



Bournemouth Bach Choir

Trustee Report

August 2022 to July 2023

Summary

The choir enjoyed another fantastic year of making music with many special moments to savour. Although two concerts had disappointing audiences with some excellent fund-raising we managed to end the season with a profit of £1887.

Concerts

Brahms Requiem Wimborne - the audience enjoyed a lovely performance with piano duet. The programme included Brahms Geistliches Lied and Mendelssohn's Hear My Prayer.

Messiah - we returned to the Priory for our first Messiah there since 2019. It was another special evening shared with an audience of over 340 people.

Handel Israel in Egypt - this was last sung by the choir in the 1990s and extra rehearsal time was set aside to ensure a solid performance. Our efforts were rewarded by a thrilling evening with excellent soloists and orchestra.

Mozart Coronation Mass - a popular programme was appreciated by an audience primed by the coronation of King Charles III and keen to hear Zadok the Priest. Mozart's "Ave Verum" sang from memory was very moving. Rehearsing the challenging Bach Motet "Singer dem Herm" kept us on our toes for the whole term. The result was a splendid performance on the night as a double choir with strings and organ.

People

The choir was much saddened by the death of long standing choir member and music ambassador Jim Green. Jim was much loved, as was shown by the large contingent of choir members contributing so beautifully at his funeral.

At the end of term we were sorry to say farewell to three long term choir members. Having been with the choir almost from the start Mel was renowned for getting the choir mentioned on Radio 3 and her photographic memory was envied by many of us struggling to follow our scores. We also wish Clare and Lorna who had been with us for over ten years, the very best in their new locations.

Fundraising and other activity

Fund raising plugs the gap between the cost of Choral concerts and income raised from ticket prices. The total subsidy needed for this season was nearly £7000.

- Concerns about eligibility of Friends subscriptions for Gift Aid resulted in withdrawing the ticket price reductions. However Instead of a push back from our Friends they kindly responded with additional donations.
- Refreshment sales at rehearsals stopped following accidental damage to the kitchen. This resulted in a loss of revenue. However this was compensated for by raffles and "table sales" of goods by choir members.
- An end of season Barbecue was enjoyed by over sixty people and raised over £700. Many thanks to Mrs Hooper for the use of her garden and to Tim and family for the cooking.
- Our thanks again this year for sponsorship from The Foresters, Choral Ficus and Tappers Funeral Services
- The Gift Aid rebate from HMRC was for a record amount this year
- Purchase of a credit card machine has generated more donations and sales.

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

Financial Position and Outlook

Reserves at the end of the 2023 season were £21,180 sufficient to comply with our Reserves Policy. Increasing costs continue to be a concern. Publicity to attract larger audiences to enjoy our concerts is very helpful and all choir members are encouraged to be active promoters.

Committee

Carolyn Butterworth
Jenny Way

David Way

Oskar Apperley

Derek Warner

Nigel Spratt

Jane Aspinall

Janet Spratt

BOURNEMOUTH BACH CHOIR Year Ending 31 July 23

Registered Charity No 1067743

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

2023

2022

INCOME

Subscription Payments	£ 7,725.00	£ 6,857.00
Gift Aid Rebate from HMRC	£ 2,625.05	£ 2,085.89
Income from Donations	£ 3,740.00	£ 3,985.00
Fund Raising Income	£ 1,563.60	£ 1,082.86
Other (incl overstated accruals)	£ 211.67	£ 233.34
Appreciation and Interest	£ 100.49	£ 5.89
Concert Income	£ 16,361.34	£ 18,335.68
	<u>£ 32,327.15</u>	<u>£ 32,585.66</u>

EXPENDITURE

Rehearsal Costs	£ (6,048.70)	£ (5,388.75)
Making Music (Insurance)	£ (634.00)	£ (622.00)
Publicity and web site	£ (240.57)	£ (231.11)
Other Expenses	£ (185.75)	£ (366.00)
Other	£ (54.97)	£ (5.00)
Concert Expenses	£ (23,275.54)	£ (30,055.37)

Results for individual Concerts:

<i>Brahms Requiem - Wimborne</i>	£ (368.70)		
<i>Messiah -Priory</i>	£ (287.78)		
<i>Handel Israel in Egypt - Priory</i>	£ (3,943.10)		
<i>Mozart Coronation Mass - Priory</i>	£ (2,314.62)		
<i>Total SUBSIDY</i>	£ (6,914.20)	<u>£ (30,439.53)</u>	<u>£ (5,931.81)</u>

Excess of Income Over Expenditure	£ 1,887.62	£ 4,031.76
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BALANCE SHEET at 31 July

2023

2022

ASSETS

Debtors (amount owed to us)		£ 2,854.13
Value of Investments	£ 7,024.49	£ 6,924.00
Cash at hand and in Bank	£ 14,985.12	£ 11,201.70
	<u>£ 22,009.61</u>	<u>£ 20,979.83</u>

LIABILITIES

Creditors (Invoices awaited/Uncleared cheques)	£ (829.07)	£ (1,686.91)
Deferred Income (Grants)		

TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>£ 21,180.54</u>	<u>£ 19,292.92</u>
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Balance at previous 1st August:	<u>£ 19,292.92</u>	<u>£ 23,375.49</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for Year:	<u>£ 1,887.62</u>	<u>£ (4,082.57)</u>
	<u>£ 21,180.54</u>	<u>£ 19,292.92</u>

Treasurer:

Jane Aspinall



Date: 8-1-24

I have examined the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st July 2023 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

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Date: 08/01/2024