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**OMNIBUS
THEATRE**

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Letter of Support: *Hasbian* & *Queer Diary*

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to confirm Omnibus Theatre's support for *Queer Diary* CIC's Arts Council England grant application for *Hasbian & Queer Diary* 2024.

Omnibus has supported *Hasbian* since 2019 and will continue to do so for the next stage of its development. Previously, extracts from the *Hasbian* script were first performed as part of our 'Engine Room' artist development programme, and we've subsequently hosted several successful *Queer Diary* open-mic events as part of our annual 96 Festival of queer arts.

Following two productive ACE-funded periods of R&D of *Hasbian* in 2021 and 2022, as well as the successful establishment of regular *Queer Diary* events in London over the past 3 years, Omnibus is committed to supporting a week-long run of *Hasbian* in 2024. This project will benefit from guidance and assistance of the team at our award-winning theatre in Clapham. Our support will continue developing audiences and meaningful community connections for this new company in South London.

We hope that by partnering with us to deliver *Hasbian* and *Queer Diary*, this work will gain its first press coverage and reviews, enabling it to be seen widely by LGBTQIA+ people in London. Beth and Josie's aims for the project are in line with our mission to provide a platform for new writing, interdisciplinary work, and affordable theatre for all. As a queer story created by a diverse company prioritising accessibility and community engagement, *Hasbian* is aligned with Omnibus' objective to provide a platform for underrepresented voices and challenge preconceptions of marginalised communities.

We're offering in-kind support from our technical & marketing departments, as well as mentorship from the Artistic Director and the learning & participation teams, plus discounted hire fees.

We strongly endorse this application for funding and hope it will be granted.

Best Wishes,



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