

## The Roxy has been rescued!

The 'Rescue the Roxy' Crowdfunding campaign which ended late on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> met its ambitious target, raising over £5000 to keep one of the UKs smallest cinema's open.

The Roxy is a quirky, art-deco styled cinema in Axbridge, Somerset which delivers a lot of fun, a bit of glamour and great entertainment to the whole community. With its 30 vintage seats (originally from Bristol's Colston Hall), and a 1950's cocktail bar. It has served the people of the Cheddar Valley and beyond for 9 years, providing an accessible, affordable and intimate venue for film and other arts in rural Somerset.

Entirely volunteer run, the Roxy team is determined to keep the show on the road and not exclude anyone by virtue of cost, disability or geography from enjoying access to sociable cultural events. Primarily, a cinema with public screenings and low cost private hire, the Roxy's cultural offering has diversified over the years to include comedy, theatre, training and talks.

Juliet Maclay, chair of the Axbridge Roxy said: "We'll now be able to secure the Roxy's future for the community and invest in expanding the current facilities – in particular adding theatre lighting to be able to offer a more diverse programme beyond cinema.

We'd like to thank everyone who gave so generously, and those volunteers and committee members who have been so dedicated to this miniature venue, and to the Community Council for Somerset, who guided us through the funding maze and supported us during a time of crisis. We are now looking forward to a very bright future!"

Jane Birch Community Involvement Officer said: "We are over the moon that the Roxy have achieved their goal. It is fantastic to think that in a matter of weeks the Community project has been saved.

Giving this kind of support is what CCS is here for, along with offering many other types of advice, support, projects and services. We are a local friendly team, here to help communities thrive and flourish. My congratulations to the Roxy Committee and a huge 'thank you' to all those who have and continue to support, this Somerset treasure. It is a unique Cinema for the future generations."

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