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The Serco Foundation is a charitable trust, working internationally, to enhance public service outcomes for vulnerable citizens.



THE SOLDIERS' ARTS ACADEMY



The Serco Foundation was delighted to provide a grant to the Soldiers' Arts Academy, a remarkable charity supporting forces personnel and veterans. The SAA helps injured servicemen and servicewomen to recover, including from life-changing mental and physical injuries, by participating and training in the arts. The charity runs workshops nationwide, and uses film, theatre, music, poetry and visual art to help individuals develop their skills and return to work.

WHAT WE DID

The Foundation's grant supported a five-week West End production of *Soldier On*, paying wages and associated costs for the veterans involved.

IMPACT

"The sponsorship from the Serco Foundation was absolutely crucial in making the show happen and we were hugely grateful." *Amanda Faber, Director, SAA*

SPOTLIGHT

Cassidy Little lost his right leg in an IED blast in 2011 while on his second tour of Afghanistan as part of 42 Commando. He was in an induced coma for a week and hospitalised for two months. Cassidy returned to his love of the arts and performance as part of his recovery and now works full time as an actor and presenter. Within three months of recovery he was



part of The Bravo 22 Company playing the lead role of Charlie in *The Two Worlds of Charlie F*. In 2015 Cassidy won the first BBC's *Peoples' Strictly* in aid of Comic Relief. He has been working with the SAA since its inception and is an ambassador for the project. His theatre performances include *Soldier On*, *Explosion*, and *The Trial of Jane Fonda*. Television includes *The Alienist*, *Angel of Darkness* (Netflix), *Midsomer Murders* (ITV), *Coronation Street* (ITV), and *Doctors* (BBC). Film work includes *The King's Man* (20th Century Fox), *Doom Annihilation* (Universal 1440 Entertainment), and *Centurion* (Millicent Productions).
