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THE ARCHES GRANTED ADVANCE ON AGREED FUNDING FROM CREATIVE SCOTLAND AND GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL

Appeal against Licensing Board decision confirmed

The Arches met with stakeholders Creative Scotland and senior city officials yesterday (Tuesday May 26) to explore a number of possible avenues for the continuation of the venue's cultural programmes and activity, following Glasgow Licensing Board's recent decision to curtail its licensed hours.

Creative Scotland and Glasgow City Council have now agreed to provide an advance on their agreed 2015-16 funding to support The Arches in delivering its current programme in the short-term, and in gaining specialist advice to enable it to properly consider all future options.

At the same meeting, The Board of Directors for The Arches decided that, following legal advice, the venue will proceed with an appeal against the Licensing Board's limiting of the venue to a midnight licence – a decision which would effectively close its club and have a devastating effect on its future as a cultural centre.

Lucy Mason, Artistic Director, and Mark Anderson, Executive Director of The Arches said: "The Board of The Arches is grateful for and has agreed to the funding package offered by Creative Scotland and Glasgow City Council, which provides for stability in the short-term as we look to find a more permanent solution in the weeks to come."

"At the same time, having taken appropriate legal advice, we believe there are grounds to appeal the decision of the Licensing Board and will now proceed on that basis."

All scheduled arts events between now and the end of June will go ahead as planned with club events moved to alternative venues. (See notes to editors for details.)

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NOTES TO EDITORS

The following scheduled events will go ahead at The Arches as planned:

Wed 3 – Fri 5 June: [On The Verge 2015](#)

Thu 4 – Sun 21 June: [Being Human](#)

Sat 6 June: [The Big Glasgow Comic & Craft Fair](#)

Sun 7 June: [STAND](#)

The following events have changed venue:

Fri 19 June: [Deviation: Benji B & Kenny Dope](#) – **Now at La Cheetah**

Fri 26 June: [Nervo](#) – **Now at O2 Academy**

Sat 17 Oct: [From The Jam](#) – **Now at SWG3**

Updated information about all other scheduled events will be made available in due course.

[The Arches Café Bar and Restaurant](#) is open as usual.

THE ARCHES STORY

The Arches was founded in 1991 as a direct result of Glasgow being named **European Capital of Culture 1990**. Since injecting life into the Victorian archways under Central Station almost 25 years ago, the organisation has grown to become an internationally renowned multi-arts venue, providing a year-round programme of performance, creative learning, live music and club nights.

It is a **not-for-profit registered Scottish Charity**. All profits from commercial trading, including club activity, are donated annually to The Arches Theatre company.

In 2013/14, The Arches supported **146 emergent performance makers** to produce new work, as well as staging or supporting **43 brand new performances**. During that period The Arches also welcomed **148 international artists** presenting theatre and live music from countries including Canada, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Nigeria, Kenya, Syria, Spain and the USA, and toured three Arches-produced theatre shows internationally, reaching audiences in Canada, Brazil, USA, Hong Kong, New Zealand and Sydney.

The Licensing Board's decision comes at the end of the **sixth annual Behaviour Festival**, which saw 9022 people experience the celebration of live performance across over 30 events - not only on-site, but across Glasgow at venues including Botanic Gardens, Ruchill Park, CCA and Citizens Theatre.

The Arches is perennially voted one of the **Top 100 Clubs** in the world by DJ Magazine. The live music and clubs programme are celebrated and key to Glasgow's status as a UNESCO city of music. Internationally renowned names- including SLAM, Felix Da Housecat, CHVRCHES, Boiler Room, Aidan Moffat and Arches patron Carl Cox- have lent their support for the venue.

The Arches has become a benchmark for operational excellence and customer care. Through six consecutive years- 2008-2013- The Arches has been awarded Overall Gold in the Specialist Entertainment Category at the **Best Bar None Awards**, sponsored by Diageo and established in consultation with the government and alcohol industry at a national level.

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