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Application: 20/02254/LB & 20/02607/ADV

Site: The South Bank Centre Belvedere Road London SE1

Proposal: Artistic exhibits on the windows of the Royal Festival Hall (all temporary in nature and easily removed) and projections onto the East and West walls of the Royal Festival Hall from 17th August to 26th October 2020 (including installation and de-installation) in association with Autumn at Southbank Centre; and

Temporary installation (from 17th August 2020 to 26th October 2020 including installation and deinstallation) of signage comprising of graphic/artistic displays, any associated sponsorship displays, commercial displays and way-finding signage in association with Autumn 2020 at Southbank Centre..

Remit:

The Theatres Trust is the national advisory public body for theatres. We were established through the Theatres Trust Act 1976 'to promote the better protection of theatres' and provide statutory planning advice on theatre buildings and theatre use in England through The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, requiring the Trust to be consulted by local authorities on planning applications which include 'development involving any land on which there is a theatre'.

Comment:

Thank you for consulting Theatres Trust regarding these applications for Listed Building Consent and Advertisement Consent at Southbank Centre associated with the Autumn 2020 Festival. The Trust was previously consulted on temporary planning permission for this event which we supported.

As stated in our previous comments and also for separate applications associated with this year's Winter Festival, with the Southbank Centre undergoing restrictions due to Covid-19 programmes such as Autumn Festival play an important role in supporting its ongoing operation and the cultural offer in the area.

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Again, with there being no permanent harm to the fabric or integrity of the Southbank Centre as a heritage asset or to others within its setting, we consider the public benefit of Autumn Festival to mitigate any short-term negative impact on the significance of the Southbank Centre.

Therefore we remain supportive of this proposal and recommend the granting of listed building consent and advertisement consent.

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance or should you wish to discuss these comments in further detail.

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