

THE RIPON OPERATIC SUMMER SCHOOL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS & TRUSTEES - Year Ending 31st December 2024

Reference & Administrative Details

COMPANY REGISTERED NUMBER: 3447358

CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER: 1065859

The charity's registered name is The Ripon Operatic Summer School. It is widely known as and referred to as ROSS or the ROSS Summer School

The registered office address is Walton, Quickley Rise, RICKMANSWORTH Herts WD3 5PE

The Directors & Trustees who served during the year were:

B Raven

J Sheppard (Resigned 31st August 2024)

N Scott

R Wicks

N Thompson (Appointed 10th October 2024)

D Hargreaves

Structure, Governance and Management

The Ripon Operatic Summer School is a Company Limited by Guarantee and not having share capital. The company has Articles of Association, and the Trustees retire by rotation and are appointed or reappointed at any general meeting.

One of the key decisions of the Trustees is to appoint a management team largely of volunteers to run the performance-focussed summer school for adults. The school provides a concentrated, immersive week of musical theatre during which participants learn and improve performance skills in a supportive, fun environment. The role of the management team is to deliver an effective learning environment which enables both experienced and novice performers to thrive and improve all aspects of their staging and performance craft.

Objectives and Activities

The principal activity of the company and charity is organising an annual operatic summer school. To further the education and enjoyment of theatre and the arts for adults. The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The educational summer school is open to anyone over the age of 18 with an interest in theatre performance. The course is structured to provide significant support and engender confidence as the participants improve their understanding of producing a theatrical performance and developing performance skills. There are also significant benefits to physical and mental well-being, and the participants are inspired to use their learning and improved confidence when returning to their lives at the end of the course.

In order to encourage the widest take-up, the trustees offer financial support to attendees, providing bursaries for those in education and to new attendees.

Achievements and Performance

Since 2014 the Summer School has held the one week residential school at the University of Lancaster. In 2024 the school returned to running three parallel classes using the available rehearsal space in Lancaster University's Welcome Centre. The management team managed costs extremely effectively and the school was delivered to a good standard and received positive reviews from the attendees.

Financial Review

The year ending 31st December 2024 returned a profit largely because of tight management of the external costs, generous donations, gift aid and deposit account interest. The Trustees have been building the reserves to cover the external costs of one year to ensure costs can be covered in the event of an unexpected cancellation as, for example, occurred with the COVID pandemic.


Significant donations were made during the year including from a Trust and individual donors, including some who attended the course and were prepared to make a much appreciated additional contribution.

The course has been successfully run again in 2025 at Lancaster University, and the Trustees are confident that the charity is an ongoing concern. The Ripon Operatic Summer School's net assets in cash and in the bank held at the end of the 2024 financial year are £44,839. Some of the cash at the bank is held in a fixed term deposit account. There are no other assets.

The report of the directors has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies exemption of section 415A of the Companies Act 2006

Joanna Bell of JS Accountancy Services (ICAEW Chartered Accountant) has conducted an independent examination of the accounts and has provided a report for the period. The trustees declare have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors



Nicola J Scott
Director
Date 23/09/25

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31-Dec-24

**THE RIPON OPERATIC SUMMER SCHOOL
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS & TRUSTEES**

The Directors have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report together with the Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2024

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Principal Activity

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Achievements and Performance

Since 2014 the Summer School has held the one week residential school at the University of Lancaster. Having been hit hard by the global pandemic the school ran successfully in 2024 - almost returning to pre-pandemic attendance numbers.

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By Order of the Board



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Director

Date 23/9/25

Balance Sheet for the Ripon Operatic Summer School
as at 31st December, 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets		
Fixed Assets	0	0
Current Assets		
Debtors	0	0
Bank & Cash	52,702	45,339
Total Current Assets	<u>52,702</u>	<u>45,339</u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors due within One Year	(7,817)	(2,710)
Accruals	(47)	(13)
Deferred Income		
Total Current Liabilities	<u>(7,864)</u>	<u>(2,723)</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>44,839</u>	<u>42,616</u>
Balance Made up by:		
Accumulated funds	42,616	38,733
Surplus for year	2,223	3,883
Total Balance	<u>44,839</u>	<u>42,616</u>

The Ripon Operatic Summer School
Income Statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Revenue	43,759	42,260
Donations to Charity	4,497	4,501
Total Revenue	48,256	46,760
Cost of Sales	41,864	38,190
Gross Margin	6,392	8,570
Administrative Expenses	5,831	4,843
EBITDA	562	3,727
Interest Receivable	1,661	156
PROFIT/ (LOSS)	2,223	3,883



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the
trustees/directors/
members of

Charity Name
THE RIPON OPERATIC SUMMER SCHOOL

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER

2024

Charity no.:

1065859

Company no.:

03447358

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 DECEMBER 2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The company's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Ben

23/9/25

JOANNA BELL, JS ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES

ICAEW Chartered Accountant

S3 Catherine Street
Gatehouse of Fleet, Dumfries & Galloway
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Disclosure

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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