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The world is currently facing many global challenges which can have local, national, and international impacts. These impacts can be grouped into what are commonly referred to as 'the three pillars of sustainability'.

One pillar represents environmental stewardship, reflecting the need for responsible and conscientious management of Earth's natural resources and for the protection of the environment.

Another pillar represents social sustainability, referring to the ability of a society to maintain and enhance the well-being and quality of life. This involves creating an equitable and just society that promotes social cohesion, protects human rights, and ensures that everyone has access to basic needs and opportunities.

The final pillar represents economic sustainability, which involves balancing economic development with the preservation of natural resources, social well-being, and the needs of future generations.

All three pillars are of equal importance. Achieving sustainability requires collective action from individuals, businesses, governments, and organisations at local, national, and international levels. It involves making conscious choices and adopting practices that minimise negative impacts on the environment, promote social equity, and contribute to long-term economic sustainability.













To address global challenges and promote sustainability, the United Nations established the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#), a shared blueprint for people, planet, prosperity, peace, and partnership. At its heart is a set of 17 goals ([Sustainable Development Goals or SDGs](#)), which aim to stimulate action by 2030 in areas of critical importance for humanity and the planet. Behind each goal is a set of specific targets against which progress towards the individual goals can be monitored.

Incorporating sustainability into acting and performance can create not only eco-conscious artists but also socially responsible ones. By integrating environmental, social, economic, and ethical considerations into the performance, artists can become advocates for sustainability, using their creative skills to inspire change both on and off the stage.

The infographic below displays some social, economic, and environmental impacts that may be associated with making acting and performance more sustainable and examples of sustainable development goals associated with these impacts.



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Driver	Primary impact	Secondary impact	Associated SDGs	
 <p><b>Sustainability in acting and performance</b></p>	 <p><b>Eco-theatre and sustainable productions</b></p>	<p><b>Sustainable set design</b> eg minimise environmental impact through use of recycled, re-purposed, eco-friendly materials for sets</p> 	<p>9 – industry, innovation and infrastructure 12 – responsible consumption and production</p>	
		<p><b>Digital performance</b> eg use of digital media, virtual stages, streamlined shows to reduce carbon footprint</p> 	<p>7 – affordable and clean energy 12 – responsible consumption and production 13 – climate action</p>	
		<p><b>Minimalist and environmental theatre</b> to reduce resource use eg use of natural settings, pop-up</p> 	<p>9 – industry, innovation and infrastructure 12 – responsible consumption and production 13 – climate action</p>	
	 <p><b>Green theatrical practices</b></p>	<p><b>Energy efficiency in productions</b> eg use of efficient lighting systems, reducing use of energy-hungry appliances</p> 	<p>7 – affordable and clean energy 9 – industry, innovation and infrastructure 12 – responsible consumption and production 13 – climate action</p>	
		<p><b>Costume sustainability</b> eg reuse, upcycling, sourcing from ethical, sustainable suppliers.</p> 	<p>9 – industry, innovation and infrastructure 12 – responsible consumption and production</p>	
		<p><b>Paperless practices</b> eg digital scripts, schedules, and communications</p> 	<p>12 – responsible consumption and production</p>	
	 <p><b>Sustainability themes in performance</b></p>	<p><b>Exploring global issues in scripts</b></p> 	<p>All relevant SDGs</p>	
		<p><b>Devising original work on sustainability</b></p> 	<p>All relevant SDGs</p>	
				<p><b>Overarching</b></p> <p>16 – peace, justice and strong institutions 17 – partnerships for the goals</p>