

8th August 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

I am delighted to offer my full support for Rafik Hussein and his foundation, "Performing Arts Education Accessible to All." that Rafik set up in 2012. Rafik has passionately advocated for equal opportunities in the arts industry, recognizing the challenges faced by children and young people from underprivileged backgrounds in pursuing careers in performing arts.

The foundation's mission is to provide young individuals with access to dance, music, and drama education. Most importantly campaigning & encouraging Theatres & local councils to offer free training in the Arts. Rafik firmly believes that art and culture can bridge gaps, foster community strength, and contribute to a more inclusive and progressive society. By addressing the issue of limited diversity in the arts, "Performing Arts Education Accessible to All" ensures a broader range of voices are heard.

We have closely collaborated with Rafik's foundation at The Old Savoy, The Deco Theatre, an inclusive Performing Arts Studio Centre and Theatre. This space has allowed disabled and non-disabled individuals to work together harmoniously in all aspects of the performing arts. Over the years, we have witnessed numerous individuals benefit from "Performing Arts Education Accessible to All," and Rafik's unwavering dedication has enabled disadvantaged individuals to pursue careers in the performing arts.

Our support for "Performing Arts Education Accessible to All" remains steadfast, and we will continue to provide free studio space for Rafik's foundation.

Everyone here at The Old Savoy, The Deco Theatre congratulate Rafik Hussein on his 40th Anniversary of making "Dreams Come True" for the disadvantaged.

Regards

Kevin J Roach

Chief Executive and Producer