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Hoxton Hall gets the green light from the Heritage Lottery Fund

Hoxton Hall has today been awarded initial Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) support*, including £207,400 development funding, which will enable the Hall to develop plans to apply for a full £2m grant at a later date.

The project aims to preserve and restore this Grade II* listed Music Hall Theatre, built in 1863, and one of only four remaining in the UK. It will also ensure the Hall remains operational and accessible as a theatre and events space for the use of Londoners for another 148 years. Full funding will also enable the Hall to widen its community engagement programme with archive research and activities led by local young people, looking into the history of Hoxton Hall and the surrounding area.

Hoxton Hall Group Director, Hayley White, said: “We are absolutely delighted with this news. The funding comes at a very important time in Hoxton Hall’s development and is the result of a lot of hard work by a dedicated team of staff and volunteers. We are grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund for supporting Hoxton Hall’s commitment to exploring, preserving and sharing its heritage and stories.”

Sue Bowers, Head of HLF for London, said:

“Hoxton Hall is both a heritage gem and a much-valued community building – the perfect space to bring together people of all ages and backgrounds and get them involved in a range of cultural activities. We are pleased to be giving initial support for the Hall’s innovative plans and look forward to seeing the project develop further over the coming months.”

Notes to Editors

1. For more information on Hoxton Hall please check www.hoxtonhall.co.uk or call Robin on 020 7684 0060/07734748286. Laura Bates or Katie Owen, HLF press office, 0207 591 6027/6036. Out of hours mobile: 07973 613820
2. Hoxton Hall is an original saloon Music Hall dating back to 1863. It now runs a vibrant youth arts and theatre programme, supporting and encouraging local young people and young arts companies to create ground-breaking work. Throughout the year, it hosts an extensive and varied programme of theatre, music and arts.
3. *A first-round pass/initial support means the project meets our criteria for funding and we believe it has potential to deliver high-quality benefits and value for Lottery money. The application was in competition with other supportable projects, so a first-round pass is an endorsement of outline proposals. Having been awarded a first-round pass, the project now has up to two years to submit fully developed proposals to compete for a firm award.
4. Using money raised through the National Lottery, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) sustains and transforms a wide range of heritage for present and future generations to take part in, learn from and enjoy. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, we invest in every part of our diverse heritage. HLF has supported more than 30,000 projects allocating £4.5billion across the UK. Website: www.hlf.org.uk