

SRI MATHA SHRUTHI LAYA KSHETHRRAM

England & Wales - Charity number 1039491

Details

Other names	INSTITUTE OF FINE ARTS, INSTITUTE OF FINE ARTS (SHRUTHI LAYA SHANGHAM)
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2012-01-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC DANCE DRAMA AND ART

Activities: Aims and Objectives: To create an awareness of Indian classical music in the UK. To promote Indian classical music & fusion among the other ethnic groups, which will help create a better understanding between different ethnicities. To provide an outlet for youngsters with creative talents, thus building their self-confidence and broadening their scope of interest. Provide a safe space for inter-a

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED - IN PRACTICE, GREATER LONDON
- Essex
- Hampshire
- Southampton City
- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	-	-	-	-
2024-07-31	-	-	-	-
2023-07-31	-	-	-	-
2022-07-31	£57,271	£59,683	-	-
2021-07-31	£42,089	£49,875	-	-
2020-07-31	£7,550	£28,019	-	-
2019-07-31	£17,144	£21,932	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rathiya Karthikeyan		2022-01-05
SUARNATHASH SAMARAKKODY		2022-01-05
VINAYK BHARRATHANN		2022-01-05

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Accounts

Sri Matha Shruthi Laya Kshethram

(Institute of Fine Arts)

Trustees' Narrative Impact Report

Financial Year: 1st August 2021 – 31st July 2022

Registered Address: 1st Floor, 25 High Street, Below Bar, Southampton, SO14 2DF

Date: 29th August 2025

1. Introduction

Sri Matha Shruthi Laya Kshethram (Institute of Fine Arts) is a registered charity dedicated to the preservation, promotion, and education of Indian classical music, dance, and Dharmic cultural traditions. Our mission is to nurture the next generation of artists, provide spiritual and cultural enrichment to the community, and serve as a centre for learning, practice, and celebration of our Vedic heritage.

2. Impact of COVID-19 on Our Activities

The COVID-19 pandemic created unprecedented challenges for our charity, as it did for many community-based organisations. Lockdowns and restrictions significantly disrupted our ability to host live performances, cultural events, and classroom-based training for our students. Our fundraising capacity was also severely impacted during this period, and we faced financial strain to sustain operational costs while continuing to support our learners, artists, and bereaved families.

3. Unique Location & Cultural Advantage

One of the unique strengths of our charity is the temple's location, situated just a five-minute walk from Southampton Sea Beach. This proximity has offered a rare cultural and spiritual advantage for the Hindu community, as it allows the immersion of ashes in accordance with traditional Vedic rites to be performed easily and satisfactorily. Families from Hampshire and other nearby counties have increasingly chosen our temple for these sacred rituals, recognising it as a trusted centre for spiritual support.

4. Integration of Students in Bhajans & Vedic Practices

During the financial year, our classical music students had the opportunity to actively participate in supporting bereaved families. They led devotional bhajans and prayers during rituals, which provided immense comfort to grieving families. For the students, this was a unique learning experience — enabling them to explore Vedic cultural practices beyond their formal training in music and percussion. This holistic exposure helped them understand the deeper spiritual dimensions of their art while serving the community.

5. Broader Community Impact

The temple has grown to become a cultural, educational, and spiritual anchor for the South Indian and wider Hindu community. Our activities blend music, ritual, and service, creating a meaningful environment where students, families, and devotees come together. By offering both artistic education and community services, we have strengthened connections between generations and preserved the integrity of Vedic traditions.

6. Looking Ahead

Looking forward, we aim to expand our support services for bereaved families, while offering more opportunities for our students to integrate their classical training with devotional practices and community service. We plan to organise more cultural programmes, collaborative workshops, and inclusive events that celebrate our Dharmic heritage while reaching wider audiences in Hampshire and surrounding regions.

7. Trustees' Closing Statement

The trustees acknowledge the significant challenges faced during the year but are proud of the resilience and growth demonstrated by the charity. Our unique location, community trust, and integration of arts, culture, and spirituality have positioned Sri Matha Shruthi Laya Kshethrram as a beacon for cultural preservation and community service. We remain committed to supporting our learners, serving bereaved families, and nurturing the values of compassion, education, and spiritual enrichment.

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2. Analysis of Income

Income Source	Amount (£)
Public Donations	6,216.00
Southampton City Council Grant	18,900.00
Lewisham Council Grant	8,000.00
Southampton City Council Small Grant	3,176.00
Other Small Grants	1,425.00
Contributions from Relatives & Bereaved Families	19,554.00
Total Income	57,271.00

3. Analysis of Expenditure

Expenditure Category	Amount (£)
Professional Fees (Solicitors & Artists)	9,281.00
Learners' Video Compensation	7,515.34
Workshops & Instruments	1,222.00

Accounting & Other Costs	793.00
Printing & Stationery	2,100.00
Rent	19,200.00
Refreshments	6,874.00
Utilities	4,500.00
Travel	3,900.00
Salaries & Wages	1,200.00
Web Development	384.00
Other Costs	2,814.00
Total Expenditure	59,683.34

4. Grants Received

Grant Provider	Purpose	Amount (£)
Southampton City Council	Cultural/Arts Programme Support	18,900.00
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5. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions involving trustees, key management personnel, or their close family members during the financial year.

6. Fixed Assets

Asset	Opening Balance (£)	Additions (£)	Closing Balance (£)
Furniture &	16,522.00	0.00	16,522.00

Equipment

7. Funds

All funds held by the charity during the financial year were unrestricted and used to further the charity's objectives. There were no restricted grants or reserves carried forward.

8. Going Concern Statement

The trustees confirm that the charity has adequate resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future. Although the charity incurred a small net deficit of £2,412.34, ongoing grants and community support ensure sustainable operations.

9. COVID-19 Impact Note

The COVID-19 pandemic presented significant challenges to the charity. Event cancellations, limited community gatherings, and reduced fundraising opportunities impacted operations and income. To adapt, we provided virtual learning for students, continued supporting bereaved families remotely, and carefully managed resources to minimise financial strain.

To whom so ever:

I Rathiya Karthikeyan gone through all the below documents and I approve all of the below reports and documents:

- Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements (SOFA and Balance Sheet)
- Notes to the Accounts (SORP-aligned)
- Independent Examiner's Report – template for completion
- Trustees' Narrative Impact Report and Executive

Mrs. Rathiya Karthikeyan

Trustee

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29/08/2025

Sri Matha Shruthi Laya Kshethrram (Institute of Fine Arts)

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Complete Charity Commission Reporting Pack

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1. Trustees' Annual Report

Sri Matha Shruthi Laya Kshethram (Institute of Fine Arts) is a registered UK charity dedicated to the preservation, promotion, and teaching of Indian classical performing arts. Our aim is to inspire, educate, and empower young people and adults alike through the richness of Dharmic cultural traditions. We operate as both a temple and an Institute of Fine Arts, serving the South Indian and wider Hindu community, while also promoting inclusivity by welcoming students and families from diverse cultural and social backgrounds.

Commitment to Youth Empowerment

A core focus of the charity is providing opportunities for children and young adults from all backgrounds to engage in high-quality training in classical music, percussion, and devotional arts. Our inclusive approach ensures that students — regardless of faith, ethnicity, or economic status — have access to the beauty of Indian classical traditions while also gaining exposure to Vedic cultural practices.

2. Trustees' Narrative Impact Report

2.1. Impact of COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic created unprecedented challenges for our charity. Lockdowns and restrictions disrupted live performances, classroom-based training, and community rituals. Families faced emotional and financial stress, and our charity's income reduced due to fewer in-person events. Despite these hardships, the trustees and volunteers worked tirelessly to adapt to changing conditions, supporting students through virtual learning and bereaved families through remote prayer services and guidance.

2.2. Unique Location & Cultural Advantage

Located just a five-minute walk from Southampton Sea Beach, our temple offers a unique and rare cultural benefit. Hindu families seeking to perform ashes immersion rituals (as part of sacred Vedic rites) are able to do so conveniently and respectfully. This spiritual advantage has attracted families not only from Southampton but also from Hampshire and nearby counties, positioning our charity as a regional hub for sacred traditions and bereavement support.

2.3. Youth Engagement & Learning Opportunities

During this year, our classical music students were offered the unique opportunity to lead devotional bhajans during bereavement ceremonies. By supporting families through prayers, our students developed confidence and gained invaluable experience in understanding different aspects of Vedic culture. This learning extended beyond the technical mastery of music and percussion — it helped shape their spiritual awareness, empathy, and community service values.

2.4. Community & Inclusivity

Our temple has evolved into a cultural, educational, and spiritual anchor for families across Hampshire and surrounding counties. We are proud to welcome learners from all social, cultural, and religious backgrounds. This inclusivity strengthens cross-community ties and creates an enriching space where students gain exposure to diverse practices within the Dharmic tradition, while also sharing their artistry with the broader community.

3. Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)

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4. Balance Sheet

Assets	Amount (£)
Fixed Assets (Furniture & Equipment)	16,522.00
Cash at Bank	4,356.03
Total Assets	20,878.03

Liabilities	Amount (£)
Total Liabilities	51,585.45

Net Assets (Deficit): -£2,412.34

5. Independent Examiner's Report

As the charity's income exceeded £25,000, an independent examination of the accounts is required under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. The appointed examiner's statement will be included here.

Name of Examiner: _____

Professional Qualification: _____

Date: _____

6. Trustees' Approval & Signature Page

The trustees approve these financial statements and confirm that they comply with statutory requirements.

Trustee Name

Signature

Date

29/08/2025

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Executive Summary • Financial Year: 1st August 2021 – 31st July 2022 Registered Address: 1st Floor, 25 High Street, Below Bar, Southampton, SO14 2DF Tagline: Preserving Heritage • Empowering Youth • Serving Communities	Charity commission the UK
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1. About the Charity

Sri Matha Shruthi Laya Kshethrram (Institute of Fine Arts) is a registered charity committed to preserving, promoting, and teaching Indian classical music, percussion, and Dharmic cultural traditions. We provide inclusive, high-quality training and serve as a spiritual and educational hub for the South Indian and wider Hindu community, while welcoming learners from all cultural, social, and religious backgrounds.

2. Our Impact in 2021–2022

- Nurtured over 35 students in Indian classical music, percussion, and Vedic arts.
- Conducted 8 cultural programmes blending classical traditions with contemporary creativity.
- Supported bereaved families through devotional bhajans and rituals.
- Promoted inclusivity, ensuring equal opportunities for students from all backgrounds.

3. Our Unique Advantage

Our temple is located just a five-minute walk from Southampton Sea Beach, a unique cultural advantage that allows Hindu families to perform ashes immersion ceremonies respectfully and conveniently, in full alignment with Vedic customs. Families from Hampshire and surrounding counties increasingly choose our temple for these sacred rites.

Additionally, our classical music students had the honour of leading devotional bhajans during bereavement ceremonies, offering them rare exposure to spiritual traditions beyond technical music training.

4. Financial Overview (2021–2022)

Financial Snapshot	Amount (£)
Total Income	57,271.00
Total Expenditure	59,683.34
Net Deficit	-2,412.34
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Despite financial challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we successfully sustained our educational and community services.

5. Our Focus on Youth

At the heart of our mission is a commitment to empowering young people. We provide inclusive opportunities for students from all cultural, social, and economic backgrounds to learn classical music and percussion, while also gaining exposure to devotional practices, Vedic traditions, and the richness of Dharmic culture. These experiences help students develop not just artistic excellence but also confidence, empathy, and leadership skills.

6. Looking Ahead

- Expand cultural and educational programmes across Hampshire and nearby counties.
- Strengthen youth engagement by combining classical arts training with practical community involvement.
- Increase support services for bereaved families and spiritual seekers.
- Continue fostering a holistic approach that integrates arts, education, and spirituality.

7. Contact Details

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