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Exploring Audiences' Theatre Experiences Using Social Media Review Analysis



Ensemble Theatre Cincinnati

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Cincinnati Shakespeare Company

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What people are saying

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By Loura A. Hobson
 Cincy Shakes Provides Top Notch Bard
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"Lave it" Jun 2019 It's a combination of Laugh-In, Monty Python, and Saturday Night Live, and simply hilarious.

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Attracting Audiences from Local to National Geolocations



indicates the average rating scores ranging from low (light blue) to high (dark blue).

Data source: Yelp and Tripadvisor, 2012-2022, domestic audiences, data without valid geolocation information has been removed Ensemble Theatre re-opening on October 9th, 2017; Cincinnati Shakespeare Company grand opening date: September 8, 2017 Cincinnati Shakespeare (Cincyshakes) N=171 (Pre = 49, Post = 122); Ensemble N = 69 (Pre = 57, Post = 12); Total N = 240

Attracting Audiences Outside Cincinnati



Percentage of domestic, non-Cincinnati Audiences

Since moving to the new facility, CSC has attracted more audiences outside the city of Cincinnati as a local attraction, with a significant improvement of 22.5%.

Ensemble has an 8.0% increased non-local audiences since the opening of the renovated facility.

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Social Media Rating Score

Distribution Density



Google Review

Tripadvisor



Social Media Rating Score

Average Score and 5-Star Rating

Google Review

Mean rating scores post the opening of new facility increased by 4.7% for Cincinnati Shakespeare Company and 0.7% for Ensemble Theatre.

The improvement of 5-star rating is 15.5% for Cincinnati Shakespeare Company and 26% for Ensemble Theatre.

Data source: Google Review, a 5-star rating scale. 2012-2022

Ensemble Theatre re-opening on October 9th, 2017; Cincinnati Shakespeare Company grand opening date: September 8, 2017 Cincinnati Shakespeare (Cincyshakes) *N* = 429; Ensemble *N* = 121; Total *N* = 550





Yelp

Mean rating scores post the opening of new facility increased by 0.5% for Cincinnati Shakespeare Company but decreased 0.3% for Ensemble Theatre.

The number of 5-star ratings increased by 2.2% for Cincinnati Shakespeare and increased by 6.7% for Ensemble Theatre.

Data source: Yelp, a 5-score rating scale. 2012-2022

Ensemble Theatre re-opening on October 9th, 2017; Cincinnati Shakespeare Company grand opening date: September 8, 2017 Cincinnati Shakespeare (Cincyshakes) N = 51; Ensemble N = 31; Total N = 82





Tripadvisor

Mean rating scores post the opening of new facility decreased by 2.9% for Cincinnati Shakespeare Company and 0.8% for Ensemble Theatre.

The number of 5-star ratings increased by 6.1% for Cincinnati Shakespeare Company while decreased by 11.9% for Ensemble Theatre.

Data source: Tripadvisor, a 5-star rating scale. 2012-2022

Ensemble Theatre re-opening on October 9th, 2017; Cincinnati Shakespeare Company grand opening date: September 8, 2017 Cincinnati Shakespeare (Cincyshakes) N = 127; Ensemble N = 41; Total N = 168



Thematic Analysis



Positive impression about the new facility and increased comments about architecture design/attributes for Ensemble (16.6%) and Cincyshakes (5.5%) theaters.

Architecture design contributes to a holistic theater experience.

Data source: Google Review, a 5-star rating scale. 2012-2022

Cincinnati Shakespeare (Cincyshakes) Text Comments N = 240; Ensemble Text Comments N = 60

Subthemes and Descriptive Statistics

Ensemble

Theme	Subtheme	Selective Quotes	Frequency
		"Always great plays and great acting, always incredible and I feel the topics, especially the	63.3%
Show		ones that I would not have found interesting if looked into it first, have opened my view of life and the world."	
		"It's the place to go if you're looking for newer edgy shows ."	
	Aesthetics, Design	"The layout of the place is very modern and interesting."	33.3%
	and Spatial Configuration	"The quality of the facility keeps improving, with an expanded lobby and bar area, more commodious restrooms, and an elevator."	
	Bar/Lobby	"In addition to the main bar in the lobby there is a small bar on the balcony level for your convenience during most shows."	5.0%
Architecture Design and	New/Renewal	"The remodeling they've done makes it a much nicer experience." "completely blown away with just how extensive and upscale the renovation turned out."	18.3%
Attributes	Seats	"There is not a bad seat anywhere." " Comfortable seats in the theatre"	13.3%
	Sets and Stage	"The sets that are there are well made and almost feel real ." " Intimate setting is perfect"	3.3%
	Acoustics	"Excellent acoustic."	1.7%
	Atmosphere/ Experience	"Really enjoyed the cozy dimensions of the theater."	6.7%

Subthemes and Descriptive Statistics

Ensemble

Theme	Selective Quotes	Frequency
Staff and Service	"The ticket, valet, and bar staff were wonderful"	15.0%
	"The valet attended was beyond worst The battery was dead because they left the lights on"	
Neighborhood Amenities	"I loved the parking right next to the theater."	5.0%
and Parking	"There is a complete lack of security for your vehicle in the arearecommend using a ride service to	
	access instead of bringing your personal vehicle."	
Events/ Socialization	"We had a fun, family time!"	1.7%
Financial Consideration	"The theater is expensive"	3.3%
Youth or Educational	"Saw "The Legend of Georgia McBride" with my wife as an assignment for her theater class"	1.7%
Programs		
General Comments/	"A must visit for entertainment in Cincinnati!"	25.0%
Recommendation	"First time patron and anticipating to be a long time patron. Highly recommended!"	

*No significant correlation between comment themes and rating scores

Highlighting the above average frequency

Subthemes and Descriptive Statistics

Cincyshakes

Theme	Subtheme	Selective Quotes	Frequency
		"Every production I see here is fantastic, the actors, directors, producers, stage crew, etc	68.8%
Show		are extremely talented"	
	Aesthetics, Spatia	l " Beautiful . Elegant. Modern. These words barely describe how wonderful this place is."	38.3%
	Configuration and	"Beautiful theatre with many Insta spots for taking memorable pictures "	
	Maintenance	"The venue was beautiful and all the details throughout were so special."	
		"The exterior is a bit bland, but it's an intimate, beautiful space on the inside."	
	Bar	There is a very open lobby space with a bar and a great view of the park .	1.7%
Architecture		They have a nice space to mingle before and after the show and during intermission.	
Design and	New/Renewal	"Awesome new theater!"	12.9%
Attributes		"This new venue is absolutely gorgeous! An updated building with surprising details and little	
		touches all over makes the time in between shows spent in the lobby a real pleasure."	
	Seats	The new theatre is intimate with a thrust stage and comfortable seats.	24.6%
		Every seat in the theater is so close to the stage. The seats were comfortable and there is	
		even enough leg room that my 6'2" husband was happy.	
	Sets and Stage	The set design and lighting was excellent to compliment the piece.	3.8%
	Acoustics	The acoustics are excellent.	1.7%
	Atmosphere	"This was a competitive experience with any wow I've seen in New York or London"	16.7%
	·	"The theater is incredibly intimate . It was an all-around great experience."	

Subthemes and Descriptive Statistics

Cincyshakes

Theme	Selective Quotes	Frequency
Service	Great service and drinks! You can even pre-order your intermission drinks and they will have it	11.3%
	ready for you!	
	The free lemon water. The amenities offered in the bathrooms.	
Neighborhood Amenities	A great evening out in Cincinnati and a wonderful addition to the neighborhood !	7.1%
	Prepay for valet parking.	
Events/ Socialization	We have had some very fun evenings going to dinner in OTR and a play with friends.	3.3%
	Great for a girl's night out or date night!	
Financial Consideration	Their student tickets are really inexpensive, and if you subscribe (or early renew) your subscription	3.8%
	(which is the most flexible subscription model in town), it's especially affordable.	
Youth or Educational	I've also been a part of the Groundlings program for youth actors and taken their summer camps	1.7%
Programs	and participated in the Project 38 showcase for many years. Their acting teachers are amazing.	
General Expression/	CSC is one of the brightest spots in the Cincinnati arts scene!	43.8%
Recommendation	First time at this theater but won't be the last!	

*No significant correlation between comment themes and rating scores

Highlighting the above average frequency

Data source: Google Review, a 5-star rating scale. 2012-2022

Cincinnati Shakespeare (Cincyshakes) Text Comments N = 240 (Pre = 20, Post = 220); Ensemble Text Comments N = 60 (Pre = 12, Post = 48)

Architecture Design and Attributes Word Clouds



Topmost word frequency

Frequency	Word (Pre)	Frequency	Word (Post)
4	great	11	theater
4	theater	8	great
		7	lobby
		6	place
		6	just
		6	seat
		4	bar
		4	set
		4	renovation
		3	beautiful
		3	space

Ensemble (Post)

Architecture Design and Attributes Word Clouds



Topmost word frequency

Frequency	Word (Pre)	Frequency	Word (Post)
4	theater	76	theater
4	intimate	61	seat
4	set	36	great
4	new	33	intimate
3	wonderful	31	new
		30	beautiful
		29	venue
		21	no bad
		16	space
		15	set
		15	comfortable

Cincyshakes (Post)



Yelp Thematic Analysis



Data source: Yelp, a 5-score rating scale. 2012-2022 Cincinnati Shakespeare (Cincyshakes) N= 127, Ensemble N= 41; Total N= 168

Subthemes and Descriptive Statistics

Cincyshakes

Theme	Subtheme	Selective Quotes	Frequency
		"The show was a crowd pleaser from the part one being more fun and lighthearted while the	91.3%
Show		second half had more emotion behind it to pull at your heart strings."	
	Aesthetics, Design	"The theater itself is beautiful, a good marriage of concrete and wood. The concrete has a pattern	56.9%
	and Spatial	of wood structure engraved in it, I really liked it, it looks very invitin g and cozy ."	
	Configuration	"I also thought the design of the building was really pleasing to look at. Also, the Hamlet pig is	
		amazing." "An updated building with surprising details and little touches all over makes the time	
		in between shows spent in the lobby a real pleasure." "There was art work throughout."	
Architecture	Bar/Lobby	"The lobby is so spacious and the large glass windows offer a perfect view of the park ."	31.9%
Design and		"The bar was so elegant and properly staffed." "The lobby area is very open and airy , allowing you	
Attributes		to mingle a bit before the show and of course take beautiful pictures."	
	New/Renewal	"We were impressed with how nice this new venue is."	20.7%
	Seats	"There isn't a bad seat in there because everyone is so close. The seats were comfortable for the 2	57.8%
		hour show. There are cup holders in the back of the seats in front of you."	
	Sets and Stage	"The sets were creative and surprising."	30.2%
		"Very well staged and it was very involving as far as audience participation goes with plays.	
	Acoustics	"With no use of mics, you could still hear everything in the room."	9.5%
		"Also, if you are under 80 and don't have significant hearing loss, I recommend you bring ear	
		plugs/a hat/ earmuffs to protect yourself from the painfully loud sound effects, especially in the	
		last 20 minutes of the show."	
	Atmosphere/	"The theater itself is small and intimate which makes it feel more as if you are sitting in your living	63.8%
	Experience	room with a group of friends."	
		"The theater is a breath of fresh air."	

Subthemes and Descriptive Statistics

Cincyshakes

Theme	Selective Quotes	Frequency
Staff and Service	"From the moment I walked thru the door I was greeted with a big smile and politeness by everyone working in there."	29.3%
Neighborhood Amenities and Parking	"Overall, I think it's awesome to have another fine arts venue in Cincinnati. The location is great." "Parking isn't bad- multiple parking lots around and several metered parking options available."	24.4%
Events/ Socialization	"All in all it makes for a unique and engaging experience or a great date night out . "	7.3%
Financial Consideration	"They offer discount tickets for students for about \$30." "And to top it all off, the ticket prices are totally reasonable ."	9.4%
General Comments/ Recommendation	"I highly recommend attending a show here whenever possible!" "5 Stars all the way!!! There are many great plays scheduled in the future. Pick one. Get your tickets and go."	63.8%

Highlighting the above average frequency

Data source: Yelp Review, a 5-star rating scale. 2012-2022 Cincinnati Shakespeare (Cincyshakes) Text Comments *N* = 127 (*Pre* = 17, *Post* = 110) No thematic analysis for Ensemble Theatre because of limited post-design comments (N = 6)

Architecture Design and Attributes Word Clouds



Topmost word frequency

Frequency	Word (Pre)	Frequency	Word (Post)
10	theater	119	theater
6	seats	102	seat
4	intimate	45	stage
4	small		
		40	intimate
		34	bar
		30	great
		30	new
		30	lobby
		29	show
		25	beautiful
		22	set
		20	Venue
		20	feel
		19	space
		18	close

Cincyshakes (Post)

(Pre-Cincyshakes)

"Incredibly cramp though so be warned..."

"...Their former space had so many quirks (the actors had to run outside to enter the theater from the back), that they deserved a well-designed space."

"The current theatre space is kind of limiting which makes the quality of the productions that much more impressive."

(Post-Cincyshakes)

"Absolutely love this place... I laughed, I shuttered, I cried... and left emotionally drained."

"The new space is so well designed FOR people. They really thought about the experience. It felt very comfortable to walk in and get a drink."

"It was a very intimate setting where you almost feel a part of the show."

Design Features Highlight







NEW THEATER
Distance to Stage: ≤20 Ft.
Capacity: 250 People

PREVIOUS THEATER • Distance to Stage: ≤45 Ft. • Capacity: 165 People



Design Features Highlight





Google Review Negative-Neutral Sentiment

Cincyshakes and Ensemble

Negative (1-3 Star Rating)	Theater	Example Quote	
Staff/Service	Cincyshakes	"The play itself was petty good but the service was awful. The employees were very rude to me and my fellow ateendees. I was very disappointed."	
Show/Play	Ensemble	"The actors are first rate. Currently playing A Doll's House Part 2 which is the worst play we've ever seenSpend your \$110 on something else."	273 [91.0%] 27 [9.0%] 27 [7.7
Neighborhood Safety	Cincyshakes	"Very nice facility and the performances are well done. However, there is a complete lack of security for your vehicle in the area. Multiple nextdoor were broken into and one was stolen. Recommend using a ride service to access instead of bringing your personal vehicle."	PositiveNeutralNegative
Financial Consideration	Ensemble	"The theater itself is expensive but very nice"	

Google Review Negative-Neutral Sentiment

Cincyshakes and Ensemble

Neutral (4 Star Rating)	Theater	Example Quote	Count (%)
Natural Critics	Cincyshakes Ensemble	"I have seen several shows here. All of them have been very good. The cast does a great job. It is a nice little Theatre. I am looking forward to going to their new location next year."	17 (5.7%)
Architecture and Space	Cincyshakes	"Nice place, incredibly cramp though so be warned." (Pre) "Nice theater but need to be taller to see well from balcony seats ." (Post)	4 (1.3%)
	Ensemble	"arrive early as it gets crowded quickly in the lobby." (Pre)	_
Staff/Service	Cincyshakes	"Upgrade your snacks" "They ran out of some drinks they kept advertising, and some people didn't get through the line in time."	2 (1%)

Data source: Google Review, a 5-star rating scale. 2012-2022 Cincinnati Shakespeare (Cincyshakes) Text Comments N = 240; Ensemble Text Comments N = 60; Total = 300

Yelp Review Negative-Neutral Sentiment

Cincyshakes and Ensemble





Natural Critics

Show

Seat

Bar/Lobby

- Other Interiors
- Service
- Financial
- Acoustics

Other

Design Improvements

Cincyshakes – Balcony Seats

"Some balcony seats have visual issues..."

"Need to be taller to see well from balcony seats"

"Make sure you get your tickets early enough to avoid siting in the balcony/second level. The idea was good, the design was executed poorly. Even if you do 'lean on the rails' as suggested, you'll spend a lot of time being uncomfortable; if you sit in a normal position, you'll spend the whole play craning your neck to see between the light fixtures and gear."

"I would suggest the right or left side instead of the front and center seats as I had to lean up and see the front of the stage where I'm short...."

"The balcony seats are frankly a big disappointment. This is mostly due to the railing which obstructs one's view unless seated in what I can only describe as elbows on knees leaning forward like a concerned parent pose."



Design Improvements

Cincyshakes – Restroom Configuration

"My biggest complaint is the bathroom to be honest. The women's restroom is down a longish hall, tucked away. So first, a little hard to find. Second, the men's restroom is first and then you have to keep walking for the women's. I was in heels. Women wear more uncomfortable shoes than men sometimes. Do not make us walk down the long hall and turn a corner."

"Naturally there was a line and people could be heard talking about the patriarchy and how it affects women's restrooms. That's not great that bathrooms are associated with gender inequality. You go to a show and your forced to wait at the restroom."





Tripadvisor Sentiment Analysis



"...But the play - Alice in Wonderland was highly disappointing."

"The transition between pre-covid and posthas been detrimental and hilarious. Directors, choreographers, lighting... everything has slipped into amateur hour."

Data source: Tripadvisor Review, a 5-star rating scale. 2012-2022

Cincinnati Shakespeare (Cincyshakes) Text Comments N = 51 (Pre = 36, Post = 15); Ensemble Text Comments N = 31 (Pre = 24, Post = 7); Total = 82

(Cincyshak**es** Post-)

"I will go again and again to the shows at Cincy Shakes. Amazingly talented performers, very comfortable seating and not a bad view in the house. Wine and refreshments served at intermission. Big thumbs up!"

(Ensemble Post-)

"The Ensemble Theater remodeling is stunning. The lobby/bar is roomy and user-friendly. Seating is a little tight and the climb to upper seats is steep, but you feel you are right on the stage. The play, about 1930s singer Ethel Waters was superb. I remember Ethel Waters and this performer sounds just like her."



★★★★ 11/15/2018 · Previous review

Just got home from seeing Twelfth Night, my first experience with CSC, and an excellent experience, I must say. The theater it cute and comfortable (although a little more leg room would have been... Read more

4/6/2022

🙆 9 photos

What a fun time at the call Cincinnati Shakespeare Company. Tonight I saw Comedy of Errors which was my first Shakespeare play. The theater is a welcoming and positive environment. The staff is very friendly and the theater is very clean. The production was excellent. The cast and crew put on an amazing show unlike anything I expected. I would highly recommend anyone to go see the comedy of errors put on by the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company while it is running. Now that I've dip my toe in Shakespeare theater I am sure to return. Go check out this amazing theater company and decide for yourself.



See all photos from Steve L. for Cincinnati Shakespeare Company





13%

12%

Ensemble Image Themes

- 1. Architectural Pre-Renovation
- 2. Architectural Post-Renovation
- 3. Selfie or People Photo
- 4. Stage and Set
- 5. Actor and Show
- 6. Poster or Banner
- 7. Tickets or Broucher
- 8. Other

Cincyshakes Image Themes

- 1. Design Related Post-Renovation
- 2. Stage, Set, and Seat
- 3. Tichets or Broucher
- 4. Other

62%

Data source: Yelp Review Images, a 5-star rating scale. 2012-2022

Cincinnati Shakespeare (Cincyshakes) Imagery Comments N = 408; Ensemble Imagery Comments N = 95; Total = 503

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Bar and Related Stage Set and Seat Projection, Lighiting, and Decor Tickets or Brochure Box Office and Poster Backdrop in Lobby Lobby at Large Hamlet the Pig Entrance Exterior Art Gallery and Mural Other Bathroom and Details Photo Attraction near Box Office Entrance Interior and Windowside Building from a Distance Stairs and Quotes Window Mural and Exterior Sign Concret Seat and Red Cusion Art and White Sofa

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94.6% (N = 227) Yelp review photos were taken from 1st Floor

Data source: Yelp Review Images, a 5-star rating scale. 2012-2022

Cincinnati Shakespeare (Cincyshakes) Imagery Location Data N = 240, excluding photos of the stage and seat, featuring details or with unidentifiable location



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PERSONA

Who Left Review Comments?

Persona





- First-time patron looking for a unique attraction in town
- Appreciates the immersive experience
- Get "wowed" and turn to a seasonal pass holder
- Attracted by the edgy shows in Ensemble Theatre

- Familiar with the classic Shakespeare's and have seen the same play multiple times from different venues
- Paying close attentions to storylines and fine details about the production



- Loyal subscriber
- Watching live plays and shows as a hobby
- High familiarity with the space

Who Left Review Comments?

Persona





- Dressed up for a date night
- Romantic atmosphere and intimacy
- Supportive details, drink and snack
- Moments for memories

- Arrive early, order a drink and snack
- Opportunities for socialization
- Casual, friendly, and a holistic experience



- Age-appropriate show
- Keep young children entertained and well cared
- Holiday decorations

Who Left Review Comments?

Different Social Media Platforms

The culture varies at different social media platforms.

Yelp focuses on long-form reviews rather than short one-liners, promoting in-depth, thorough review.

• Yelp reviewer (25551 words/186 reviewers = 137.4 words)

Google is place-based and usually accessed via mobile devices with shorter review.

• Google reviewer (7257 words/550 reviewers = 13.2 words)

Reviewers frequently used the Aronoff Center for the Arts in comparison

