



Bournemouth Bach Choir

Trustee Report

August 2021 to July 2022

Summary

The choir enjoyed a very full season and were delighted to be back to singing the wonderful choral music we love. Covid probably affected audience numbers and the choir recorded a loss of £4,237. However much of this was for an extra concert postponed from the previous season. Reserves totalled £19,138 at 31st July 22.

Concerts

Gloria! The season kicked off in Wimborne in September 21 with the postponed performance of Handel's Coronation Anthems, Hadyn's Nelson Mass and the uplifting Vivaldi Gloria. It was well received by an enthusiastic audience grateful to be attending a live music event.

Having missed Beethoven's 250th anniversary, the concert was relabelled Beethoven 251 and Christchurch was treated to the wonderful Mass in C and Cristin Sandrin playing the Emperor Piano Concerto. The concert benefited from a grant previously given from Choral Ficus and a generous donation from the Allen Family.

The choir returned to Wimborne in Christmas week for The Messiah. With a new Covid variant, Omicron, starting to bite the numbers were restricted. Nevertheless it was a wonderful performance enjoyed by all.

Christchurch Priory was the venue for an evening of Mozart and Bach. Mozart's Vespers and Bach's Missa in A major were complimented by a sublime and memorable performance of Bach's Brandenburg Concerto Number 4 by soloists from the orchestra.

The season culminated in Romsey Abbey with a performance of Bach's masterpiece Mass in B Minor. A glorious end to the season in a wonderful setting. Our thanks to Choral Ficus for their much valued support.

Fund Raising and other activity

Choral concerts are expensive to promote and ticket prices do not cover the full cost. The fund-raising activities of the choir plug this gap raising the extra money needed to subsidise concerts. Funds raised in the season included:

- Grants from The Foresters, Choral Ficus and Tappers Funeral Services
- Donations from Friends, choir members and audiences
- Gift Aid rebate from HMRC
- Monies raised through sale of refreshments, garden plants, providing singers for weddings
- Fund raising events - a Cake sale and Cream team afternoon
- Interest on investments

Our thanks to everyone supporting us, every pound makes such a difference.

Financial Position and Outlook

Significant increases in costs are a concern for next season. The subscription fees for members will be increased. Fund raising and publicity to attract larger audiences will be important to ensure we do not call too much on our reserves in subsidising concerts.

Our policy is to hold sufficient reserves to fund all non-concert costs for one season plus the costs for one medium size concert. This is about £14,500. Reserves at the end of the 2022 season were £19,138, sufficient to comply with our policy.

Trustees

Carolyn Butterworth
Jenny Way

David Way
Nigel Spratt

Derek Warner

Jane Aspinall

Janet Spratt

BOURNEMOUTH BACH CHOIR Year Ending 31 July 22

Registered Charity No 1067743

INCOME & EXPENDITURE**2022****2021****INCOME**

Subscription Payments	£ 6,857.00	£ 4,996.00	
Gift Aid Rebate from HMRC	£ 2,085.89	£ 1,468.57	
Income from Donations	£ 3,985.00	£ 2,687.00	
Fund Raising Income	£ 1,082.86	£ 129.65	
Other (overstated accruals)	£ 233.34	£ 51.58	
Appreciation and Interest	£ 5.89	£ 630.77	
Concert Income	£ 18,335.68	£ 0.00	
	£ 32,585.66		£ 9,963.57

EXPENDITURE

Rehearsal Costs	£ (5,388.75)	£ (4,188.88)	
Making Music (Insurance)	£ (622.00)	£ (613.00)	
Publicity and web site	£ (231.11)	£ (158.39)	
Other Expenses	£ (366.00)	£ (971.54)	
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Concert Expenses	£ (30,055.37)	£ 0.00	£ (1,742.93)

Results for individual Concerts:

Gloria!	£ (3,064.31)		
Beethoven 251	£ (1,987.90)		
Messiah	£ (616.05)		
Mozart Vespers	£ (3,636.41)		
Romsey B Minor	£ (2,415.02)		
Total SUBSIDY	£ (11,719.69)	£ (36,668.23)	£ 0.00
			£ (5,931.81)

Excess of Income Over Expenditure**£ (4,082.57)****£ 4,031.76****BALANCE SHEET at 31 July****2022****2021****ASSETS**

Debtors (amount owed to us)	£ 2,854.13	£ 0.00	
Value of Investments	£ 6,924.00	£ 6,918.11	
Cash at hand and in Bank	£ 11,201.70	£ 19,624.01	
	£ 20,979.83		£ 26,542.12

LIABILITIES

Creditors (Invoices awaited/Uncleared cheques)	£ (1,686.91)	£ (1,166.63)	
Deferred Income (Grants)		£ (2,000.00)	

TOTAL NET ASSETS**£ 19,292.92****£ 23,375.49**

Balance at previous 1st August:

£ 23,375.49**£ 19,343.73**

(Deficit)/Surplus for Year:

£ (4,082.57)**£ 4,031.76****£ 19,292.92****£ 23,375.49**

Treasurer:

Jane Aspinall



Date:

15-1-23

I have examined the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st July 2022 and the Balance Sheet as at that date, without carrying out an audit, and have found them to be in accordance with the books and records supplied to me.

Inspector:

Olga Crist



Date:

15-1-23