**ABTT TRAINING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE, Brief Report, June 2023**

Chair: Sebastian Barnes

Vice Chair: Gareth Evans

Our last meeting was on May 11th.

**Courses;**

Recent successful courses include;

Bronze in January, Manchester, London, Greenwich, Birmingham;

March, in London;

May in Portsmouth, Mansfield & Swindon;

Mental Health First Aid, January & February;

A range of CPD one day courses in London, Exeter, Newcastle upon Tyne, Widnes.

Future planned and booked courses include:

Bronze courses; July & September in London.

Our usual Summer School of three Silver, Gold and Pyrotechnics, August in Warwick Arts, Coventry.

We continue to successfully run our online Mental Health First Aid, Autocad and Vectorworks courses.

We have recently increased the capacity of some Bronze courses to accommodate requests for single days as CPD. Candidates for all our courses are joining from a wide range of theatre and live events organisations.

We continue to seek additional tutors for our courses, particularly the Silver level. We’re getting requests to arrange these in addition to our regular Summer School in August, at alternative venues.

We are exploring updating our current Bronze and developing new content, including Stagecraft skills. We’re discussing developing a short course on video media processing skills, such as projector mapping, processing and transmitting, increasingly used in theatre and live events.

**Outreach;**

We are working on ways to increase awareness of theatre technical roles, to primary and secondary education. We’re researching current models and resources to identify gaps we might fill.

We have been talking with Elaine Faulkner of Exeter University, about setting up a South West Training Network and Hub.

**Theatre Show 2023;**

We are very pleased our planned practical skills sessions were very successful. With voluntary help from our committee and tutors we successfully delivered over 40, half hour sessions to a total of 147 people, a mix of students and theatre technicians. This resulted in 6 enquiries for Bronze courses.

**Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Accreditation;**

We are preparing for a meeting with the RCS panel by confirming actions set at the last meeting in 2018. This is a regular exercise, required every 3 to 4 years to retain the accreditation of our courses.

**Meetings planned for 2023;**

Thursday 22nd June

Thursday 3rd August

Thursday 14th September

Thursday 2nd November

**Chair, Sebastian Barnes, 19/6/23**