

MEETING MINUTES

Title	Nashua Center for the Arts Board of Trustees
Location	City Hall Auditorium
Date	August 8, 2025

Time Meeting Called To Order	9:05am
Members Present	Richard Lannan, Judith Carlson, Lindsay Rinaldi, Amber Morgan, Marylou Blaisdell, Alderman Alt. Patricia Klee
Others Participating	Pete Lally, Dan Berube, and Colleen Pentland Lally of Spectacle Live

General Meeting Highlights/Notes/Brief Description of Meeting

- DRAFT -

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Chair Lannan. All members were present for roll call except William Barry, Jay Minkarah, Philip Scotsas and Ian Buckley.

MOTION: Trustee Blaisdell moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2025, meeting, second by Alderman Klee; it passed with Trustees Rinaldi and Morgan abstaining because they were not at the meeting.

Pete Lally, President of Spectacle Management, gave an overview of Q1 of 2025, noting that for Q2 Spectacle is contributing \$10,320.69 from food and beverage and sponsorship sales, \$975.50 from the option to donate when purchasing tickets, and \$39.14 from merchandise sales to the Advancement Reserve Fund for a total of \$11,335.33 (see attached report). The check was delivered to Director Cummings. Specialized drinks (both alcohol and virgin) are very popular.

Pete Lally and Dan Berube presented the report on shows and events booked since the last Trustees' Meeting (see attached). The bookings are slightly up on a yearly basis, with May and June very busy and July in the beginning of the summer lull. By this time most of the year is booked and they are working on 2026 shows. For 2025 there are 85 Spectacle bookings (the holiday dates are full), with the possibility of a few more, compared to 75 during all of 2024. There are some repeat performances, but they are being mindful of the economy and industry and moving repeat booking from 12 to 18 months.

In general discussion, Spectacle was asked about any plans for the use of the Theatre Walk for events and noted that substantial lock covers were installed on the outside outlets to deter homeless people from using them for charging at night. Homeless people hang out by the box office and back door, which Spectacle said is an issue at all venues. It also was noted that the City does not weed the Theatre Walk (aka Garden Street) and does not remove dog poop.

The status of the Advancement Reserve Fund was tabled until the next meeting. The City and Spectacle are working on hiring a consultant to determine the short and long term maintenance needs. Pete Lally said the fund is at \$123,885 including the \$25K from the 2024 gala, with about \$52K currently available.

Trustee Blaisdell reported that planning is going well for the Annual Arts Ball gala on September 20. Chair Lannan urged all Trustees to buy their tickets on Spectacle's website and thanked Nashua Community Arts for taking on the role of planning and managing the event with Spectacle on behalf of the board.

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Trustee Carlson reported that the Actorsingers have been awarded a grant by Nashua Community Arts as part of the Community Enrichment Program to stage their first performance at the Center, compensating for the difference in cost for performing at the Keefe. There are also plans in the works for additional programming kids. She also mentioned that there are four new artists exhibiting at the Sandy Cleary Community Art Gallery and urged all Trustees to stop by on August 12 between 4 – 6 pm for the open house and artist reception. The Trustees thanked Arts Commissioner Carol Robey for volunteering as Curator for the gallery.

MOTION: Trustee Rinaldi made a motion to adjourn, second by Alderman Klee; it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Carlson, Clerk

Motion To Adjourn By	Trustee Rinaldi
Time	10:10 am
Next Meeting	November 14, 2025, 9:00 am, City Hall Auditorium

PERIOD: 4/1/25 thru 6/30/25

	Total	Less 8% Tax	Net	10% Due
Food and Beverage Sales	\$ 87,973.40	\$ 6,516.55	\$	\$ 8,145.69
Sponsorships	\$ 21,750.00	N/A	\$	\$ 2,175.00
			Total Rev Share Due	\$ 10,320.69

"Check Out" Donations (10/1/24 - 12/31/24)

	\$ 975.50
Total Donations Due	\$ 975.50

	Total	Less Product Cost	Net	50% Due
Merchandise Sales (Thru 12/31/25)	\$ 116.00	\$ 37.72	\$ 78.28	\$ 39.14
			Grand Total Due	\$ 11,335.33

Date Paid 8/8/2025

Check Number 11124

Shows Since Last Board Meeting (5/9/25)					Type	Date	Time	Promotor
Event					Country	Sun, Aug 3, 2025	7:00 PM	Spectacle Live
Mary Chapin Carpenter / Brandy Clark					Concert/Tribute	Sat, Jul 26, 2025	8:00 PM	Peace Frog
Peace Frog: A Tribute to The Doors					Concert/Folk	Fri, Jul 25, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live
Adam Ezra Group					One-Man Show	Sun, Jul 20, 2025	7:00 PM	Spectacle Live
Chazz Palminteri - A Bronx Tale Live					Concert/Celtic	Sat, Jun 28, 2025	8:00 PM	Spectacle Live
Dancing with the Celts					Concert/Jam Band	Sun, Jun 22, 2025	7:00 PM	Spectacle Live
Spafford					DJ	Sat, Jun 21, 2025	8:00 PM	Spectacle Live
Hot To Go					Dance	Sat, Jun 14, 2025	4:00 PM	Kathy Blake
Kathy Blake Dance Studios Dance It Out 2025 Recital					Dance	Sat, Jun 14, 2025	11:00 AM	Kathy Blake
Kathy Blake Dance Studios Dance It Out 2025 Recital					Concert/Tribute	Fri, Jun 13, 2025	8:00 PM	Another Tequila Sunrise
Another Tequila Sunrise: An Eagles Tribute					Musical	Sun, Jun 18, 2025	5:30 PM	Spectacle Live
Menopause The Musical 2: Cruising Through 'The Change'					Musical	Sun, Jun 8, 2025	2:00 PM	Spectacle Live
Menopause The Musical 2: Cruising Through 'The Change'					Concert/Pop	Sat, Jun 7, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live
Aimee Mann 22 ½ Lost In Space Anniversary Tour with Jonathan Coulton					Concert/Celtic	Fri, Jun 6, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live
Daniel O'Donnell					Concert/Pop	Wed, Jun 4, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live
Suzanne Vega - Flying With Angels					Concert/Blues	Fri, May 23, 2025	8:00 PM	Spectacle Live
Tab Benoit					Concert/Tribute	Thu, May 22, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live
Leonid & Friends					One-Man Show	Sat, May 17, 2025	7:30 PM	Emery Entertainment
Men Are From Mars Women Are From Venus Live!					Concert/Tribute	Fri, May 16, 2025	8:00 PM	Spectacle Live
The Grateful Guitars Foundation presents Zach Nugent's Dead Set					Concert/Folk	Sat, May 10, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live
Al Stewart & Livingston Taylor					One-Man Show	Fri, May 9, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live
Ari Shapiro: Thank You For Listening								

Upcoming Ticketed Shows									
Event	Type	Date	Time	Promotor					
Vic DiBitetto	Comedy	Sat, Aug 16, 2025	8:00 PM	Spectacle Live					New
The Hot Sardines	Concert/Jazz	Wed, Aug 20, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live					New
Jake Shimabukuro	Concert/Pop	Thu, Aug 21, 2025	8:00 PM	Spectacle Live					Return
Twin Peaks: A Conversation With The Stars	Live Tour/TV Show	Fri, Aug 22, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live					New
The Devon Allman Blues Summit featuring The Devon Allman Project, Jimmy Hall, Larry McCray & Sierra Green	Concert/Blues	Sat, Aug 23, 2025	8:00 PM	Spectacle Live					Return
Minions (film screening)	Film Screening	Sun, Sep 7, 2025	2:00 PM	Fidelity					New
Tuba Skinny	Concert/Jazz	Wed, Sep 10, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live					New
The Wallflowers	Concert/Rock	Sun, Sep 14, 2025	8:00 PM	Spectacle Live					New
Girl Named Tom	Concert/Pop	Thu, Sep 18, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live					Return
All-Star Vegas Starring Piff the Magic Dragon	Variety Show	Fri, Sep 19, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live					Return
2nd Annual Arts Ball "Let's Sparkle"	Gala	Sat, Sep 20, 2025	6:00 PM	Nashua Community Art					Return
Celtic Thunder - Their Greatest Songs and along the way a Reunion with Old Friends	Concert/Celtic	Sun, Sep 21, 2025	7:00 PM	Spectacle Live					New
Gimme Gimme Disco	DJ	Fri, Sep 26, 2025	8:00 PM	Spectacle Live					Return
Tusk	Concert/Tribute	Fri, Oct 3, 2025	8:00 PM	Spectacle Live					Return
The Robert Gray Band	Concert/Blues	Sat, Oct 4, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live					Return
An Evening with David Sedaris	Comedy	Thu, Oct 9, 2025	7:30 PM	IAE/Spectacle Live					Return
Pink Martini	Concert/Pop	Mon, Oct 13, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live					New
Grand Kyiv Ballet presents Swan Lake	Ballet	Wed, Oct 22, 2025	7:00 PM	Grand Kyiv Ballet					Return
Phil Vassar Acoustic Duo	Concert/Country	Sat, Oct 25, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live					Return
Craig Ferguson: Pants on Fire	Comedy	Thu, Oct 30, 2025	8:00 PM	Spectacle Live					New
An Evening with Joanne Shaw Taylor	Concert/Blues	Sat, Nov 1, 2025	8:00 PM	Spectacle Live					New
Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox: Magic, Moonlight & Mistletoe Tour	Concert/Pop	Fri, Nov 7, 2025	8:00 PM	Spectacle Live					Return
360 Allstars	Variety Show	Thu, Nov 13, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live					New
Gaelic Storm	Concert/Celtic	Sat, Nov 15, 2025	8:00 PM	Spectacle Live					New
Jim Brickman Hits Live! and a little bit of Christmas	Concert/Pop	Sun, Nov 16, 2025	7:00 PM	Fortin Gage					New
Jason LaDayne	Illusionist	Sat, Nov 22, 2025	8:00 PM	Spectacle Live					New
Jim Messina	Concert/Folk	Sun, Nov 23, 2025	7:00 PM	Spectacle Live					New
A Christmas Carol with Gerald Dickens	Theatre/Holiday	Fri, Nov 28, 2025	7:00 PM	Spectacle Live					Return
Squirrel Nut Zippers Christmas Caravan	Concert/Pop	Thu, Dec 4, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live					New
The Four Tops	Concert/Motown	Sat, Dec 6, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live					Return
Jane Lynch's A Swingin' Little Christmas	Concert/Holiday	Sun, Dec 7, 2025	7:00 PM	Spectacle Live					New
David Benoit's Charlie Brown Christmas	Concert/Holiday	Thu, Dec 11, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live					New
Safe Haven Ballet Presents The Nutcracker	Ballet	Sat, Dec 13, 2025	4:30 PM	Safe Haven Ballet					Return
Natalie MacMaster & Donnell Leahy	Concert/Celtic	Sun, Dec 14, 2025	7:00 PM	Spectacle Live					New

Ticketed Event Added Since Last Board Meeting					
Event	Type	Date	Time	Promotor	On Sale Date
Twin Peaks: A Conversation With The Stars	Live Tour/TV Show	Fri, Aug 22, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live	5/16/2025
Minions (film screening)	Film Screening	Sun, Sep 7, 2025	2:00 PM	Fidelity	8/4/2025
Tuba Skinny	Concert/Jazz	Wed, Sep 10, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live	6/6/2025
Girl Named Tom	Concert/Pop	Thu, Sep 18, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live	7/18/2025
All-Star Vegas Starring Piff the Magic Dragon	Variety Show	Fri, Sep 19, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live	5/30/2025
The Robert Cray Band	Concert/Blues	Sat, Oct 4, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live	6/6/2025
Craig Ferguson: Pants on Fire	Comedy	Thu, Oct 30, 2025	8:00 PM	Spectacle Live	7/18/2025
An Evening with Joanne Shaw Taylor	Concert/Blues	Sat, Nov 1, 2025	8:00 PM	Spectacle Live	5/16/2025
Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox: Magic, Moon	Concert/Pop	Fri, Nov 7, 2025	8:00 PM	Spectacle Live	8/8/2025
360 Allstars	Variety Show	Thu, Nov 13, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live	8/8/2025
Gaelic Storm	Concert/Celtic	Sat, Nov 15, 2025	8:00 PM	Spectacle Live	6/26/2025
Jim Brickman Hits Live! and a little bit of Christmas	Concert/Pop	Sun, Nov 16, 2025	7:00 PM	Fortin Gage	7/11/2025
Jim Messina	Concert/Folk	Sun, Nov 23, 2025	7:00 PM	Spectacle Live	7/11/2025
A Christmas Carol with Gerald Dickens	Theatre/Holiday	Fri, Nov 28, 2025	7:00 PM	Spectacle Live	6/20/2025
Squirrel Nut Zippers Christmas Caravan	Concert/Pop	Thu, Dec 4, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live	6/27/2025
Jane Lynch's A Swingin' Little Christmas	Concert/Holiday	Sun, Dec 7, 2025	7:00 PM	Spectacle Live	6/13/2025
David Benoit's Charlie Brown Christmas	Concert/Holiday	Thu, Dec 11, 2025	7:30 PM	Spectacle Live	7/11/2025
Safe Haven Ballet Presents The Nutcracker	Ballet	Sat, Dec 13, 2025	4:30 PM	Safe Haven Ballet	7/18/2025
Natalie MacMaster & Donnell Leahy	Concert/Celtic	Sun, Dec 14, 2025	7:00 PM	Spectacle Live	5/13/2025