

ICSM Light Opera Society

Brighton Tour 7-9th November 2008

Tour Report



Attendance: 36 members

36 * £55 = 1,980 (1,685.11 + VAT as shown on Opera account)

Outbound travel

Brightonian coaches - £325

Inbound travel

Southern Rail - £180

Theatre Royal Tour



The Theatre Royal Brighton opens its doors for Saturday morning public tours. This provided a great opportunity for the society to go behind the scenes of an operational grade II listed theatre and look at areas that we would not normally see as audience members.

On the tour, we had an insight into the history, redevelopment, and present day workings of the theatre. The performance of 'The Wizard of Oz' had been running since the previous night and scene, stage, and lighting was set accordingly.

I feel this was a fantastic opportunity for some of our new cast and backstage members who may have never experienced areas on or behind the stage. It was a visit enjoyed by all.

Unfortunately, due to copyright purposes, photography is prohibited within the theatre.



Acting Workshop

Our time away to Brighton also enabled us to establish links with the University of Brighton Drama Society. Having spoken to Alexander Ball (the society president) before our visit, a meeting was arranged for the Saturday afternoon. We met with several members of the society and used the



time for an acting workshop. Theatre games were used to encourage team building between both societies, and skills such as improvisation were used in later small group activities.

The BUDS are also in preparation for their annual play which this year is *Teachers* by John Godber. The workshop was both fun and beneficial to both societies.