

**Bristol Amateur Operatic Society**

**ACCOUNTS**

**Year Ended 31 December 2023**

Charity Number 1069065

Bristol Amateur Operatic Society – Charity Number 1069065

## TRUSTEES REPORT

Year Ended 31 December 2023

### Status

Bristol Amateur Operatic Society is a registered charity governed by its constitution.  
Charity number: 1069065

### Trustees

Tina Ayers-Hunt  
Peter Lamb  
David Portlock

### Volunteers

Chairperson (Adult): Becky Hennessey  
Vice Chairperson (Adult): Sarah Bailey  
Chairperson (Youth): Frankie Duddridge  
Vice Chairperson (Youth): Josie Smith  
Treasurer: Rob Ridd  
Secretary: Marnie Rees  
Members' Secretary (Adult): Charlie Rowlands  
Members' Secretary (Youth): Sarah Fowke  
Social (Adult): Amber Mears-Brown  
Social (Youth): Meg Gould  
Members' Representative (Youth): Laura Davies

### Registered Office

27 Caledonia Place  
Bristol  
BS8 4DL

### Bankers

National Westminster Bank Plc  
Bristol Queens Road  
Bristol

## TRUSTEES REPORT

Year Ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

## Objectives and Activities

### Purpose of the Charity

The purpose of the charity is to educate the public in dramatic and operatic arts to further the development of public appreciation and taste in the said arts

### Main activities of the Charity

Create and perform musical theatre shows to the public.

### Statement

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

## Achievement and Performance

### Summary

Bristol Amateur Operatic Society performed a full programme of shows this year, and made a healthy profit on performance activity (£3,931). Subscription revenue was broadly in line with general expenses, ignoring investments in future rights. Our fundraising exceeded expenses accordingly by £863, and our net assets increased by £2,382.

## Financial Review

The independent examiner's report can be found later in this document.

### Comments

Bristol Amateur Operatic Society made a gain overall in this financial year. The charity holds enough funds to be able to continue and continues to fundraise and receive donations. A full slate of shows has been undertaken during 2024.

## Structure, Governance and Management

### Organisation of the Charity

A committee is elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Members, that is convened annually as soon as possible after the end of the financial year to which members shall be summoned by notice giving not less than fourteen days. The committee has undergone an evolution this year to further separate Adult and Youth activities, and currently comprises a Chairperson and Vice-Chair for each section, a Secretary and Treasurer covering both sections and other Members.

All arrangements for the productions and other events and the control of the finances are in the hands of the committee.

### Reserves policy and risk management

The trustees have examined the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. These procedures will be periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

## TRUSTEES REPORT

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### Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

### Closing Statement

Bristol Amateur Operatic Society performed two successful main shows in April 2023 and June 2023, and smaller revue shows in October 2023 and November 2023 by the senior and youth section respectively. We are currently planning a main senior show in April 2025 and a main youth show in June 2025, followed by revue shows in autumn 2025. In addition, we are collaborating with BLOC Productions and other clubs to deliver the regional community theatre project "Les Miserables – Let The People Sing" at the Bristol Hippodrome in August 2025.

We expect the continuation of performing shows will again allow us to continue the charity's purpose in educating the public in dramatic and operatic arts to further the development of public appreciation and taste in the said arts.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter G. Lamb". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Peter Lamb - Trustee

Date: 24 October 2024



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Charity Name	No (if any)
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Charitable activities (theatre productio	49994	-	-	49,994	-
Charitable activities (ex-period income)	150	-	-	150	-
Charitable activities (merchandise)	1552	-	-	1,552	-
Fundraising (general)	511	-	-	511	-
Fundraising (social)	3680	-	-	3,680	-
Voluntary receipts (subscriptions, gift ai	12309	-	-	12,309	-
Misc other receipts	0	-	-	0	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	68,195	-	-	68,195	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	68,195	-	-	68,195	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Costs of Charitable Activities (theatre p	45807	-	-	45,807	-
Costs of Charitable Activities (ex-perioc	3000	-	-	3,000	-
Costs of Charitable Activities (merchan	1609	-	-	1,609	-
Fundraising cost (general)	10	-	-	10	-
Fundraising cost (social)	3342	-	-	3,342	-
Voluntary receipt reimbursement (subs	60	-	-	60	-
Rental and hire cost	12439	-	-	12,439	-
Governance Expenses	930	-	-	930	-
Misc other expenses	56	-	-	56	-
<b>Sub total</b>	67,252	-	-	67,252	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	67,252	-	-	67,252	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	943	-	-	943	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	8,841	-	-	8,841	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	9,784	-	-	9,784	-

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash in hand	-	-	-
	Bank	9,784	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>9,784</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	#VALUE!	Peter Lamb	24-Oct-24	



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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

Bristol Amateur Operatic Society

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2023

Charity no (if any)

1069065

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Date:

20/10/24

IER

**Name:**

Sarah Christmas

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):**

ACA (ICAEW)

**Address:**

68 Runswick Road

Bristol

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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