Taibhdhearc mar chuid den taipéis chultúrtha seo. Is foirgneamh liostaithe é An Taibhdhearc a bhfuil luach stairiúil ag baint leis do chathair na Gaillimhe. Tá balla cúnlaí na hamharclainne tadhlaí le seanbhalla na cathrach. Tá an balla cúnlaí seo ag briseadh síos. Le míonna beaga anuas bhí orainn damáiste suntasach don díon a dheisiú, agus tá damáiste buan uisce do na ballaí mar gheall ar an bhfad ama a bhí an damáiste ann sula bhféadfaí maoiniú a fháil chun na deisiúcháin a dhéanamh. Áit a bhfuil feabhsuite déanta, mar éadan an fhoirgnimh a ndearnadh athchóiriú air le déanaí, is mór an tionchar a bhí ann.

Tagann an chuid is mó den maoiniú don obair seo ó maoiniú caipítíl, atá ar leithligh ó bhunmhaoiní na hamharclannaíochta náisiúnta Gaeilge. Mar sin féin, tarlaíonn costais laethúla go minic a bhaineann le cothabháil ghinearálta an fhoirgnimh, mar shampla glanadh, cothabháil agus ceannach trealamh riachtanach chun an foirgneamh a choinneáil ag feidhmiú. Tá sé seo san áireamh i “Costais reatha Amharclainne”.

Outcomes of this investment in the national Irish language theatre



Due to severe financial pressure in recent years, the Board of An Taibhdhearc made the necessary decision to enter into a novel “company in residence” contract with Fibín Teo in 2021. This contract is due to expire in 2024. The investment sought will facilitate An Taibhdhearc to operate as a fully functional and successful arts institution without the need to seek management externally. We wish to highlight a number of key areas in which this investment will have transformative impact.

→ A revived and thriving national theatre space

The vision of An Taibhdhearc is to provide the primary stage for the dramatic arts in the Irish language. We stage at least five major productions a year, in spite of the ongoing financial constraints. This is what we currently achieve “on a shoestring”, but it is not sustainable.

€580,000 - Anticipated expenditure on five major productions, music programme, and other artistic endeavours.

€100,000 - Anticipated income based on box office income.

→ Tours and international collaborations

We aim to bring one production nationally every year. As a national theatre, bringing the productions staged in the An Taibhdhearc theatre to other venues is key, including but not limited to theatres in Gaeltacht areas.

We want to build more collaborations, nationally and internationally. Ireland’s profile abroad is crucial to our social, cultural and economic prosperity, and An Taibhdhearc can make unique contributions. This could include bringing our best productions on tour internationally and benefitting from the interest and dedication of the diaspora and new speakers globally.

€100,000 - Anticipated expenditure on touring one major production.

→ Employment, capacity building and upskilling

An Taibhdhearc needs sustained funding to employ strong Artistic and Executive leadership to manage the years ahead as the organisation grows. The sector is not immune from the challenges exacerbated by inflation, geopolitical instability, and the climate crisis. The leadership of An Taibhdhearc need to be brave, creative, talented, flexible, and reliable, and do it all in Irish.

An Taibhdhearc needs a multitude of skilled professionals to carry out operations, such as Technical Manager, Theatre Development Manager and Communications and Marketing Manager. Having such a team in place would expand considerably the opportunities for theatre makers operating through Irish. It would also offer reliable employment to people in the arts sector in the west of Ireland.

Finally, we commit to offer training and upskilling, through the development of training programmes, apprenticeships and courses for professionals and those engaging in amateur practice. This aligns with wider government policy around employment and life-long learning.

€200,000 - Estimated annual cost of an Artistic Director and Executive Director, matched to an Assistant Principal pay scale in the public sector and including PAYE, PRSI and other related costs.

€575,000 - Estimated annual cost of the necessary operations team, including but limited to Technical Manager, Front of House Manager, Communications and Marketing Manager, Hospitality Manager, Production Manager, and including part-time and seasonal staff.

→ Supporting the pipeline of talent creation and the creation of a professional ensemble

The success of recent films such as An Cailín Ciúin on the global stage has demonstrated significant demand for high-quality and innovative artistic output in Irish. The continuation of this success hinges on the ability of An Taibhdhearc to nurture and develop new talent, be that in acting, directing, producing, writing, design, and indeed across in the range of professional and technical skills needed to support the industry. This can be achieved in two substantial ways.

1. The creation of a professional theatre company to act in, create and develop new artistic work.
€370,000 - Estimated annual cost (salaries, training, translation, rights to existing material, associated management, production and administrative costs).
2. Collaboration with a university to create accredited courses in areas such as acting, writing and theatre production.
This will require an initial investment to create the courses. However, once established, it is hoped this will be largely self-funding through attendee fees and related income.
€150,000 - Anticipated initial investment.

→ Youth, community theatre and education

To ensure the future of An Taibhdhearc, we must attract a new generation of theatre makers and audience members. The time to invest in youth theatre has never been better, in the context of a rising number of Gaelscoileanna and Gaelcholáistí, associated demand for engaging material to teach, and the decision to add Drama, Theatre and Film Studies to the curriculum for the Leaving Certificate. Investing in youth activities generates parallel positive impacts for mental health and youth engagement. We propose to create the position of Theatre Development Officer to lead on youth engagement.

This person would also be responsible for community and amateur theatre. They could coordinate on a range of supports, resources and initiatives, such as the re-establishment of the An Taibhdhearc amateur troupe, running workshops, and focusing on the inclusion of underrepresented groups in theatre such as members of marginalised groups and people with disabilities.

The cost of this position is included in the estimates for “Employment, capacity building and upskilling” above.

→ Integration with and empowerment of language planning policy

The Gaeltacht Act 2012 gives statutory effect to the language planning process under which language plans will be prepared at community level in areas which could be recognised under the Act as Gaeltacht Language Planning Areas, as Gaeltacht Service Towns or as Irish Language Networks. An Taibhdhearc

can provide many opportunities for the enactment of the Language Plans for all Gaeltacht areas, as well as Galway as a Gaeltacht Service Town and Foras na Gaeilge, the organisation responsible for the Irish Language Networks. The national Irish language theatre can coalesce with these communities to achieve shared goals for the arts and community development.

→ An Taibhdhearc centenary

When An Taibhdhearc celebrated her 90th birthday, an tUachtaráin Michael D Higgins attended events organised to mark the occasion. The marking of the centenary of An Taibhdhearc in 2028 should be a special, joyous, history-marking and future-defining event. This will require planning and preparation, vision and creativity. It is imperative that we invest in planning and preparation now.

→ A historic building

Galway city has UNESCO Creative city designation, and An Taibhdhearc is part of this cultural tapestry. An Taibhdhearc is a listed building of historical value to Galway city. The back wall of the theatre is adjoining the old city wall. This back wall is breaking down. In recent months we have had to repair significant damage to the roof, and there is lasting water damage to the walls due to the length of time the damage was there before funding could be secured to undertake the repairs. Where improvements have been made, such as to the façade of the building which was recently renovated, the impact has been transformative.

Most of the funding for this work comes from capital funding, which is separate to the core sustained funding of the national Irish language theatre. Nevertheless, day-to-day costs do occur frequently relating to the general upkeep of the building, such as cleaning, maintenance and purchasing necessary equipment to keep the building functioning. This is included in “Theatre running costs”.



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Comhthéacs náisiúnta

Maoiniú bliantúil eagraíochtaí agus imeachtaí eile (bunaithe ar fhigiúirí do 2021)

AMHARCLANN NA MAINISTREACH

Amharclann Náisiúnta na hÉireann a tháirgeann amharclannaíocht Bhéarla den chuid is mó

€7.5 milliún

de Mhaoiniú Straitéiseach bliantúil na Comhairle Ealaón amháin, arna stiúradh ag Stiúrthóir Ealaíne agus Stiúrthóir Feidhmiúcháin agus foireann de bheagnach 40 duine

FÉILE CEOLDRÁMA LOCH GARMAN

€1.6 milliún

de Chistíu Straitéiseach bliantúil na Comhairle Ealaón amháin agus tacaithe ag bonneagar Cheoldráma Náisiúnta na hÉireann

AMHARCLANN AN GHEATA

€1.45 milliún

de Mhaoiniú Straitéiseach bliantúil na Comhairle Ealaón amháin, faoi stiúir an Stiúrthóra Ealaíne agus an Stiúrthóir Feidhmiúcháin agus foireann de bheagnach 40

AMHARCLANN DRUID

Níos mó ná €1 milliún

i gCistíu Straitéiseach bliantúil na Comhairle Ealaón amháin, le foireann de 13 agus Ensemble Druid

AN TAIBHDHEARC

Amharclann Náisiúnta na Gaeilge

€320,000

i maoiniú bliantúil ón Roinn Gaeltachta agus foireann de 0, agus "Fibín sa Taibhdhearc" ag bainistiú na n-oibríochtaí go léir, le Bord deonach á bhainistiú

Aisghabháil ó COVID-19

Fuair Amharclann na Mainistreach níos mó ná €7.5 milliún ón gComhairle Ealaón in 2020 agus an amharclann dúnta. Bhain go leor eagraíochtaí ealaíon leas as maoiniú breise a chuir an tAire Catherine Martin ar fáil chun léirsíos COVID-19 a mhaolú. Go dtí seo, tá thart ar €8,000 i maoiniú maolaithe COVID-19 faichte ag An Taibhdhearc agus tháinig sé seo ó Chomhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe.

Comhthéacs idirnáisiúnta

Albain - Theatre Gu Leòr - Tacaítéar le hamharclannaíocht agus ealaíona na hAlban trí amharclann tiomnaithe a bheith ann.

An Bhlreatain Bheag - Theatre Genedlaethol Cymru - Tacaítéar le amharclannaíocht agus ealaíon na Breataine Bige trí amharclann tiomnaithe a bheith ann. Tá foireann de 16 aige agus Bord Iontaobhaithe de 12.

An Bheilg - Amharclann Ríoga Phléimeannach - Tacaítéar le amharclannaíocht agus ealaíon Pléimeannach trí amharclann tiomnaithe a bheith ann. Is amharclann mhionteanga í Amharclann Ríoga Phléimeannach agus tá sí maoinithe ag

Rialtas na Beilge. Tá an scóip acu 5 go 7 (comh)lériú nua in aghaidh na bliana, bunaithe ar théacs atá ann cheana féin, ar théacs nua-choimisiúnaithe, ar tobchumadh téamach, srl. Téann siad ar camchuairt le cuid de na léiriúcháin sin sa Bheilg agus lasmuigh di. Tugann siad cuireadh do raon mórtaibh-ealaíona ón mBeilg agus lasmuigh di agus, chun an clár a chríochnú, cuireann siad díospóireachtaí, léacataí, taispeántais, cóisirí srl. ar bun. Tá ruthag de mhalartú ealaíne forbartha acu leis an gCongó, agus ar scála níos lú, leis na Críocha Palaistíneacha faoi Fhorghabháil.

An Nua-Shéalainn - Tacaíonn Taki Rua leis an teanga dhúchasach Māori, an amharclannaíocht agus na healaíona. Is féidir le hamharclanna a oibríonn trí Māori cur isteach ar Dheontais Ealaón Blantúla suas le NZ \$150,000 (thart ar €900,000).

National context

Annual funding of other organisations and events (based on figures for 2021)

THE ABBEY

The National Theatre of Ireland which produces predominantly English-language theatre

€7.5 million

in annual Arts Council Strategic Funding alone, led by an Artistic Director and Executive Director and a staff of over 100 people

WEXFORD OPERA FESTIVAL

€1.6 million

in annual Arts Council Strategic Funding alone and supported by the infrastructure of the Irish National Opera

THE GATE THEATRE

€1.45 million

in annual Arts Council Strategic Funding alone, led by Artistic Director and Executive Director and a staff of nearly 40

DRUID THEATRE

Over €1 million

in annual Arts Council Strategic Funding alone, with a staff of 13 and the Druid Ensemble

AN TAIBHDHEARC

The National Irish Language Theatre

€320,000

in annual funding from An Roinn Gaeltachta and a staff of 0, with all operations being managed by “Fibín sa Taibhdhearc” and management by a voluntary Board

Recovery from COVID-19

The Abbey received over €7.5 million from the Arts Council in 2020 while the theatre was closed. Many arts organisations benefitted from additional funding made available by Minister Catherine Martin to mitigate the devastation of COVID-19. To date, An Taibhdhearc has received approx. €8,000 in COVID-19 mitigation funding, and this was from Galway City Council.

International context

Scotland – Theatre Gu Leòr - Scots' Gaelic theatre and arts are supported by the existence of a dedicated theatre.

Wales – Theatr Genedlaethol Cymru - Welsh theatre and arts are supported by the existence of a dedicated theatre. It has a staff of 16 and a Board of Trustees of 12.

Belgium – Royal Flemish Theatre - Flemish theatre and arts are supported by the existence of a dedicated theatre. Minority language theatre is funded by the Belgium Government. It has the scope to 5 to 7 new (co)productions a year that can be

based on existing text, freshly commissioned text, thematic improvisation, etc. They tour some of these productions in Belgium and outside. They invite a large range of performing arts from Belgium and outside and, in order to complete the program, set up debates, lectures, exhibitions, parties etc. They have developed a trajectory of artistic exchange with Congo, and on a smaller scale, with the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

New Zealand - The Māori indigenous language, theatre and arts are supported by Taki Rua. Theatres operating through Māori can apply for Annual Arts Grants of up to NZ \$150,000 (approximately €900,000).

Miondealú ar bhuiséad ardleibhél

Spás amharclainne náisiúnta a athbheochan agus a bhláthú

Costas bliantúil measta

Buiséad táirgeachta do chúig mhórléiriú	€500,000
Buiséad le haghaidh léirithe ceoil beo	€30,000
Buiséad le haghaidh cineálacha eile aschuir ealaíonta, e.g. suiteálacha	€50,000

Turais agus compháirtíocht idirnáisiúnta

€100,000

Fostaíocht, tógáil acmhainne agus breisoiliúint

€200,000

Foireann lánimseartha - Bainistoir Teicniúil, Bainistoir Cumarsáide agus Margaíochta, Bainistoir Forbartha Amharclainne, Bainistoir Camchuaire agus Comhoibrithe, Bainistoir Tosaigh Tí, Bainistoir Fáilteachais, Cuntasóir, Riarthóir	€525,000
Foireann pháirtaimseartha – Fáilteachas, aghaidh an tí, ushers, slándáil	€50,000

Tacú le cruthú tallainne agus cruthú ensemble gairmiúil

€370,000

Cruthú compántas gairmiúil amharclainne	€370,000
Clár creidiúnaithe a bhunú	€150,000

Foirdneamh stairiúil

€160,000

*Ní áirítear deisiúcháin a éilíonn maoiniú caipítil sa bhuiséad oibriúcháin.

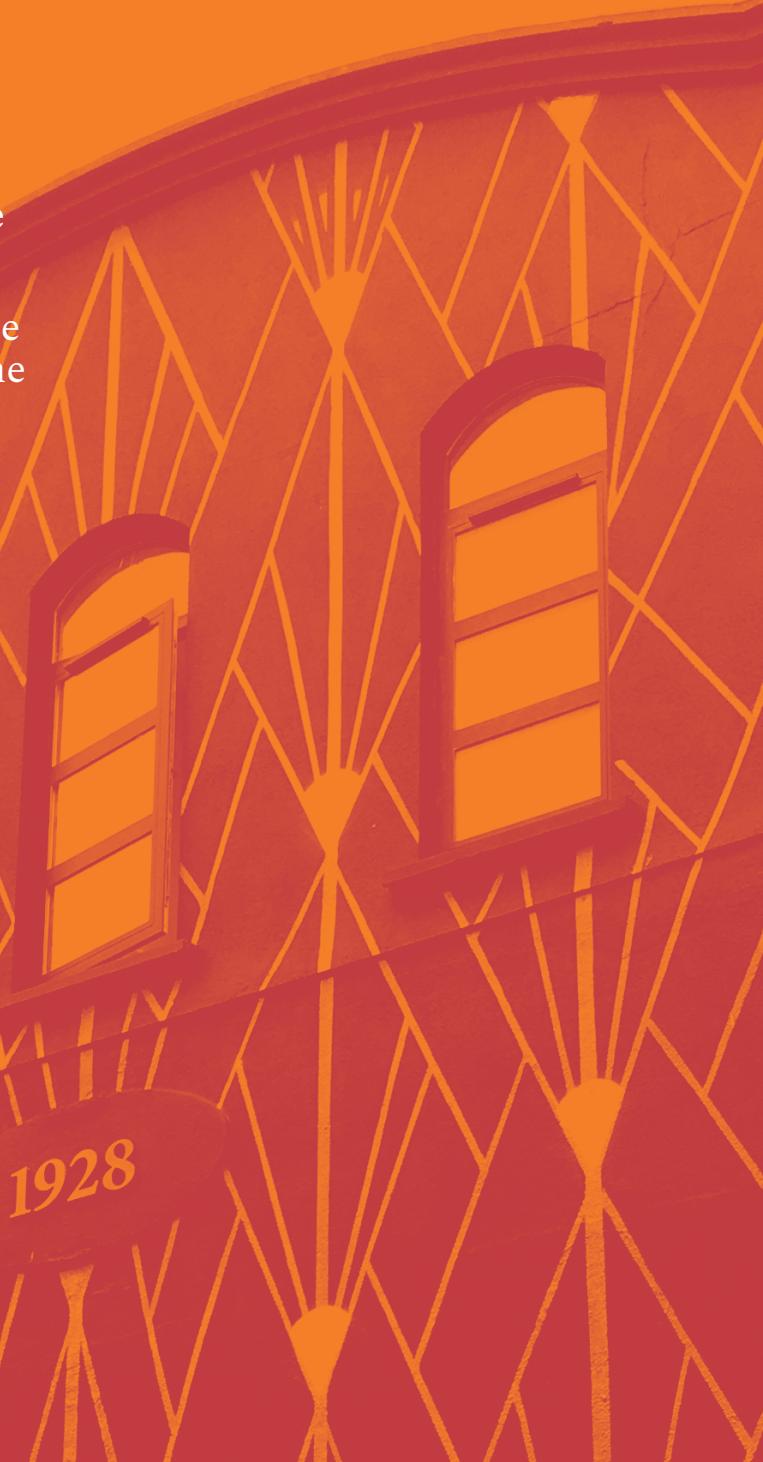
Breakdown of high-level budget

A revived and thriving national theatre space	Estimated annual cost
Production budget for five major productions	€500,000
Budget for live music performances	€30,000
Budget for other types of artistic output, e.g., installations	€50,000
Tours and international collaborations	
Production budget for touring one major production	€100,000
Employment, capacity building and upskilling	
Artistic Director & Executive Director	€200,000
Full-time staff - Technical Manager, Communications and Marketing Manager, Theatre Development Manager, Touring and Collaborations Manager, Front of House Manager, Hospitality Manager, Accountant, Administrator	€525,000
Part-time staff – Hospitality, front of house, ushers, security	€50,000
Supporting the pipeline of talent creation and the creation of a professional ensemble	
Creation of a professional theatre company	€370,000
Establishment of acting school	€150,000
A historic building	
Theatre running costs	€160,000

*Repairs which require capital funding are not included in the operational budget.

Tá áit ar leith ag An Taibhdhearc
i samhlaíocht mhuintir na
Gaeltachta, agus cainteoirí Gaeilge
ar fud oileán na hÉireann.

An Taibhdhearc holds a special place
in the imagination of people from the
Gaeltacht, and Irish speakers across
the island of Ireland.



- ✓ Táimid ag iarraidh maoiniú bliantúil de €2 mhilliún don trí bliana amach romhainn
- ✓ We are seeking annual funding of €2 million per annum for the next three years

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