

## Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003

### Please read the following instructions first

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I/We Tortive Theatre Ltd

*(Insert name(s) of applicant)*

**apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003**

### Part 1 – Premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description			
The Straw Yard Parade			
Post town	Berwick-upon-Tweed	Postcode	TD15 1DF

Telephone number at premises (if any)	N/A
Non-domestic rateable value of premises	£2,800

### Part 2 - Applicant details

Please state whether you are applying for a premises licence as **Please tick as appropriate**

a)	an individual or individuals *		please complete section (A)
b)	a person other than an individual *		
	i as a limited company/limited liability partnership	X	please complete section (B)
	ii as a partnership (other than limited liability)		please complete section (B)
	iii as an unincorporated association or		please complete section (B)
	iv other (for example a statutory corporation)		please complete section (B)
c)	a recognised club		please complete section (B)
d)	a charity		please complete section (B)
e)	the proprietor of an educational establishment		please complete section (B)
f)	a health service body		please complete section (B)

g)	a person who is registered under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales		please complete section (B)
ga)	a person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England		please complete section (B)
h)	the chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales		please complete section (B)

\* If you are applying as a person described in (a) or (b) please confirm (by ticking yes to one box below):

- I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities; or
- ~~I am making the application pursuant to a statutory function or~~
- ~~a function discharged by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative~~

**(A) individual applicants** (fill in as applicable)

Mr	Mrs	Miss	Ms	Other Title (for example, Rev)	
<b>Surname</b>			<b>First names</b>		
<b>Date of birth</b>		I am 18 years old or over		Please tick yes	
<b>Nationality</b>					
Current residential address if different from premises address					
Post town				Postcode	
<b>Daytime contact telephone number</b>					
<b>E-mail address (optional)</b>					
Where applicable (if demonstrating a right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service), the 'share code' provided to the applicant by that service (please see note 15 for information)					

**Second individual applicant** (if applicable)

Mr	Mrs	Miss	Ms	Other Title (for example, Rev)	
<b>Surname</b>			<b>First names</b>		
<b>Date of birth</b>		I am 18 years old or over		Please tick yes	
<b>Nationality</b>					
Current residential address if different from premises address					
Post town				Postcode	
<b>Daytime contact telephone number</b>					
<b>E-mail address (optional)</b>					
Where applicable (if demonstrating a right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service), the 'share code' provided to the applicant by that service: (please see note 15 for information)					

**(B) Other applicants**

**Please provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate please give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), please give the name and address of each party concerned.**

Name Tortive Theatre Ltd
Address Tortive Theatre Ltd. The Straw Yard Parade Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1DF
Registered number (where applicable) Company Reg 12288200
Description of applicant (for example, partnership, company, unincorporated association etc.) Company Limited By Shares
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional)

### Part 3 Operating Schedule

When do you want the premises licence to start?

DD		MM		YYYY			
1	1	0	8	2	0	2	5

If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?

DD		MM		YYYY			

Please give a general description of the premises (please read guidance note 1)

A flexible studio space that can be utilised as a theatre, exhibition space, workshop space and event space. The space also has an outdoor courtyard area fully enclosed by Berwick's Elizabethan walls and wooden gates.

There is also an office block with small kitchen area with sink and two WCs.

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend.

N/A

What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?

(please see sections 1 and 14 and Schedules 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act 2003)

Provision of regulated entertainment (please read guidance note 2)		Please tick all that apply
a)	plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)	
b)	films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)	
c)	indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)	
d)	boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)	
e)	live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)	
f)	recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)	
g)	performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)	
h)	anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)	

<b><u>Provision of late night refreshment</u></b> (if ticking yes, fill in box I)	
<b><u>Supply of alcohol</u></b> (if ticking yes, fill in box J)	X

In all cases complete boxes K, L and M

# A

<b>Plays</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<b><u>Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
				Outdoors	
				Both	
Day	Start	Finish	<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon					
Tue			<b><u>State any seasonal variations for performing plays</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Wed					
Thur			<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of plays at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 6)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

## B

<b>Films</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<b><u>Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
				Outdoors	
				Both	
Day	Start	Finish	<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon					
Tue					
			<b><u>State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)  N/A		
Wed					
Thur					
			<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 6)  N/A		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

# C

<b>Indoor sporting events</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<b><u>Please give further details</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			
Tue			<b><u>State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)
Wed			
Thur			
Fri			<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 6)
Sat			
Sun			

# D

<b>Boxing or wrestling entertainments</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<b><u>Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
				Outdoors	
				Both	
Day	Start	Finish	<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon					
Tue					
Wed			<b><u>State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur					
Fri					
Sat			<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 6)		
Sun					

# E

<b>Live music</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<b><u>Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
				Outdoors	
				Both	
Day	Start	Finish	<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon					
Tue					
Wed			<b><u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur					
Fri					
Sat			<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 6)		
Sun					

# F

<b>Recorded music</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<b><u>Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
				Outdoors	
				Both	
Day	Start	Finish	<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon					
Tue			<b><u>State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Wed					
Thur			<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 6)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

# G

<b>Performances of dance</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<b><u>Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
				Outdoors	
				Both	
Day	Start	Finish	<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon					
Tue					
			<b><u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Wed					
Thur					
			<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 6)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

# H

<b>Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing		
Day	Start	Finish	<b><u>Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
Mon				Outdoors	
				Both	
Tue			<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed					
Thur			<b><u>State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat			<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 6)		
Sun					

I

<b>Late night refreshment</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<b>Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	
				Outdoors	
				Both	
Day	Start	Finish	<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon					
Tue					
Wed			<b><u>State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur					
Fri					
Sat			<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 6)		
Sun					

**J**

<b>Supply of alcohol</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<b><u>Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 8)	On the premises	X
				Off the premises	
				Both	
Day	Start	Finish	<b><u>State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol</u></b> (please read guidance note 5) N/A		
Mon	14.00	22.30			
Tue	14.00	22.30			
Wed	14.00	22.30			
Thur	14.00	22.30			
Fri	14.00	22.30			
Sat	14.00	22.30			
Sun	14.00	22.30			
			<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 6) N/A		

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as designated premises supervisor (Please see declaration about the entitlement to work in the checklist at the end of the form):

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Date of birth</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>Personal licence number (if known)</b>	
<b>Issuing licensing authority (if known)</b>	

# K

**Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children** (please read guidance note 9).

N/A

# L

<b>Hours premises are open to the public</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<b><u>State any seasonal variations</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)  Opening will be linked to non-licensable performances and events hours may vary – but all within timings stated. There may be extended periods of time when we are not open or closed to the public due to programming schedules or an internal programme of works.
Day	Start	Finish	<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 6)  N/A
Mon	09.00	23.00	
Tue	09.00	23.00	
Wed	09.00	23.00	
Thur	09.00	23.00	
Fri	09.00	23.00	
Sat	09.00	23.00	
Sun	09.00	23.00	

## M

Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

### **a) General – all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 10)**

The Straw Yard is a newly established cultural and creative venue in Berwick-upon-Tweed, supported as a Cultural Resource Hub by Northumberland County Council. Since opening to the public in July 2024, it has become a recognised destination for performances, workshops, and community events. We work in partnership with local cultural bodies including The Maltings Theatre Trust Ltd, Berwick Literary Festival, and Berwick Slow Food Festival.

To support the four licensing objectives, we will continue to:

- Adopt and implement Tortive Theatre Ltd's established policies where appropriate, including safeguarding and health and safety.
- Employ experienced staff with expertise in event management, hospitality, legal compliance, and creative production.
- Maintain appropriate staffing levels tailored to each event, overseen by an on-site Duty Manager.
- Operate a site-wide CCTV system with remote access, excluding only the toilet areas.
- Conduct monthly forward planning for all events, including risk assessments and operational planning.
- Undertake regular post-event reviews to ensure continual improvement and learning.

### **b) The prevention of crime and disorder**

- The site is secured with alarms and monitored by remotely accessible CCTV.
- Almost all events are ticketed, even when free of charge, helping to manage attendance and access.
- Venue capacity is carefully managed, and the site can be closed for private hire to prevent unauthorised access.
- Alcohol sales will be conducted by trained staff in accordance with Challenge 25 and premises supervision will be in place at all times.
- All incidents, refusals, and removals will be recorded in an incident log.

### **c) Public safety**

- The site complies with all current building regulations and has a regularly updated Fire Risk Assessment.
- Smoke and fire alarms are installed in all indoor spaces.
- Health and safety audits are carried out regularly.
- A trained Duty Manager is present at all public events.
- First Aid kits are available in both the studio and office.

### **d) The prevention of public nuisance**

- The venue's capacity is limited to 60 indoors and 120 outdoors, helping to control noise and crowd movement.
- The main entrance and exit are positioned away from residential properties, minimising disturbance during dispersal.
- Front of House teams (paid and volunteer) will manage audience exit to reduce noise and ensure safe departure.
- Litter bins are provided, and close-down procedures are followed at every event to leave the site clean and secure.

- Over the past 12 months, we have safely welcomed over 3,000 visitors under Temporary Event Notices without any complaints or incidents.

**e) The protection of children from harm**

- The venue adheres to Tortive Theatre's comprehensive Safeguarding Policy, ensuring a safe, welcoming environment for children, young people, and vulnerable adults.
- All staff receive safeguarding training appropriate to their roles.
- All staff required to undergo DBS checks are checked to the appropriate and legally required level.
- We enforce a robust Challenge 25 policy for alcohol sales, with clear signage displayed around the site.
- Any incidents involving minors will be logged and appropriate follow-up action taken, in accordance with our safeguarding procedures.

**Checklist:****Please tick to indicate agreement**

•	I have made or enclosed payment of the fee.	X
•	I have enclosed the plan of the premises.	X
•	I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable.	X
•	I have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be designated premises supervisor, if applicable.	X
•	I understand that I must now advertise my application.	X
• •	I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected. [Applicable to all individual applicants, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership, but not companies or limited liability partnerships] I have included documents demonstrating my entitlement to work in the United Kingdom or my share code issued by the Home Office online right to work checking service (please read note 15).	X

It is an offence, under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, to make a false statement in or in connection with this application. Those who make a false statement may be liable on summary conviction to a fine of any amount.

It is an offence under Section 24b of the Immigration Act 1971 for a person to work when they know, or have reasonable cause to believe, that they are disqualified from doing so by reason of their immigration status. Those who employ an adult without leave or who is subject to conditions as to employment will be liable to a civil penalty under section 15 of the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 and pursuant to Section 21 of the same act, will be committing an offence where they do so in the knowledge, or with reasonable cause to believe, that the employee is disqualified.

**Part 4 – Signatures** (please read guidance note 11)

**Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent** (see guidance note 12). **If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.**

<b>Declaration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[Applicable to individual applicants only, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership] I understand I am not entitled to be issued with a licence if I do not have the entitlement to live and work in the UK (or if I am subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity) and that my licence will become invalid if I cease to be entitled to live and work in the UK (please read guidance note 15).</li> <li>The DPS named in this application form is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or her proof of entitlement to work, or have conducted an online right to work check using the Home Office online right to work checking service which confirmed their right to work (please see note 15)</li> </ul>
Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

**For joint applications, signature of 2<sup>nd</sup> applicant or 2<sup>nd</sup> applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent (please read guidance note 13). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.**

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 14)			
Post town		Postcode	
Telephone number (if any)			
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail, your e-mail address (optional)			