

LIVE TRADING LIMITED

**Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 1998**



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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998**

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**COMPANY INFORMATION
AS AT 31 MARCH 1998**

DIRECTORS

B M Larson
C T Franklin
C M Redmond

SECRETARY

J Tarr

REGISTERED NUMBER

03100229

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7/8 Trinity Chare
Quayside
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AUDITORS

Pinder & Ratki
Chartered Accountants
7 Lansdowne Terrace
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PRINCIPAL BANKERS

Lloyds Bank plc
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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 1998.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the company in the year under review were the hiring of Live Theatre facilities, merchandising of Live Theatre goods and the operation of bars and a café.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors in office in the year and their beneficial interests in the ultimate parent company at the balance sheet date and the beginning of the year (or on appointment if later) were as follows:

		Number of Shares	
		1998	1997
B M Larson	Ordinary shares	-	-
C T Franklin	Ordinary shares	-	-
C M Redmond	Ordinary shares	-	-

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

POLITICAL AND CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

During the year, the company made charitable contributions totalling £43,804 to North East Theatre Trust Limited, a recognised charity, and the holding company for Live Trading Limited. The sum was transferred under a deed of covenant and it is anticipated that future taxable profits will also be transferred under this agreement.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

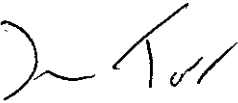
AUDITORS

The auditors, Pinder & Ratki, will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

SMALL COMPANY EXEMPTIONS

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

By order of the board:



J Tarr
Secretary

Approved by the board: 14 December 1998

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AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 10 which have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities, under the historical cost convention and on the basis of accounting policies set out on page 7.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described in the directors' report, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

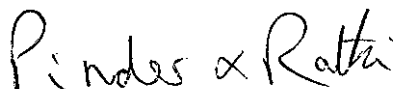
We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

GOING CONCERN

In forming our opinion we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures in Note 7 to the financial statements concerning the income of the company in future years. In view of the significance of the uncertainty we consider that it should be drawn to your attention but our opinion is not qualified in this respect.

OPINION

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 1998 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985, applicable to small companies.



Pinder & Ratki
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors
7 Lansdowne Terrace
Gosforth
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE3 1HN

14 December 1998

LIVE TRADING LIMITED**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998**

	Notes	1998 £	1997 £
TURNOVER		91,398	25,645
Cost of sales		53,769	14,292
GROSS PROFIT		37,629	11,353
Administrative expenses		91,328	37,749
		(53,699)	(26,396)
Other operating income		54,821	26,419
OPERATING PROFIT	2	1,122	23
Interest payable and similar charges		(1,088)	(2)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		34	21
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4	-	-
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		34	21

Total recognised gains and losses

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profit or loss for the above two financial years.

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 MARCH 1998**

	Notes	£	1998 £	£	1997 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5		393		463
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks		3,944		200	
Debtors	6	16,667		17,174	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,763		-	
		<u>22,374</u>		<u>17,374</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year					
	7	(22,684)		(17,788)	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(310)		(414)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>83</u>		<u>49</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	8		1		1
Profit and loss account	9		82		48
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS			<u>83</u>		<u>49</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

Approved by the board of directors on 14 December 1998 and signed on its behalf by:

B M Larson



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Directors

C T Franklin

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Consolidation

The company forms part of a small group. The ultimate parent company has not taken advantage of the exemption from preparation of group accounts provided by section 248 of the Companies Act 1985.

Turnover

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of goods sold and services rendered during the year.

Depreciation of tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its useful life:

Plant and machinery	15% reducing balance
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Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs to completion and disposal.

2. OPERATING PROFIT

	1998 £	1997 £
Operating profit		
After charging:		
Depreciation of fixed assets	70	38
Auditors' remuneration	600	500

3. INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS

There was no directors' remuneration paid during the year.

4. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

There is no liability to corporation tax in the year.

LIVE TRADING LIMITED**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998****5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Plant and machinery etc. £
Cost:	
At 1 April 1997 and at 31 March 1998	542
Depreciation:	
At 1 April 1997	79
Charge for year	70
At 31 March 1998	149
Net book value:	
At 31 March 1998	393
At 31 March 1997	463

6. DEBTORS

	1998 £	1997 £
Trade debtors	2,175	150
Amounts owed by group undertakings and undertakings in which the company has a participating interest	14,492	17,024
	<u>16,667</u>	<u>17,174</u>

7. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	1998 £	1997 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	646
Trade creditors	12,285	-
Taxation and social security	9,199	14,642
Other creditors	1,200	2,500
	<u>22,684</u>	<u>17,788</u>

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7. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year - (continued)

Following the reopening of the venue in September 1997, the directors have found that the profitability of the bars and café are directly linked to the events being held in Live Theatre whether by the Live Theatre Company, any other theatre company or hirer. In order to increase income in the periods when the Theatre is unoccupied the directors have produced a business plan in conjunction with the directors of NETT covering the 3 years to 31 March 2001.

The operation of the covenant of profits to NETT will mean that additional income is not retained by the company but will assist in the improvement of the financial position of NETT.

On the basis of the business plan and discussions held with the directors of NETT relating to their position, the directors consider it appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not contain any adjustments that would result if NETT amended its programming of events to leave the Theatre unoccupied for longer periods.

8. SHARE CAPITAL

	1998 £	1997 £
Authorised:		
Equity interests:		
100 Ordinary share of £1 each	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
Equity interests:		
1 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

9. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	1998 £	1997 £
Retained profit at 1 October 1996	48	27
Profit for the year	<u>34</u>	<u>21</u>
Retained profit at 31 March 1998	<u>82</u>	<u>48</u>

10. REVENUE COMMITMENTS

The company is committed to covenanting its present and future taxable profits to its holding company.

11. CONTROL

Due to the nature of North East Theatre Trust Limited there is no person or groups of persons who control the company.

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12. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate parent company is North East Theatre Trust Limited, a registered charity and a company registered in England and Wales.