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## **DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT**

recorded at

**Shaftesbury Theatre  
210 Shaftesbury Avenue  
London  
WC2H 8DP**

on behalf of

**The Theatre of Comedy Company  
Shaftesbury Theatre  
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London  
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### **Elevation Refurbishment**

## **History**

**The Shaftesbury Theatre** is located on Shaftesbury Ave in London, England. Designed by Bertie Crewe, it opened on December 26, 1911, as the Princes Theatre. In 1963, EMI bought the theatre and changed its name to the Shaftesbury Theatre. Part of the ceiling fell in on July 20, 1973, closing the production of the musical Hair. The theatre almost fell victim to redevelopment, but a campaign by Equity succeeded in having the theatre placed on the Statutory List of Buildings of Special architectural or Historic Interest.

The theatre reopened with West Side Story a year later.

Its current capacity is around 1,400.

## **Proposal**

To replace the 3No. main entrance doors to the venue with a like for like replacement.

## **Design Access Statement**

The purpose of the report is solely to assess the effect that the works will have on the Venue.

The main doors are to be replaced one at a time to ensure there are 2No. doors operational while the work is undertaken. At present the venue has no show in which will allow the work to be carried out with minimal disruption.

## **Materials, Detailed Design**

The proposed doors are to be manufactured from hardwood as oppose the existing softwood doors. The design of the proposed doors will match as close as possible the existing, including design, glazing, finish, ironmongery etc.

## **Appendix**

### *Drawings included:*

- 1) MJCE Ltd Drawing No. 1636/001 – Existing Elevation, High Holborn
- 2) MJCE Ltd Drawing No. 1636/002 – Existing Elevation, Bloomsbury Street
- 3) MJCE Ltd Drawing No. 1636/401 – Existing Main Door Details
- 4) MJCE Ltd Drawing No. 1636/402 – Proposed Main Door Details
- 5) MJCE Ltd Drawing No. 1636/403 – Typical Photo of Main Door
- 6) MJCE Ltd Drawing No. 1636/101 A – Site Location Plan