

#### **Barbican Centre Board**

Date: WEDNESDAY, 21 JULY 2021

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: HYBRID – VIRTUAL AND COMMITTEE ROOMS, GUILDHALL

Members: Deputy Tom Sleigh (Chair)

Tijs Broeke (Deputy Chair)

Stephen Bediako (Deputy Chair)

Munsur Ali

Randall Anderson

Farmida Bi (Ex-Officio Member) Russ Carr (External Member) Zulum Elumogo (External Member)

Anne Fairweather Alderman David Graves

Gerard Grech (External Member)

Deputy Wendy Hyde (Ex-Officio Member)

Vivienne Littlechild Wendy Mead

Lucy Musgrave (External Member)
Mark Page (External Member)

Jens Riegelsberger (External Member)

Jane Roscoe (External Member)

The Rt Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman William Russell

Jenny Waldman (External Member)

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John Barradell
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

#### **AGENDA**

#### Part 1 - Public Agenda

#### 1. APOLOGIES

## 2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

#### 3. **PUBLIC MINUTES**

To approve the public minutes and non-public summary of the Barbican Centre Board meetings held on 6 and 19 May 2021.

For Decision (Pages 5 - 14)

#### 4. MANAGEMENT REPORT BY THE CENTRE'S DIRECTORS

Report of the Managing Director.

For Decision (Pages 15 - 28)

#### 5. BARBICAN RENEWAL BRIEF

The Chief Operating & Financial Officer to be heard.

For Information

#### 6. **INFORMAL WORKING GROUPS UPDATE**

The Chair and Chief Operating & Financial Officer to be heard.

For Information

#### 7. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD

#### 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

#### 9. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

MOTION – That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of Exempt Information, as defined in Part 1, of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act

For Decision

#### Part 2 - Non-Public Agenda

#### 10. NON-PUBLIC BOARD MINUTES

To agree the non-public minutes of the Barbican Centre Board meeting held on 19 May 2021.

For Decision (Pages 29 - 34)

#### 11. UPDATES FROM THE SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The Chairs of the Finance & Risk Committee and Nominations, Effectiveness & Inclusion Committee to be heard.

For Information

12. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF HR AUDIT AND EXTERNAL REVIEW FOLLOWING ALLEGATIONS OF RACISM AT THE BARBICAN CENTRE (TO FOLLOW)
Report of the Town Clerk.

For Decision

13. BARBICAN EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

Report of the Managing Director.

For Decision (Pages 35 - 44)

14. ARTS, LEARNING & COMMUNITIES (CREATIVE VISION) - TO FOLLOW Presentation – the Director of Arts & Learning to be heard.

For Decision

15. SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS/SECURITY CROSS CUTTING - GUILDHALL, BARBICAN CENTRE, CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT & MANSION HOUSE Report of the City Surveyor.

For Decision (Pages 45 - 76)

16. BARBICAN BUSINESS PLAN PERFORMANCE INDICATOR DASHBOARD Report of the Chief Operating & Financial Officer.

For Information (Pages 77 - 84)

17. COVID-19 SITUATION UPDATE

Report of the Chief Operating & Financial Officer.

For Information (Pages 85 - 102)

18. VISUAL ARTS UPDATE

Report of the Director of Arts & Learning. (N.B. – the appendices have been circulated separately in the Information pack)

For Information (Pages 103 - 106)

- 19. NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD
- 20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

Part 3 - Information Agenda (circulated separately - please note that these items will not be subject to discussion)



#### BARBICAN CENTRE BOARD

#### Thursday, 6 May 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Barbican Centre Board held virtually (accessible remotely) https://youtu.be/Hx9ivfEWxB4 on Thursday, 6 May 2021 at 4.45pm

#### Present

Members:

Deputy Tom Sleigh (Chair) Deputy Wendy Hyde (Ex-Officio Member)

Stephen Bediako (Deputy Chairman) Vivienne Littlechild Tijs Broeke (Deputy Chairman) Jeremy Mayhew

Wendy Mead Munsur Ali

Lucy Musgrave (External Member) Randall Anderson Mark Page (External Member) Russ Carr (External Member)

Jens Riegelsberger (External Member) Zulum Elumogo (External Member)

Jane Roscoe (External Member) Anne Fairweather

Alderman David Graves The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor, Alderman Gerard Grech (External Member)

William Russell

#### In Attendance

Tobi Ruth (Observer)

#### Officers:

Sir Nicholas Kenyon - Managing Director, The Barbican Centre

Sandeep Dwesar Chief Operating & Financial Officer, Barbican

Centre

- Town Clerk's Department Rhiannon Leary Kerry Nicholls - Town Clerk's Department James Gibson - Chamberlain's Department

- Communication's Team, Town Clerk's Department Andrew Buckingham

#### 1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Jenny Waldman (External Member).

#### MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN 2. RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations.

#### **ORDER OF THE COURT** 3.

The Order of the Court, appointing the Board and setting its terms of reference, was received.

#### **ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN** 4.

In accordance with Standing Order No. 29, the Board proceeded to elect a Chairman for the ensuing year. The Town Clerk advised that one expression of interest for the role of Chair had been received. Deputy Tom Sleigh, being the only Member expressing his willingness to serve, was duly elected as Chair.

The Chair thanked Members for their support and was pleased to be taking the Board forward at a time of recovery from the global health pandemic caused by Covid-19.

#### 5. **ELECTION OF A DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

The Board proceeded to elect a Deputy Chairman (Elected Member) in accordance with Standing Order No. 30. The Town Clerk read a list of Members eligible to stand and, with both Randall Anderson and Tijs Broeke expressing willingness to serve, a ballot was held.

Votes were cast as follows:

Randall Anderson – 4 votes. Tijs Broeke – 14 votes.

Tijs Broeke was therefore duly elected Deputy Chairman (Elected Member) for the ensuing year. The Deputy Chairman thanked the Board for their support.

The Board proceeded to elect a Deputy Chairman (External Member) in accordance with a convention adopted by the Board at its meeting on 24 March 2021. The Town Clerk advised that one expression of interest for the role of Deputy Chairman (External Member) had been received. Stephen Bediako, being the only Member expressing his willingness to serve, was duly elected as Deputy Chairman. The Deputy Chairman thanked the Board for their support.

The meeting ende	l at 5.04pm	

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#### **BARBICAN CENTRE BOARD**

#### Wednesday, 19 May 2021

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Barbican Centre Board held on Wednesday, 19
May 2021 at 11.00 am

#### **Present**

Members:

Deputy Tom Sleigh (Chair) Deputy Wendy Hyde (Ex-Officio Member)

Tijs Broeke (Deputy Chairman)

Vivienne Littlechild

Wendy Mead

Randall Anderson Lucy Musgrave (External Member)

Farmida Bi (External Member)

Mark Page (External Member)

Russ Carr (External Member)

Jens Riegelsberger (External Member)

Zulum Elumogo (External Member)

Anne Fairweather

Jane Roscoe (External Member)

Jenny Waldman (External Member)

Alderman David Graves

In Attendance

Tobi Ruth (Observer) Will Gompertz

Officers:

Sir Nicholas Kenyon - Managing Director, Barbican Centre

Jonathon Poyner - Director of Operations & Buildings, Barbican Centre Sandeep Dwesar - Chief Operating & Financial Officer, Barbican Centre

Natasha Harris - Director of Development, Barbican Centre Leonora Thomson - Interim Artistic Director, Barbican Centre

Sean Gregory - Director of Innovation & Engagement, Barbican Centre

Niki Cornwell - Head of Finance and Business Administration, Barbican Centre

Cornell Farrell - Head of Engineering and Projects, Barbican Centre
Nick Adams - Acting Head of Communications, Barbican Centre

Steve Eddy - Head of HR, Barbican Centre

Linda Barry - Interim Group Accountant, Barbican Centre
Lorna Gemmell - Head Of Communications, Barbican Centre
Luke Kemp - Acting Co-Head of BIE, Barbican Centre
Patrick Moran - Acting Co-Head of BIE, Barbican Centre
Ola Obadara - Projects Director, City Surveyor's Department

Laura Whitticase - Strategic Lead, Barbican Centre

Sarah Wall - Principal Accountant, Barbican Centre

Andrew Buckingham - Communications Team, Town Clerk's Department

Leanne Murphy - Town Clerk's Department

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Stephen Bediako and the Rt Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman William Russell.

## 2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations.

#### 3. **BOARD MINUTES**

The public minutes and non-public summary of the Board meeting held on 24 March 2021 were approved as a correct record.

The Chair welcomed the new Chair of the Barbican Centre Trust, Farmida Bi, to the Board and she introduced herself.

#### 4. BOARD EFFECTIVENESS AND GOVERNANCE REPORT

The Board considered a report of the Town Clerk in respect of the Boards effectiveness and governance.

Members were advised that the report was a product of the Board effectiveness survey and discussions at the informal Member Board session held on 17 February 2021. The aim was to enhance the terms of reference for the Board's Sub Committees in order to take decisions away from Board and give greater oversight. The proposals also set out discipline and guidelines for the Board's Working Groups and proposals for new groups would follow.

The proposals aimed to pick up themes from the informal meeting and capture where the Board should put its focus by reducing operational items to advance the agenda strategically. By providing the Board more time at meetings, the hope was to develop this strategic content - e.g. succession planning, leadership and the Barbican Renewal Project - as these items were important for the future of the Centre.

A Member voiced concern that they were in danger of micro-managing a highly skilled team through the new NEI Committee and felt that the governance outcomes of the Lisvane Review should be realised first. The Member subsequently voted against the recommendations. The Chair responded that there was no guarantee how the Lisvane recommendations would turn out and the report only amended the existing remit of the Board.

A Member agreed with the concerns regarding micro-management and was of the opinion that the Board only had a right to be involved if there were concerns regarding a specific area of governance, e.g. EDI. It was felt clarity was needed concerning who was doing what and that the new NEI Committee did not become the executive board. The Member stated that Sub Committees should support but not replace the Board. The Chair replied that there were no plans to remove the Board's power as the executive or create additional scrutiny, but rather bring discipline to the Board's role and its Sub Committees and Working Groups.

A Member was supportive of the proposals but felt the Board needed to regularly see financial information as part of the main agenda and not just within the information pack. It was agreed a two-page update providing key data would be helpful and especially important to monitor as the Centre

recovered from the pandemic. This would be included with the streamlined data presented in the new dashboards.

There was significant support for bringing EDI issues into the remit of the NEI Committee to ensure accountability was measured and to hold leadership to think about key issues and concerns.

With regards to the Civic Working Group, a Member did not agree with the task and finish aspect stating that issues such as anti-racism and civic society could never be task and finish with a set end time. It was agreed that there should be outturn reports with suggestions to bring these important areas forward.

The Statutory Deputy Chair welcomed the proposals as a sensible way forward for providing better scrutiny and focus. With regards to comments concerning potential micro-management and the role of the executive and Board, it was agreed the line should not be crossed and that the Chair already informally provided input on the formal evaluation of Chief Officers.

The Board were reminded that there was annual review of the Board's Terms of Reference and Members agreed a review of the new Sub Committees should happen after nine months, at which point the Managing Director could advise if staff found the scrutiny too intrusive.

A Member mentioned the daunting element for introducing the review of Members but agreed everyone should be judged by their contributions. It was noted that external Members were already reviewed, and this process would make it fair for everyone on the Board.

The majority of Members were supportive of the proposals, with only one Member in opposition, and the Board subsequently approved the recommendations.

#### RESOLVED - That Members:-

- Approve the streamlining of management reporting and full Board meeting agendas;
- Approve the proposal to delegate more financial matters for decision to the Finance & Risk Committee and the revised Terms of Reference;
- Approve the proposal to expand the Nominations Committee to form the Nominations, Effectiveness and Inclusion Committee and the revised Terms of Reference;
- Approve the guidelines to formalise the role of Working Groups alongside the regular governance bodies; and
- Approve guidelines on Deputy Chairs and Board Observers consistent with recent Board discussions.

#### 5. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES 2021/22

The Board considered a report of the Town Clerk concerning the appointment of its various Sub Committees for the ensuing year.

#### **RESOLVED** - That:-

- Approve the Terms of Reference of the Board's Sub-Committees;
- Approve the Composition of the Board's Sub-Committees;
- Agree the Chair is to continue representing the Board on the Culture Mile Working Party; and
- Appoint the Membership to the Sub-Committees for the year ensuing.
- The following Memberships be agreed: -

#### Finance and Risk Committee of the Barbican Centre Board

Tijs Broeke (Chair of the Board)

Deputy Tom Sleigh (Deputy Chair of the Board)

Randall Anderson

Russ Carr

Anne Fairweather (Policy & Resources Committee representative)

Robert Glick OBE (Barbican Centre Trust representative)

Deputy Wendy Hyde (Finance Committee representative)

Alderman David Graves

## Nominations, Effectiveness & Inclusion Committee of the Barbican Centre Board

Deputy Tom Sleigh (Chair of the Board)

Stephen Bediako (Deputy Chairman of the Board)

Randall Anderson

Tijs Broeke

Zulum Elumogo

Lucy Musgrave

Mark Page

Dr Jens Riegelsberger

#### 6. MANAGEMENT REPORT BY THE CENTRE'S DIRECTORS

Members received a report of the Managing Director providing updates from the Barbican Directors on their respective areas. The following comments were made:

- The Managing Director stated that things were on track with number of events going ahead. It was noted that the 17 May opening was only made certain when Government gave confirmation one week before and the same was expected for 21 June announcement.
- Members were advised that EDI underpinned all work and this, along with the civic strategy with Gulbenkian alliance, the Barbican Renewal

Project, the Centre's approach to hybrid working and the development of Business Model, was fully intertwined in the future plan for the Centre.

- The Managing Director introduced Will Gompertz, the new Director of Arts & Learning from 1 June, to the Board who stated he was looking forward to working with the Board on this next step for the Centre.
- The Chair gave thanks to the Interim Director of Arts & Learning, Leo Thomson, and the Head of Finance and Business Administration, Niki Cornwell, for the fantastic work they had achieved who were attending their last Board meeting. These thanks were echoed by Members.
- The Statutory Deputy Chair was pleased to hear that demand for business events was increasing, good to hear, but voiced caution regarding the 21 June deadline which could potentially shift highlighting the need for a plan b. Officers confirmed they were happy with uptake of pre-booked tickets, and were interested to see how demand continues as some surveys were indicating reluctance by some visitors; however, this could not be assessed until the restrictions were lifted. The biggest uncertainty was for the theatre programme.
- The Managing Director highlighted the need for the Business model to be extraordinarily flexible. The return of people remained challenging as the public sentiment and reluctance to travel may lead to a younger audience in person. Also, with everyone reopening at the same time, there was a need to compete against competitors.
- In response to the issues for theatre and potentially not fulfilling wanted audience number and how this would affect the Centre's food offerings, members were advised that they were gradually reopening with demand and that the restaurants would open as appropriate as theatre reopens.
- A Member enquired, given the uncertainty, if Officers were planning for worst case scenarios for the rest of the year and was informed that they were strategically looking at all scenarios with a final decision dependant on the Government and the City Corporation's instructions. It was hoped they would avoid a further closure.
- In response to a question concerning risk sharing with external Partners,
  Officers confirmed that there was demand; however, whilst Cinema and
  Music were able to adapt more easily with securing rentals, the Theatre
  and Gallery were more complex due to large productions. With regards
  to financials, a cautious view had been taken on income assumptions
  and Officers continued to review forecasts quarterly.

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#### 7. SAFEGUARDING REPORT

The Board received a report of the Director of Innovation & Engagement and Head of HR Barbican/Guildhall School concerning the Barbican's Safeguarding Policy which is reviewed annually.

The policy has been updated to include new details of the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs). With the move of the Creative Learning team to be solely a Barbican department and not a joint department with the Guildhall School, this will be reviewed in further detail to ensure all safeguarding issues that would have previously been dealt with under the Guildhall School safeguarding process are covered. This paper sets out the current interim arrangements.

RECEIVED.

## 8. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD** There were no questions.

## 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT There were no items.

#### 10. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

#### 11. NON-PUBLIC BOARD MINUTES

The non-public minutes of the Board meeting held on 24 March 2021 were approved as a correct record.

#### 12. COVID-19 SITUATION UPDATE

The Board considered a report of the Chief Operating and Financial Officer providing Members with an update on the current situation for the Centre as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### 13. BARBICAN RENEWAL PROJECT

The Board received a report of the Managing Director providing Members with an update concerning the Barbican Renewal Project.

#### 14. BARBICAN INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISES (BIE) UPDATE

The Board considered a report of the Interim Director of Arts and Learning providing Members with an update on the Barbican International Enterprises (BIE) Strategy.

#### 15. BARBICAN EXHIBITION HALLS - ENABLING WORKS

The Board considered a Gateway 5 report of the City Surveyor regarding works required to the Barbican Exhibition Halls.

#### 16. EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION UPDATE

The Board received a report of the Director of Innovation & Engagement providing Members with an update on the progress being made towards a new Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy for the organisation.

#### 17. BARBICAN BUSINESS PLAN PERFORMANCE INDICATOR

The Board received a report of the Chief Operating and Financial Officer providing an update on the key business measures and of the implementation of the new Barbican Business Plan.

18. BARBICAN BUSINESS REVIEW - MARCH 2021 (PERIOD 12 - 20/21)

The Board noted a report of the Chief Operating & Financial Officer setting out the Business Review for the March 2021 (Period 12 – 20/21) accounts.

- 19. NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD There were no questions.
- 20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 1.24 pm	)
Chairman	

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Committee(s)	Dated:
Barbican Centre Board	21 July 2021
Subject: Management Report by the Barbican's Directors	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,12
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	n/a
What is the source of Funding?	n/a
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	n/a
Report of: Managing Director, Barbican Centre	For Decision
Report authors: Directors, Barbican Centre	

#### **Summary**

- The Management Report comprises current updates under seven sections authored by Barbican Directors.
- Updates are under the headlines of:
  - Strategy and Culture Mile
  - o Programming, Marketing and Communications
  - Barbican Creative Learning
  - Innovation and Engagement
  - Operations and Buildings
  - o Business and Commercial
  - o Development.
- Reported activity is marked, where relevant, against our Barbican Centre strategic priority areas. For reference, the full list of strategic priorities is attached at Appendix A.

#### Recommendation

Members are asked to:

• Endorse Management's approach to the future activities of the Centre.

#### **Main Report**

#### 1. REPORT: STRATEGY AND CULTURE MILE

The Centre re-opened successfully from Monday 17 May with a visit from the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the Chair of Policy and Resources, and the Sheriffs. The Dubuffet exhibition was finally opened in the Gallery (see Programming) and a gradual re-opening of venues allowed the Curve to open its Claudia Andujar exhibition to open from 17 June.

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The Lord Mayor also attended the first live LSO concert on Tuesday 18 May conducted by Simon Rattle, and on 27 May the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport attended the concert by the LSO, and he was welcomed to the Barbican by the Chair.

The varied *Live from the Barbican* programme continued both live and streamed, Cinema relaunched the Family Film Club as well as presenting new releases, and Theatre prepared for the presentation of *Anything Goes* (see Programming). Further lifting of restrictions is anticipated from 19 July, and these will be reported on at this meeting.

On 10 June the Managing Director was invited to give the annual Sir Thomas Gresham lecture on 'The Barbican, past, present and future' which was delivered virtually, exploring the origins and development of the Centre as a background to the forthcoming Barbican Renewal Project.

We welcomed the arrival of Will Gompertz as Director of Arts and Learning at the beginning of June, and he will be presenting his vision for the future of our arts, learning and communities work at this meeting.

The publication in June of Barbican Stories, citing experiences of racism at the Centre, led to the establishment by the Board of an Independent Review in order to understand the experiences reported and to make recommendations for the way forward; this was welcomed by the Centre.

Following the core Corporation funding for Culture Mile, the application to the Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund was approved in principle for three years, an application handled through the Barbican, providing significant stability to the Culture Mile operation as it progresses its BID application project.

On 23 June the Managing Director announced that he would be stepping down in September after 14 years to take up appointments in writing, research and criticism. This is therefore his last Board meeting, and a farewell occasion is being planned for the beginning of September.

# 2. Report: Programming, Marketing and Communications Strategic Priority Update on Digital The Jean Dubuffet: Brutal Beauty public programme has continued successfully online. We have delivered talks from Rose Wylie, Lindsey Mendick and Julie Mehretu. An activities video for young people, encouraging children to get creative in response to the exhibition and an exhibition tour with curator Eleanor Nairne, connecting the exhibition to our audiences at home and around the world. Our trailer for the Claudia Andujar exhibition had 68,433

Barbican Cinema on Demand hosted the Oscars® Live and Animated Shorts online for the first time. These programmes, which are usually part of the invenue Oscars® week screening, continued our engagement with AMPAS at a time when in-venue screenings were not possible. One of our most successful digital titles, the new release film *Minari*, was a hit with both our members and new customers as our previously reported cinema awareness campaign came to an end, driving significant traction to our digital platform.

YouTube views at 5 July. Supporting the exhibition is an <u>interview with the show's curator Thyago Nogueira</u>. The *How We Live Now* installation on Level G, was supported by an online discussion on gueering domestic spaces.

Music has delivered live streams with Moses Boyd, BBC Symphony and Alpesh Chauhan, LSO / Rattle, Paul Weller with the BBC Symphony (including special guests Boy George, Celeste and James Morrison, Shirley Collins, This is the Kit, George the Poet, Sheku & Isata Kanneh-Mason and Errollyn Wallen's *Dido's Ghost*. We set a new streaming record with 4373 streamed sales for Paul Weller, a show whose live stream was broadcast on BBC 2 in June. Online publication *The Upcoming* ends its review of the show with "The Live from the Barbican season continues through to July. If other artists match this performance, it will be, without doubt, the strongest season of contemporary music the Barbican has commissioned".

Theatre's co-commission of the film of *Drowntown* by Rhiannon Faith Company was seen by over 200 households and the company has also received two nominations in the National Dance Awards.

BIE's newest exhibition *Virtual Realms* opened to the public at ArtScience Museum, Singapore on 12 June. ArtScience Museum hosted a virtual press conference with over 100 guests. The press conference was supported by a 'making of' video as well as <u>virtual video tour</u>, given by Patrick Moran, Acting Co-Head of BIE. The exhibition has attracted interest from Japan and we have presented to a partner to continue the Asian tour into 2023.

In Culture Mile, the Imagine Fund, our pilot participatory grant-making scheme in the City, culminated in a community led online sharing session, *Ideas Feast*,

showcasing some of the grantees' projects and followed by a Q&A. All 10 short films are available on Mural Board. As part of the Guildhall's Disrupt Festival, our community collaborator, Headway East London, has been commissioned to create a series of podcasts ART BRUTAL which will be released quarterly. Members will use their own unique experience as artists living with a brain injury to ask bold questions about the current state of the art world to speak with people connected to the Barbican.

#### Reopening

Welcoming our much-missed audiences on 17 May, distancing at 1 meter, has allowed us to increase our capacity across venues by up to 50% on the previous opening. In the first month of reopening we received 30k total visits. Weekly surveys have ranged from 92-96% of audience members saying they felt safe or very safe during their visit, demonstrating continued audience confidence in the safety measures we've put in place.

Jean Dubuffet: Brutal Beauty opened on 17 May in the main gallery, the show has been received extremely well, earning many five-star reviews. Visitor numbers are encouraging with 25% of target reached after 32% of day open. Andujar opened in the Curve and the Pit on 17 June to a well-attended in person preview (attendance 193), with significant coverage generated across national, arts and specialist media. Toyin Ojih Odutola's A Countervailing Theory closed at the Kunsten Museum of Modern Art in Aalborg, Demark, after a short but successful showing that attracted well above average numbers, many of whom visited twice. The show has now transferred to Washington DC, USA where it will open in November at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden. Masculinities is being installed now at the LUMA Foundation in Arles, France, and will open on 4 July.

Cinemas reopened with a successful new release programme and welcomed our first curated programme at the end of the opening week, with the return of *Architecture on Film* to a nearly sold-out Cinema 1. In June, more of our curated programmes returned to the venues with Chronic Youth (programmed by our Young Programmers) and the rescheduled *Return to the City*, and a special preview screentalk of the acclaimed *The Filmmaker's House* with the director and writer of the film attending in person. We have restarted our Family Film Club offer and have sold out every screening. It is a delight to have our young audiences back in the cinema for the first time since we closed in March 2020. To address reduced capacity we added a second showing to each of these programmes and continued to sell out. We were also delighted to resume our Parent & Baby screenings, becoming one of the very few London venues to offer a film programme for parents and carers.

In Theatre our own promotions this summer have included two innovative headphone walking shows, around the Barbican area. The first being Shubbak Festival *The Land's Heart Is Greater Than It's Map*, followed by Pan Pan Theatre from Ireland, who will present Samuel Backett's radio play Cascando. Flight, our co-presentation with the Bridge Theatre opened on 17 May and played for 3 weeks to 94% financial capacity, and 99% attendance. It was reviewed very strongly with some critics arranging for their favourable, prelockdown reviews to be re-printed. Due to an injury, Megan Mulally has

withdrawn from the lead role in Anything Goes. Sutton Foster, who won the Tony Award for her original creation of the role on Broadway, will star in the Barbican run.

We launched the autumn 2021 music season with our family of associates and partners, which attracted press coverage including an extended news piece in the Guardian on the upcoming world premiere of *Up For Grabs* – a concert celebrating Arsenal's victory over Liverpool in 1989 by composer Mark Anthony Turnage piece about football which also contained a quote by Huw Humphreys. The Music spring/summer offer will close with in person and live streamed performances from Go Go Penguin and Nadine Shah. Creative packs for older people at risk of isolation have been shared with local communities via AgeUK and the City Library Service. These packs include a bookmark weaving activity from Rezia Wahid, poetry activities from Kit Finnie connected to Moor Lane Garden, and artworks by Saffa Kahn inspired by messages from local elders. Barbican Shop has launched a <u>product range</u> featuring the work of four artists from <u>Submit to Love Studios</u>, the onsite art studio of our community collaborator Headway East London.

Communities in Residence partners <u>Accumulate</u>, the art school for people who have experienced homelessness, will host an end of project showcase in Cinema 1 celebrating the members' work. <u>Age UK</u> is currently hosting a series of IT workshops for local older people who have struggled to get online during the pandemic; encouraging attendees to access online Barbican content such as the Online Community Views and *Live from the Barbican* free community stream passes. Age UK East is also piloting a monthly coffee morning in the Fountain Room for isolated local older people, between June and September. <u>Key Changes</u> has hosted weekly progression sessions for musicians experiencing problems with their mental health. Recently the project has also included staff with members collaborating with our Music team on the *Live at the Barbican* programme providing questions for Q&As with the performers which form part of the concerts.

The Public Programming team launched *How We Live Now: Reimagining Spaces with the Matrix Feminist Design Co-operative* successfully, with more than c. 100 visitors a day and significant press coverage including an <u>Oliver Wainwright piece</u> in the Guardian, which at one point was the fourth most viewed and most-shared article on the newspaper's website.

There was a pause in some marketing and communications activity as the teams worked to support the Barbican's internal and external response to the publication of Barbican Stories which details staff experiences of racism within the organisation. Sales are behind projections in many areas of the programme, the gallery, and especially the Curve, being particularly challenging. Outdoor media, the biggest single area of spend for large campaigns - for the key elements of the programme was intentionally planned a little later than usual to coincide with the original planned easing of Covid restrictions on 21 June and will hopefully now deliver an uplift in the coming weeks. Digital activity is being optimised.

#### **Future Planning**

Noguchi opens in the main gallery on 30 September, followed by Post-war Modern in February 2022. A commission by Shilpa Gupta will open in the Curve on 7 October. Masculinities will transfer from Arles to Antwerp where it is due to open in October. We are currently in discussion with the Pompidou in Paris regarding a collaboration to present the work of artist Alice Neel at the Barbican in spring 2023.

The classical and contemporary autumn season was announced in June. It is the first time, other than for *Live from the Barbican*, that a season with the full spectrum of the Barbican's music offer has been announced. Highlights include recitals from Joyce DiDonato, Lang Lang and Nicola Benedetti, a visit from the Jazz @ Lincoln Center Orchestra, the London Jazz Festival and Darbar Festival of Indian Classical Music. Plans are advanced for January to July 2022, with a view that these will be launched in the autumn.

July sees Cinema's response to the *Jean Dubuffet* exhibition: *Scratch! Splash! Dunk!* a programme exploring an alternate history of experimental film making, made entirely by hand and without a camera channelling the spirit of Dubuffet into the cinemas.

We are also incredibly pleased to be hosting the SAFAR Film Festival with a diverse programme celebrating the best of Arab cinema from the past, present and future, part of Shubbak cross arts festival. An outdoor Cinema offer will be presented in August.

We are thrilled that our companies have received several nominations in the National Dance Awards these include:

- Boy Blue Entertainment and Rhiannon Faith Company Best Independent Company
- Kenrick H20 Sandy Outstanding Male Modern Performance for REDD
- Begoña Cao for Outstanding Female Classical Performance for Five Brahms Waltzes in the Manner of Isadora Duncan in Isadora Now
- Rhiannon Faith for Best Digital Choreography for Drowntown Lockdown

The RSC launched the winter season of *The Comedy of Errors* in June and in early September we will be launching our autumn Pit season, that will run alongside the RSC's residency to the end of this year.

Leytonstone Loves Film will run from 15 – 19 September, celebrating the magic of movies and stories that help us feel connected, and showcasing the work of local filmmakers and organisations, supporting experimentation in film exhibition and encouraging local audiences to enjoy film-led experiences right on their doorstep.

The exhibition *Game On* will be opening at Forum Groningen this Autumn. It is currently being adapted to celebrate 50 years of videogames, through key moments in each of the past 5 decades. Forum Groningen was a co-Producer of *AI: More than Human* and is collaborating with BIE for the second time as part of our ambition to forge long term partnerships. *Game On* has developed serious interest from venues in South Korea. Options are being explored to take the exhibition to these venues.

The development of our next exhibition to open at the Centre, *Our Time on Earth* (working title), is expanding as we confirm more content collaborators.

Content is being finalised with commissions confirmed by Thijs Biersteker and collaborations between Julia Watson and Maria Smith, Institute of Digital Fashion and Brigitte Baptiste, George Monbiot and Holition as well as new works with XL Records, Etta Madete and Wallmakers architecture practice. We are finalising the signing of a Co-Producer contract with a Canadian partner and have interest from two additional North American venues.

AI: More than Human is developing future contacts in UK and Europe to develop the tour. It will travel to Madrid in summer 2023 and has interest to then tour to China. BIE continues to explore opportunities to develop our Agile Commissioning and Consultancy work, which will begin in 2022 as well as working on the long-term plan for BIE programming both on-line and in the Centre.

The Public Programming team is in sustained dialogue with collaborators on future projects in the programme. In recent weeks, this includes discussions with the Indigenous Leadership team at the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity in Canada who are one of our partners in *Can we talk about Power?* 

Our Communications and Marketing teams are working across the centre, future planning towards the Barbican's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary season in 2022 and the Barbican Renewal project.

3. REPORT: BARBICAN CREATIVE LEARNING	
	Strategic Priority
Audio Trail Recruitment: In May 2021, Creative Learning held an open call out for a Creative Writer and Sound Artist to produce a family audio trail for the Barbican's Conservatory, funded by Wellcome Trust. The recruitment process explicitly welcomed applications from those with protected characteristics. Additionally, the roles were advertised on a variety of online platforms to ensure the widest possible reach. As a result, we received 270 applications – of which, 35% were from individuals who described themselves as underrepresented. Ten artists were interviewed, 60% of whom identified as a person of colour, mixed race, disabled or from a lower socio-economic background. The free audio trail opens to the public on 26 July 2021.	a, b, c, e, f
Norfolk Primary Box with Michael Rosen, funded by Esmée Fairbairn: Our National Development Programme has been continuing in five Norfolk primary schools with Michael Rosen's Barbican Box. Feedback from teachers has been hugely positive, with many of them tweeting about their involvement in the project. Approximately 180 KS2 pupils have taken part - writing poetry, learning how to make prints and creating soundwave art, supported by in school sessions with a local artist. The project culminated in an online showcase of the students' artwork on 29 June 2021, attended by Michael Rosen himself.	f
Live from the Barbican Streaming Codes: Creative Learning has collaborated with the Music and Communities & Neighbourhoods teams to produce streaming codes for community groups. This scheme guarantees free access to those who are unable to attend the concerts for financial or health reasons. So far, users have accessed concerts from string orchestra 12 Ensemble, classical singer Errollyn Wallen and Britten Sinfonia.	b, f
<b>Dubuffet Family Activity:</b> For the first time, Creative Learning has collaborated with the Digital team to produce an online version of a Gallery family activity sheet for the <i>Brutal Beauty: Jean Dubuffet</i> exhibition. The video takes the viewer through the essential concepts of Dubuffet's practice and encourages participation using simple, animated creative prompts.	a, b, e, f
Barbican Box Research & Development: Creative Learning have been meeting regularly to redevelop our flagship schools project, Barbican Box. The ten-year old programme was paused in the 20/21 academic year due to the pandemic and we have used the time to research what the next phase of the programme could be, particularly as schools and young people recover from interruptions to their education. We will be closely evaluating the outcomes of our National Development Programme, currently running in Manchester and Harlow, to see what lessons can be learned from those regions and hope to bring Barbican Box back to London in spring 2022, funding dependent.	b, f

#### 4. REPORT: INNOVATION AND ENGAGEMENT

#### **Future ways of working**

Strategic Priority

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A cross-departmental Future Working Project Group has been formed to make recommendations about how we operate for the future. The group is looking at areas including flexible working, use of our building and IT systems to agree what needs to change (informed by an all-staff survey) to reflect the likely longer-term shifts in working practices that have been accelerated by the pandemic. Members of the Digital Products team and the Strategic Unit have set up a pilot project to test some of the ideas. Five teams are taking part in the pilot, with a co-design process being delivered throughout July to decide how the teams can best utilise spaces and systems to deliver a more flexible and collaborative way of working. The Project Group will evaluate and report back to the wider organisation as the pilot develops as we look to learn about how this can inform how the Barbican operates in future, including how it could inform the development of the Barbican Renewal Project.

#### **Digital Products**

The Digital Products team are currently working within four goal areas; continuous improvement of our digital products based on user feedback, widening access to the Barbican, reducing reliance on legacy systems and allowing customers to engage with the Barbican from home. Recent progress includes delivering the first paid-for video from our Theatre programme and an improved customer experience on the online shop. Research and discovery is also underway for a new Access ticketing scheme (to assist disabled customers booking tickets online) and should launch this in the next few months, alongside pilots for online courses integrated into our website and a new staffing rota system to replace Artifax. We will also be focusing on a draft service design framework for the organisation, improvements to our ecommerce journey (focusing particularly on donations) and facilitating online festivals. We demonstrate new work, and work in progress, to the organisation every two weeks. If you'd like to join, please contact Matt, Andrew or Katia.

#### **Barbican Resident Engagement**

This is a crucial time for engaging with our neighbours on the Barbican residential estate as we gradually increase our reopening activity. This includes some outdoor Theatre events in July and the upcoming return of the Outdoor Cinema on the Sculpture Court in August. Our collaboration with the Barbican Association has been invaluable in consulting with Residents, and a sub-group has been working with residents on the Outdoor Cinema to ensure we benefit from their local knowledge to ensure the event goes ahead with as little disruption as possible. We also recently held our latest termly meeting with the Barbican Association reps on 30<sup>th</sup> June, chaired by the Barbican Centre Board Chairman, which helps informs our broader relationship and collaboration.

5. REPORT: OPERATIONS AND BUILDINGS		
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	Strategic Priority	
PSDS - Public Services Decarbonisation Scheme (Investment towards Climate Action Strategy): As agreed, the PSDS project board is being managed centrally by the City Surveyor on behalf of our Alliance Chief Officers. Two elected members, Jamie Ingham-Clerk (Chairman) and James De Sausmarez (Deputy Chairman) have delegated authority to represent our member and Alliance board interests (Barbican and GSMD) and attend the regular PSDS project update meetings.  Site lighting surveys have been undertaken and are nearly complete. Asbestos surveys will be undertaken next. Gateway papers are being drafted and submitted via City process and committees. An application is being made to move the 'practical completion' date to 18 March 2022, and subject to approval via PSDS, this means that projects are on track to be delivered. That will mean an investment of UK Gov funding of c£6.5M across our Alliance estate, expected to be 90-95% complete by Jan 2022.  This UK Gov investment is in addition to the City CWP and Capital funding already awarded and being delivered as part of other similar environmental/climate action projects. It is our intention to continue to work with the City to apply for additional UK Gov funding of this nature, not least post COP26. This will have a positive impact on the environment that we offer our customers (including visitors, students and staff), our business models, and the environment. It means that we can focus future City capital and CWP bids and investment on other areas of priority life-critical or business-critical areas of need.  General Update: Our buildings remain safe and compliant. The teams have	a, b, c, d, f, S/E	
General Update: Our buildings remain safe and compliant. The teams have continued to work well together to ensure that we reopen safely, delivering a c96 % 'I feel safe or very safe' from our public, and very good anecdotal feedback from our staff and contractors.  Operations and Security: The rollout of our Barbican Protect training has continued, alongside a review of our policies and procedures. We have had a very good uptake from our staff and contractors across the organisation. 89% of frontline staff have now completed SCaN training (276 people), with 94% (310) casual and contracted partners having completed the SCaN training. 94% of Barbican employees and 92% of our casual workers and contracted partners have completed the e-ACT training, and 249 staff have undergone our 'One Team' customer care and brand refresher training. All shifts complete fire safety training, in addition to the rollout of evacuation training. The Barbican was given a 'gold star' at a recent City Strategic Security Board by Commander Richard Woolford.  Next Steps and Horizon: We will continue to work to ensure a safe Step 4 UK Gov reopening; we continue the rollout of our training. We are working across the Centre to establish a project group to review and deliver change for Item 8 of our EDI plan, reviewing our casual community and its part in the Barbican one team.		

	Strategic Priority
Business Events: Following the 14 <sup>th</sup> June announcement, many Commercial Events elected to remain in place under the existing social distancing regulations. A few events who were planning to go ahead despite the restrictions are attempting to reschedule to the Autumn, post 19 <sup>th</sup> July, with one main casualty. Overall, the pent up demand to hold events continues. Our catering partner, Searcys are starting to slowly and cautiously remobilise the operations teams, in order to take on the anticipated increased activity levels.  Filming and photography continues to be buoyant and has been a pillar of the Business Event delivery over the past year. Recent filming included a major production being filmed in May in the Centre and a number of recognisable brand names running photoshoots throughout Spring. Domestic business event confidence is growing and our booking patterns are following industry trends which include short lead times for enquiries, resulting in renewed discussions on operational delivery throughout the Centre in order to enable the enquiries to convert. Conference organisers are keen to commit to contracts however they are looking to government guidance before planning their events in full, which is creating a protracted sales process.	a, d
Retail: We were pleased to be able to re-open our Foyer Shop and Gallery Shop on May 17 <sup>th</sup> . Since then we have seen a steady flow of customers, with over 2400 transactions in the Foyer Shop and over 3,000 in the Gallery Shop, achieving consistent in the first 5 weeks of being open again.  As part of the Dubuffet product range we worked with Headway East London, a local charity supporting brain injury survivors and the Barbican's first Community Collaborator, working with artists from their Submit to Love Studio	a, d
to create a range of product. Looking forward, we are preparing for the next Gallery exhibition, Christmas and our 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary.	
Catering & Bars: Benugo re-opened the Barbican Kitchen and Cinema Cafe & Bar on Beech Street on the 17 May. Both are offering a reduced menu until visitor numbers warrant increasing the menu. They are both offering an 'at seat' ordering system alongside counter service until restrictions are lifted. Despite the challenges of the last 18 months, Benugo have supported our sustainability agenda by removing single-use plastic water bottles and all single-use plastic cups from sale. Barbican Bars have re-opened the pop-up Conservatory Bar on public opening days between Thursday-Sunday and the Circle Bar on Level G is now offering an 'at seat' service in the summer Picnic Garden and on the Lakeside terrace tables when the weather allows. Our Performance Bars continue to open for all Hall performances in addition to an advance booking 'at seat' drinks service, to help minimise congestion at the bars. Bonfire by Searcys is also now open, with a slightly reduced menu and open 12-9pm daily extending the offer and hours of operation to our visitors. Osteria and the Martini Bar will be opening in from 20 July, in time for Anything Goes in the theatre.	a, d

### 7. REPORT: DEVELOPMENT

Strategic Priority

The Trusts & Grants team are now largely focusing on developing proposals for the 2021/22 academic year with Creative Learning, along with exhibitions in the Barbican Art Gallery and Curve Gallery. An application to the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation towards reopening plans was unfortunately unsuccessful, faced with continued high levels of competition for arts funding. However, we were successful in our application to the Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation in support of the upcoming Noguchi exhibition.

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The Corporate team continue conversations with potential sponsors for *Our Time on Earth* including Norton Rose Fulbright, introduced by the Barbican Centre Trust Chair Farmida Bi and a strand of work by female artists including the exhibition in the Art Gallery of Carolee Schneemann in '22. A potential funding opportunity for Creative Learning by American Express Foundation, brought to us by BCT Vice-Chair Robert Glick unfortunately no longer looks viable due to change in personnel and strategy at the Foundation, but we are exploring other opportunities with the brand. Now the Centre is reopening and more staff from corporate organisations are returning to their offices, we also hope to reinvigorate conversations with potential Members.

The Individual Giving team are continuing to work on growing and developing the Patrons programme with the help of our Trustees. As restrictions lift, we are working to develop a programme of in person stewardship events in the Autumn. We have received a generous pledge from the Bagri Foundation towards the 2022 Curve commission by Soheila Sokhanvari. Audience Giving is currently in line with the forecast, with positive results in the Gift with Ticket area. Conversations with our colleagues in Marketing continue to ensure support messaging is consistent and present throughout the Centre and online.

New Trustees to the Barbican Centre Trust were formally appointed in May. This includes Farmida Bi CBE as Chair with Robert Glick OBE in the newly created role of Vice Chair, alongside four new trustees: Tom Bloxham MBE, Tracey Harrison, Jeff Holland and David Kapur joining existing Trustees Tony Chambers, Sir Nicholas Kenyon, Kendall Langford, Alasdair Nisbet, John Porter and Tom Sleigh. The press release announcing their appointments can be found here We are delighted to have convened such a strong group of advocates to help cultivate and grow our community of major supporters, corporate sponsors and grant makers.

We are indebted to the incredible work of outgoing Chair, Emma Kane, who has stepped down after 9 years of service. We also extend deep gratitude to outgoing Trustees, Professor Dame Henrietta Moore DBE FBA, Richard Bernstein and John Murray. We also want to pay tribute to Sir Roger Gifford, who sadly passed away in May 2021. Sir Roger served as an invaluable Trustee for 7 years, until his death, generously supporting the Barbican as a Patron and staunchly advocating for our work. His passion and commitment to the Barbican will not be forgotten and our thoughts remain with his family and friends.

Appendix A: Strategic Plan

We believe in: Creating space for people and ideas to connect

We're committed to: Arts Without Boundaries

#### We are:

- o **Brave** breaking new ground, doing the things others wouldn't
- o **Open -** striving to be inclusive, by, with and for all
- Connected reflecting today's world, building meaningful partnerships
- Sustainable Being smart about doing business, embracing the future ways of working

#### Our Strategic Priorities are:

- a. **Destination –** deliver an exceptional experience
- **b.** Audiences build lasting relationships
- **c. Artists** enable artists to realise their vision
- **d. Income –** create sustainable growth
- e. Culture Mile be a lead partner
- f. Learning develop creative skills for life

We support the aims of the City Corporation's Corporate Plan to:

- 1) contribute to a flourishing society
- 2) support a thriving economy
- 3) shape outstanding environments

#### Staff & Efficiency (S/E)

Underpinning these we also have a commitment to operate efficiently, and to employ and develop skilled staff within the appropriate management structure

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