



Annual Report 2020/2021

This is acta - a community theatre
where everyone has a story to tell.



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This year we...

Responded quickly, creatively and compassionately to the needs of our community as the pandemic hit through the "Creation in isolation" programme

Delivered food parcels and creative care packs to the Malcolm X Elders and Making Time participants

Created and nurtured partnerships with FareShare, Bristol Community Transport and local schools to reach those in need

Created and published over 30 films: including the "Films from Lockdown" series that premiered in July 2021

Continued to deliver seminars and CPD as part of Cornerstone, as well as new initiative "Sandbox", resulting in 22 new concepts



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This year we...

Sold-out the "museum of unsung heroes" performance trail in September, bringing acta performers from different groups together

Welcomed over 120 people to acta for the Home Arts Trail in August

Successfully won bids to create new projects Performing Harts, Silent Heroines Disco and Hard Evidence; all continuing in 2021...



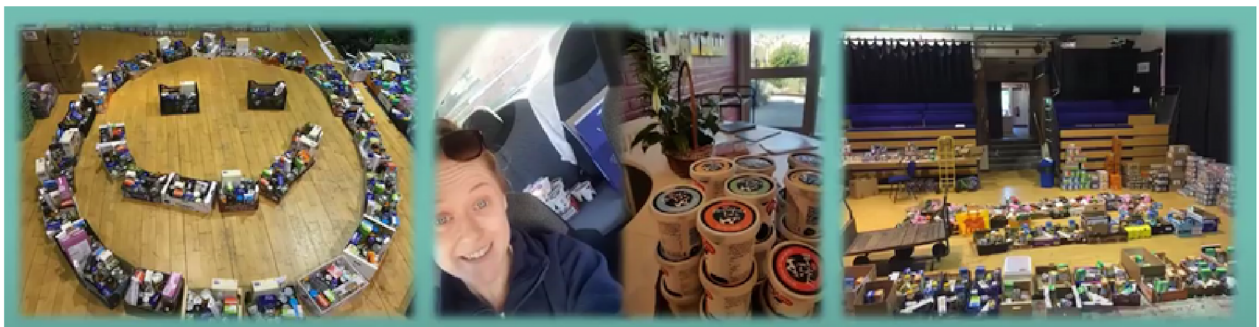
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Creation in Isolation Project | Katie Delaney March - July 2020

Partnering with organisations FareShare and Bristol Community Transport to provide food parcels to our participants and those in need.

Over the months of Lockdown one, the team - led by Katie - helped Bristol Community Transport deliver hundreds of food parcels across the city, using food from charity FareShare.



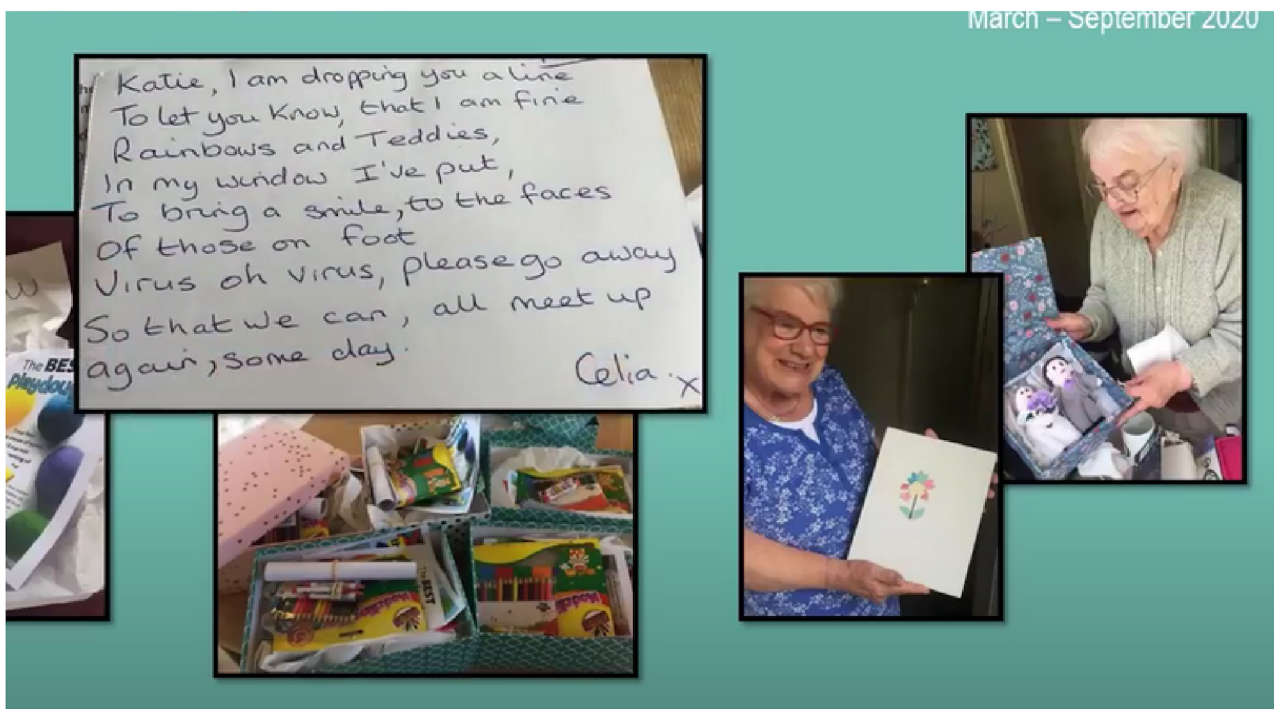
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We also created and delivered creative packages, allowing people to send us their creations

Alongside, we ran a social media campaign to allow anyone to get involved, whatever they had at home.



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Doorstep Visits Project | Rosalie Pordes March - June 2020

To stay in touch with our Malcolm X Elders group, Rosalie Pordes made doorstep visits.



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Films from Lockdown Projects

March - June 2020

acta groups devised and created original films that premiered online. Using the 'premiere' experience, we encouraged families to have a #BigNightIn bringing the theatre experience to the home.



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Clippies Documentary acta Company | Ingrid Jones November 2020

We created a documentary all about the acta company
show Clippies

This was also premiered live and available to watch on
YouTube



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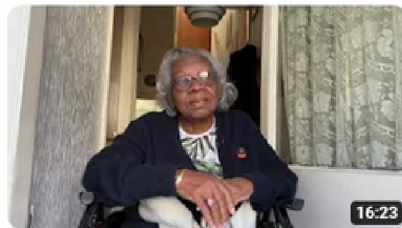
Malcolm X Elders Film Maryam Rutter 2020 - 2021

Doorstep visits, stories from childhood, and much more...



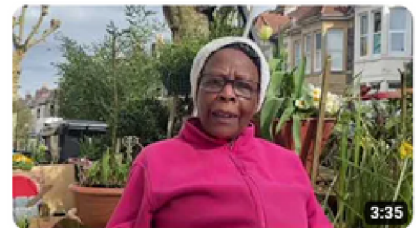
The Bristol Bus Boycotts | With The Malcolm X Elders

245 views • 2 years ago



Malcolm X Elders | The Windrush Generation

206 views • 2 years ago



Little Ways to Help | Iva's Story - Malcolm X Elders

36 views • 2 years ago



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Superheroes and Films Lockleaze Youth Theatre 2020 - 2021

Our Youth Theatres adapted to a new way of working and embraced creating drama over Zoom and outside



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Evil vs Earth Bedminster Youth Theatre August 2020

Initially cancelled back in the Spring, in August we allowed a smaller, family only audience to watch Evil vs Earth live in the theatre!



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Forest of Fears Lockleaze Youth Theatre August 2020

Another postponed youth theatre production was Forest of Fears. Performed in Long Wood, Lockleaze, allowing friends & family to take in the scary atmosphere



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Spooky Tales Lockleaze Youth Theatre October 2020

If you go down to the Woods again...
Another spooky performance over Halloween from the
Lockleaze Youth Theatre!



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Cornerstone

As part of the Cornerstone Programme, we made sure to continue developing the sector of community theatre, by moving seminars and courses online...

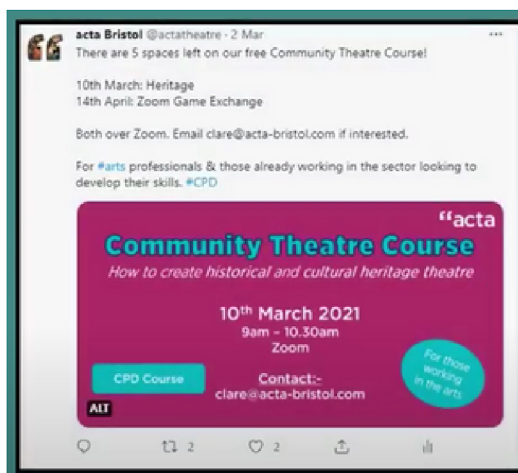


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Community Theatre Course Virtual CPD Course March 2021

After completing five in person workshops back in 2020, the acta team decided to offer two courses virtually.



2020 - Pre
pandemic



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The Virtual Seminar acta & Cornerstone 2020 - 2021

Moving seminars online enabled a new audience to access community theatre with attendees and speakers from across the globe



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Home Arts Trail Performance, art, music August 2020

Over two days in August, we welcomed more than 120 people to acta, to enjoy live performance, arts & craft and music.

"Thank you for organising such a special and uplifting event. It was heart-warming to experience the vibe of friendship and community"



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The Museum of Unsung Heroes September 2020

We also created a performance, inviting participants from a range of acta groups, to tell the stories of some real life heroes...



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Funding success

We were delighted to have been awarded funding to continue important work including supporting our vulnerable older people in their homes during the tough winter months.



Holding On | Supporting older people



Cultural Recovery Fund | whole company








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Successful bids for brand new 2020 projects!

Three brilliant new projects, working across North and South Bristol, to continue into the rest of 2021...

 <p>Success for acta Associate Jody Cook in first Arts Council bid for "Silent Heroines Disco"</p>  <p>ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND</p> 		
Silent Heroines Disco Jody Cook	Hard Evidence Ingrid Jones	Performing Harts Sarah Fowles & Sara Snook



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Our highlights in the limelight...

Global Migrant Festival Panel / acta's work over the years with migrants and refugees - Nov 2020

BBC Children in Need - Feature on Lockleaze Kids Youth Theatre Nov 2020

New Director joins acta- Oliver Jones on BBC Radio Bristol Jan 2021

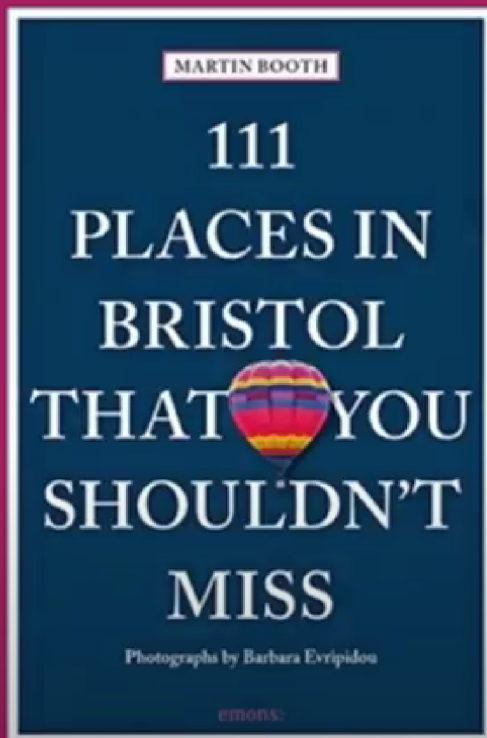


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acta is the place to be...

In Oct 2020 we were featured in the "111 places in Bristol you shouldn't miss!"



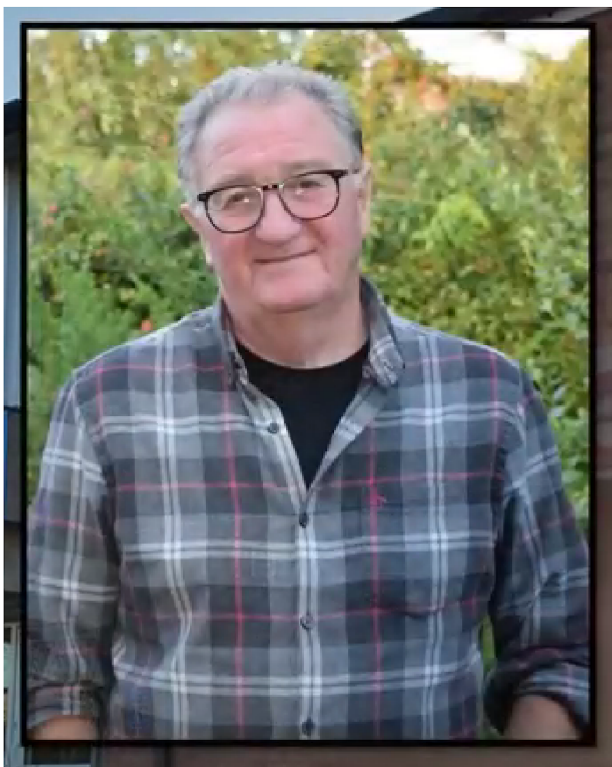
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Leadership change

In March 2021, after 35 years of leading the company, Neil Beddow stepped down as Artistic Director. In his place, new director Oliver Jones joined the company in Jan 2021

Thank you Neil for all your hard work, dedication and leadership - here's to the next 35 years!



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