



Kevin Cruise in panto



Founder Martin with Basil Brush



Lisa & Martin at the Foundation Ball



FEEDBACK

Windsor Baptist Church

"I can't begin to thank the Kevin Cruise Foundation for so generously supporting the families from Ukraine by donating Panto tickets. This Winter was a time when families had imagined themselves to be back in Ukraine by Christmas and then having to face the harsh reality that the ongoing war meant that they would not be able to see loved ones or return to Ukraine safely. The opportunity to spend a few joy filled hours with their hosts and their friends was really uplifting. We were able to talk to the children about their Panto visits at our After School Group and it was obvious how much fun they had..."

The whole experience helped bring families together and built stronger friendship ties and community. It really gave people a much-needed boost emotionally when things were so tough.

Thank you for being so very kind, accessible and flexible and with such a huge generous heart! I feel so lucky that we have this amazing Foundation serving our families and local community and spreading the smiles!"

Alexander Devine

"A lovely evening out, after a difficult year, which gave us an opportunity to do something together as a family"

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The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is rich in culture and heritage and well served by multiple venues across the borough, such as Theatre Royal Windsor, The Old Court Arts Space, The Norden Farm Centre for the Arts and the Baylis Theatre at Braywick Leisure Centre, as well as dozens of smaller venues across the borough, such as comedy clubs, village and school halls. However, it is also a borough of great diversity and, despite remarkable projects and efforts from our local arts centres, we have identified a need for further exposure to the performing arts, particularly for children and from disadvantaged backgrounds. The Kevin Cruise Foundation is a response to this need.

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON...

- This year we received grants and donations from Prince Philip Trust Fund, The Louis Baylis Trust, Shanly Foundation, AWBS Berkshire, Megan Jones School of Performing Arts, Berkshire Theatre School.
- This festive season we are giving out over 600 theatre tickets. By doing so we will be helping to support 3 local theatres, Theatre Royal Windsor, Norden Farm, Baylis Theatre.
- This year we have funded 6 students their full time fees and 7 students half their fees at the Megan Jones School of Performing Arts and Berkshire Theatre School.
- This year we funded students at the Theatre Royal Windsor's Easter musical workshops.



STARS IN THE MAKING...

Here's what Principal Sammy Fonfe said about two pupils from Berkshire Theatre School and how the KCF has benefited them.

Miles

Miles has a raw talent. Being able to receive training at Berkshire Theatre School has enabled him to really tap in to that talent and hone his skills as performer. He has not only achieved lead roles at BTS but will also be playing the lead in his upcoming school production. Miles confidence has grown immensely and this is clear to see in his performance at the KCF ball.

Arianna

Arianna has an incredible voice. She has wowed teachers at BTS with her talent and is now able to receive training in all aspects of musical theatre. Thanks to the KCF she is able to really excel in her vocal training and develop her skills as a performer. Arianna has recently successfully auditioned for a place at Arts Ed, one of the top drama schools in the country. She continues her training at BTS each Saturday.



Megan Jones School of Performing Arts



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WHO WE ARE

About the KCF founder, Martin

You might know Martin better as his alter-ego and award winning character, Kevin Cruise, a regular on the UK comedy and cabaret circuit.

In 2010 Kevin was chosen as the lead audition for the fourth series Britain's Got Talent and made it through to the live finals.

Martin is also the trusted side-kick of the national treasure and British TV Legend, Basil Brush. This is Martin's 7th year performing in the Basil Brush Kids Show and the show for grown ups only, Basil Brush Live & Unleashed.

2023 marks Martin's 14th Pantomime season, at Windsor Theatre Royal for Theatre producer, Bill Kenwright. He has now gained the title of 'Windsor's very own Calamitous Comic'!

About Lisa, KCF Administrator

Lisa lives in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and has over 17 years' experience working in the IT and marketing industry, Lisa has delivered strategic marketing support and managed creative projects for a wide-range of clients.

Lisa is also Chairman of the Maidenhead Festival and also lead the organisation of the late Queens Jubilee and the Kings Coronation celebrations on the Long Walk in Windsor attended by more than 60,000 people.

Lisa was awarded a British Empire Medal by Queen Elizabeth II in the 2022 New Years Honours List in recognition for the volunteer work she led in Maidenhead during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

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