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## **HSBC Malta Foundation supports technical upgrade at Teatru Salesjan in Sliema**

HSBC Malta Foundation has extended its support to Teatru Salesjan, the oldest existing theatre in Sliema and one of the oldest working theatres in Malta, through the sponsorship of new professional-grade stage equipment aimed at enhancing the venue's technical capabilities and safety standards.

The support enabled the theatre to install new electric motors and lighting trusses, critical infrastructure that will allow Teatru Salesjan to host more ambitious productions, safely elevate lighting and stage equipment, and provide young artists with access to a fully professional creative environment.

The donation builds on the Foundation's ongoing commitment to education, culture and community development, and supports Teatru Salesjan's broader mission of using the arts to promote inclusion, creativity, and cross-generational dialogue.

Geoffrey Fichte, CEO of HSBC Bank Malta, commented: "Teatru Salesjan holds a unique place in Malta's cultural and social landscape, not only as a historic venue, but as a space where creativity and community come together. Our Foundation is proud to support this investment in technical infrastructure, which we believe will enable new opportunities for artistic expression and help empower future generations of performers, technicians and audiences."

Peter Gingell, Theatre Manager at Teatru Salesjan, added: "We are deeply grateful to the HSBC Malta Foundation for their generous sponsorship for motors and lighting trusses recently installed at Teatru Salesjan. These motors, which elevate the trusses safely and efficiently, represent a vital investment in our theatre's technical capabilities. This support goes far beyond infrastructure; it strengthens our commitment to nurturing creativity and providing the next generation with access to professional artistic environments. We hope this collaboration inspires other foundations to support the ongoing development of arts and culture within our community."

This latest upgrade is part of a wider multi-year regeneration process at Teatru Salesjan, which has seen the transformation of the Sliema-based venue into a vibrant, inclusive cultural hub. The team is now finalising plans for a three-year programme focused on cultural education and social integration, ensuring that the theatre continues to serve as a platform for connection, creativity and opportunity.



**Photocaption: Left to Right: Fr Paul Spiteri (Chairperson – Teatru Salesjan Executive Committee), Glenn Bugeja and Geoffrey Fichte from HSBC Malta together with Mr Peter Gingell, Theatre Manager**

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