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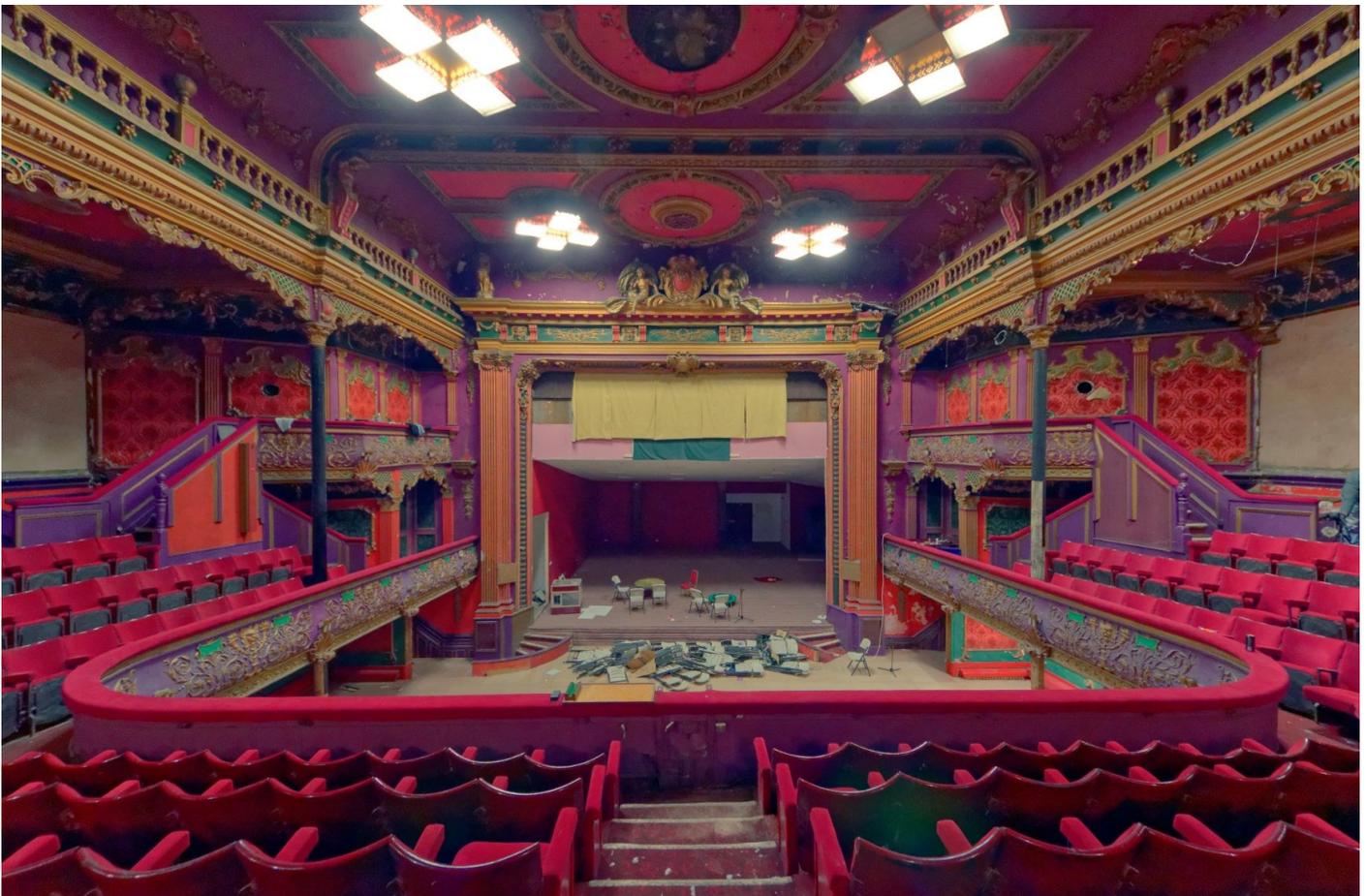
News this week

It's our **last weekend** of our Crowdfunder campaign, please can you share it on your social channels. We've raised over **£13,000** so far from just under 400 donors.

Our campaign finishes on the Wednesday 10 March. We ask people to please give if you can afford to, and to share this good news with friends and colleagues.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/save-hulme-hippo> You can check the website for the latest total and to read the **kind comments** left by 120 supporters. One typical comment is:

"Heritage theatres ... preserve the magic of performance and must be saved."



Information and legal advice

Our campaign has reached the stage where we need to get specialist legal advice.

Previous editions of this Bulletin have summarised the complex issues around the disputed ownership of the building, and the formal Investigation by the Charity Commission that has resulted using its powers under the Charities Act 2011.

For example, we're aware that in some circumstances a charity does not have to sell a property for the highest price. We understand that when the Qualified Surveyors Report (QSR) is written, the surveyor can recommend other lawful methods of obtaining the required **"best terms"** for the charity, typically a direct transfer to a Heritage Trust.

But we are also aware that much of the experience here (at least on the internet) comes from dealing with closed-down churches rather than theatres at risk. However, although the repair costs involved for a theatre might be much higher than for a former church etc, the legal principles *might* be the same.

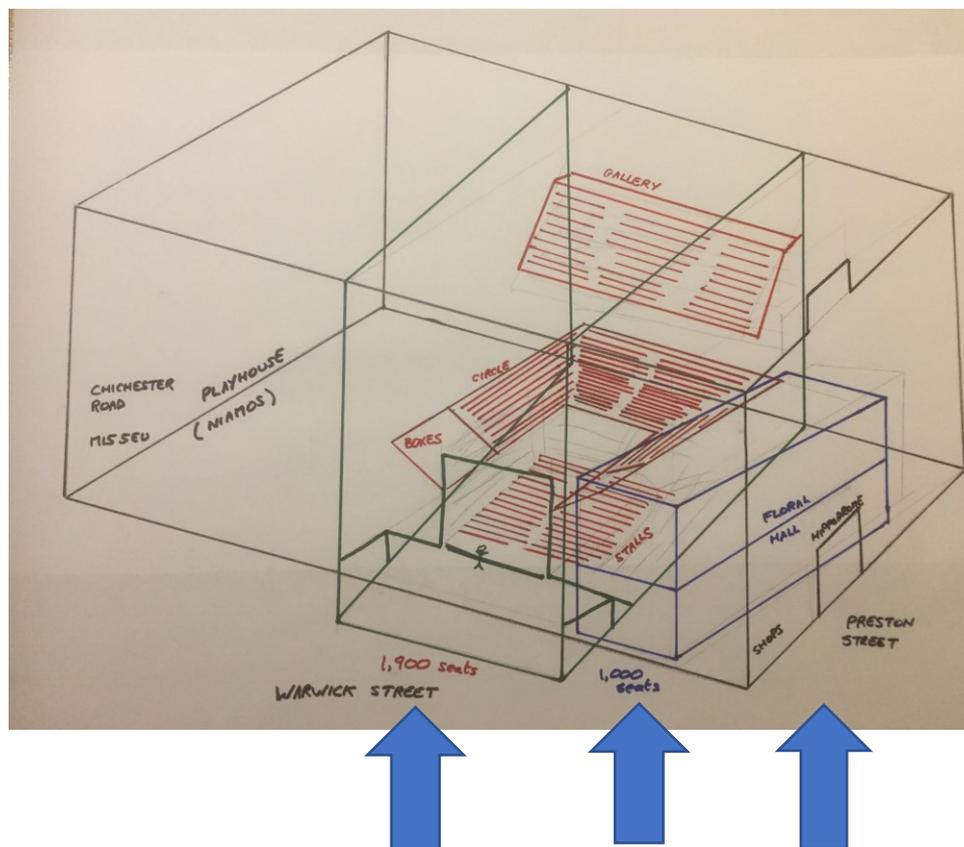
We also need to research the powers of the Land Registry in relation to the Charity Commission.

We are particularly interested to hear from anyone with experience in these issues.

Looking inside the building

Many of us have a "Sunday Name" - maybe the one from when we were small and being told off! The Hippodrome also has a Sunday Name – it is "The Hulme Hippodrome, Floral Hall, and 47 to 53 (odd numbers) Preston Street, Hulme". Preston Street is now for pedestrians only.

So while we are waiting for a detailed and professional internal survey of the building, the sketch below helps to show what the full title of the building means – looking inside the walls.



The Hippodrome The Floral Hall Shops