

RCC Dance Company Contingency Claim 27/01/2008

A note by the RCC Chair

Background

While the Dance Company were in Edinburgh at a competition equipment from their cupboard was removed, we assume stolen, and they would like to bring a contingency claim for £1134.75 to replace this.

The cupboard is located in the stairwell between the MDH and the SCR/JCR, and had was not completely secure – Dance Company members used a spoon or similar to open the cupboard each time, despite requesting a padlock to place on the cupboard doors in the past.

The current RCC Contingency pot stands at around £900 with just over half the year left (and another similar claim of ~£200 to be decided at the next meeting), hence the need to bring this claim to CSB.

Action to date (this is the summary of the email from the RCC Dance Company Treasurer)

On our first class returning from Edinburgh (17th Feb), the weekend of which (10th Feb) no classes were held, our Ballet Directors opened the cupboard to find nothing inside. So there is a two week window, when we assume the barres have been stolen. I [Dance company treasurer] have spoken with Estates, Sherfield Security and Imperial's contractors (their offices are under Huxley but I have completely forgotten their name), none of whom have any record or knowledge of any maintenance or similar work in the vicinity of the JCR. We have since left the cupboard door unlocked but closed, so in the hope that they were just moved for some unknown reason they would be returned, but now there is a very long brand-new radiator being stored in there!

I have been told by the longer-standing members of the Company that about 3 years ago a similar situation occurred when the music store behind the Great Hall stage was also acting as storage for our barres in addition to music stands etc, but these also went missing, and as a consequence the Company was given this cupboard under the JCR for our use exclusively.

We definitely need this equipment as exercises at the barre generally take up around 50-60% of class time, and it's really important for building up technique so we can keep winning competitions.

Claim

In the cupboard were:

- 2 metal double length barres
- 2 single length wooden barres on metal supports and
- 4 single length wooden barres

Associated costs

Considering the single wooden barres with metal supports work out at around £200 (from what I have found today), and probably do not include P&P, I suggest it would be easier and cheaper to replace the single wooden barres with equivalent metal double-length barres (cost of a double length barres £226.95, the cheapest found, from http://www.thedancingshop.co.uk/product_view.php?product=119).

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Therefore this claim is for 5 double-length barres in total. I can't find any completely wooden barres.

Total claim £1134.75