

Dear sir/madam

I am sure you know that the feeling in the arts sector is one of sadness at the potential cuts. I am the artistic director of the company that produced, amongst other things, the smash hit show 'Hurricane'. We transferred the show to the west end, to Broadway...all around the world. We have contributed to Belfast's profile all around the globe.

Why should Northern Ireland not have a vibrant arts scene? In a society forward looking society, cutting away an industry which is vital, full of life and energy, makes a city vibrant and interesting seem madness.

Please support the arts. You will miss them when they are gone-not just the shows themselves, but the atmosphere in the province.

yours sincerely

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