

Kensington Symphony Orchestra, Annual Review 2022-23

The orchestra was able to return to a full roster of six concerts in this season, and to resume the practice of one concert being with a guest conductor. Attendances of players, and the size of audiences remained much as they had been last year, thus indicating a full recovery from the pandemic.

A return to ambitious and enterprising repertoire choices characterised the year's work. Our programmes included a concert performance of Britten's Peter Grimes in Queen Elizabeth Hall, Stravinsky's Agon, conducted by our guest conductor, Paul Hoskins, performed in Cadogan Hall, Mahler's epic Third Symphony, performed in Fairfield Hall, and Maw's Dance Scenes to round the year off. All of these examples are rarely if ever performed by non-professional ensembles, and the fact that KSO could provide such performances to a high standard marks the orchestra out, and provides both audiences and players with a very high quality experience.

We continued our association with Pimlico Academy, enabling their 'Music Tracks' evening, in which we provide a small orchestra to accompany school students who make music for their parents and guardians to listen to. This outreach project has become a firm fixture, and is set to continue next year.

The charity published a DEI Policy and added this to its website. Few amateur orchestras have (or had at the time of publication) an open-access DEI policy. The AGM included a discussion of this topic, and the charity is firmly committed to supporting diversity and inclusion.

The income of the charity is mainly derived from contributions made by participants, and tickets sold for concerts. It also receives donations from other individuals such as 'friends', and from foundations. The trustees are tasked with ensuring that the programmes of the orchestra can be achieved within its financial means. The accounts show a healthy position in which reserves are a little over the equivalent of six months' expenditure.

Graham P Elliott
Secretary

Kensington Symphony Orchestra Treasury report

Charity 1069620

2022-2023 – Jeremy Lambert, treasurer

KSO actuals Sept 2022 - Aug 2023									
	2022/23	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16
	ACTUALS	BUDGET	ACTUALS	ACTUALS	ACTUALS	ACTUALS	ACTUALS	ACTUALS	ACTUALS
Concert costs									
Venue hire incl. commission	28.15	29.00	21.16		16.7	30.9	21.3	27.8	18.6
Rehearsal hall hire	14.26	13.77	12.56	6.0	7.0	10.4	10.0	10.6	10.1
Music & instrument hire	13.75	12.78	10.47	0.8	9.1	7.3	9.8	11.6	11.0
Conductors	10.73	10.08	9.83	1.5	9.0	10.0	10.6	10.8	9.7
Soloists and other musicians	16.56	18.37	12.20	1.2	7.8	11.2	12.2	12.5	8.6
Other	6.21	3.40	1.07	0.2	1.4	2.3	1.9	3.3	1.7
Total concert costs	89.66	87.4	67.28	9.6	51.0	72.0	65.9	76.7	59.7
Concert income									
Ticket & programme sales	39.99	32.28	31.74	0.2	17.5	28.6	25.2	44.8	20.5
Subs & reclaimed tax	36.34	40.05	34.23	9.1	23.4	27.4	27.4	27.0	26.7
Sponsorship	2.99	3.20	0.46		2.0	3.4	3.5	2.9	5.3
OTR	15.60	15.60	13.69		6.3	9.9			
Total concert income	94.9	91.1	80.1	9.2	49.2	69.3	56.1	74.7	52.5
Profit/loss on concerts	5.3	3.7	12.8	-0.3	-1.9	-2.8	-9.8	-2.0	-7.2
Profits from other activities	12.60	5.0	1.87	6.1	5.3	5.1	4.8	6.4	6.4
Additional expenditure	-3.8	-2.0	-2.7	-4.5	-2.6				
Profit/loss total	14.1	6.7	12.1	1.3	0.8	2.3	-5.0	4.3	-0.7

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KSO Accounts Sept 2022 - Aug 2023		
Year start		
<i>Represented by:</i>		
KSO current account	£	7,948.14
KSO Productions Ltd account	£	3,500.93
Prepayments/debtors	£	29,917.78
Creditors	£	(9,549.47)
KSO savings account	£	10,323.39
<i>Of which CHT/Outreach fund</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>7,545.55</i>
<i>Of which savings</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>2,777.84</i>
Total	£	42,140.77
Movements		
Profit/loss on year	£	14,087.95
Total	£	14,087.95
Year end		
<i>Represented by:</i>		
KSO current account	£	6,403.42
KSO Productions Ltd account	£	6,957.69
Prepayments/debtors	£	33,469.20
Creditors	£	(4,044.63)
GiftAid for 21/22	£	5,225.00
KSO savings account	£	8,217.32
Total	£	56,228.00
Endowment Trust		
Year start	£	7,837.31
Interest	£	78.52
ET year end	£	7,915.83

KSO Concerts sheet 2022/2023														
Value	Concert		Budget/Actual											
Credit/Debit	Category	Description	01 October	01 October	02 November	02 November	03 January	03 January	04 March2	04 March2	05 May	05 May	06 July	06 July
Debit	Concert venue	Concert Hall Hire	£ (3,500.00)	£ (2,580.00)	£ (3,500.00)	£ (2,580.00)	£ (5,160.00)	£ (5,160.00)	£ (4,980.00)	£ (6,300.00)	£ (3,622.50)	£ (3,018.75)	£ (5,760.00)	£ (5,760.00)
		Programme commission					£ (100.00)	£ (279.70)		£ (27.54)		£ (150.00)		£ (21.60)
		Ticket commission	£ (500.00)	£ (530.28)	£ (500.00)	£ (470.94)	£ (500.00)		£ (376.00)	£ (245.38)	£ (500.00)	£ (875.88)		£ (153.25)
	Friends	Friends Catering		£ (355.20)				£ (1,237.01)		£ (308.00)				
	Rehearsal costs	Rehearsal Hall Hire	£ (2,675.00)	£ (2,780.00)	£ (2,025.00)	£ (1,620.00)	£ (2,675.00)	£ (3,180.00)	£ (2,065.00)	£ (2,472.50)	£ (2,025.00)	£ (2,205.00)	£ (2,300.00)	£ (2,000.00)
	Instrument hire	Other instrument hire from hall	£ (230.00)	£ (282.00)	£ -		£ (605.00)	£ (605.00)	£ -					
		Percussion hire	£ (1,030.00)	£ (970.00)	£ (260.00)	£ (260.00)	£ (1,175.00)	£ (1,175.00)	£ (450.00)	£ (590.00)	£ (1,250.00)	£ (1,251.30)	£ (800.00)	£ (810.00)
	Music Hire/purchase	Music Hire/purchase	£ (865.87)	£ (754.87)	£ (626.25)	£ (453.55)	£ (1,007.00)	£ (1,568.00)	£ (570.75)	£ (532.75)	£ (997.50)	£ (1,402.27)	£ (655.70)	£ (482.00)
		Performing rights	£ (150.00)	£ (141.41)	£ (150.00)	£ (125.57)	£ (1,300.00)	£ (1,670.06)	£ (150.00)	£ (327.17)	£ (150.00)			£ (204.34)
		Postage	£ (60.00)	£ (41.80)	£ (60.00)	£ (32.00)	£ (60.00)	£ (14.00)	£ (60.00)	£ (22.44)	£ (60.00)		£ (60.00)	£ (33.21)
	Music Director fee	Conductor	£ (1,775.00)	£ (1,775.00)	£ (1,775.00)	£ (1,775.00)	£ (1,775.00)	£ (2,195.00)	£ (1,200.00)	£ (1,235.00)	£ (1,775.00)	£ (1,975.00)	£ (1,775.00)	£ (1,775.00)
	Sectional conductor	Brass Sectional Coach	£ (100.00)		£ (100.00)		£ -		£ (100.00)	£ (125.00)	£ (125.00)	£ (125.00)	£ (100.00)	
		Wind Sectional Coach	£ (125.00)	£ (125.00)	£ (125.00)		£ (125.00)	£ (125.00)	£ (125.00)	£ (125.00)	£ (125.00)	£ (125.00)	£ (125.00)	£ (125.00)
	Musician fees	Chorus					£ (850.00)	£ (850.00)		£ (600.00)				
		Harp player	£ (470.00)	£ (470.00)			£ (421.00)	£ (435.80)	£ (280.00)	£ (235.00)	£ (560.00)	£ (470.00)		
		Leader	£ (660.00)	£ (705.00)	£ (660.00)	£ (571.00)	£ (660.00)	£ (638.00)	£ (660.00)	£ (705.00)	£ (660.00)	£ (705.00)	£ (660.00)	£ (638.00)
		Pianist	£ (328.00)	£ (328.00)			£ (206.00)	£ (306.00)	£ (158.00)	£ (158.00)				
		Prin. cellist	£ (565.00)	£ (511.00)	£ (565.00)	£ (579.00)	£ (565.00)	£ (647.00)		£ (579.00)	£ (565.00)	£ (647.00)	£ (565.00)	£ (647.00)
		Soloist	£ -		£ -		£ (4,460.00)	£ (4,545.85)		£ (600.00)	£ (600.00)	£ (550.00)		
		Bass player	£ (415.00)	£ (100.00)	£ (415.00)	£ (100.00)	£ (415.00)	£ (100.00)	£ (415.00)	£ (150.00)	£ (415.00)		£ (415.00)	
		Musician fees (bass)					£ (158.00)	£ (192.00)						
	Marketing	Leaflets	£ (30.00)		£ (30.00)		£ (300.00)		£ (30.00)				£ (30.00)	
		Programme printing	£ (150.00)	£ (103.28)	£ (150.00)	£ (97.03)	£ (420.00)	£ (271.23)	£ (150.00)	£ (124.44)	£ (150.00)	£ (165.59)	£ (150.00)	£ (118.03)
	Misc	Expenditure								£ (570.00)				
		Misc - flowers	£ -		£ -		£ (60.00)							
		Misc - general	£ (95.00)	£ (350.90)	£ (95.00)	£ (350.90)	£ (95.00)	£ (350.90)	£ (95.00)	£ (350.90)		£ (350.90)	£ (95.00)	£ (350.90)
		Misc - RK copying etc	£ -		£ -		£ -		£ -					
Total Debit			£ (13,723.87)	£ (12,903.74)	£ (11,036.25)	£ (9,014.99)	£ (22,934.00)	£ (25,353.55)	£ (12,022.75)	£ (15,250.11)	£ (14,180.00)	£ (14,016.69)	£ (13,490.70)	£ (13,118.33)
Credit	Friends	Friends subs	£ 833.33	£ 1,125.83	£ 833.33	£ 1,125.83	£ 833.33	£ 1,125.83	£ 833.33	£ 1,125.83	£ 833.33	£ 1,125.83	£ 833.33	£ 1,125.83
		Friends tickets		£ 789.00		£ 550.00		£ 1,530.00		£ 784.00		£ 414.00		£ 927.00
	Tickets	Tickets	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,370.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 1,862.00	£ 13,000.00	£ 11,027.40	£ 4,240.00	£ 6,816.00	£ 5,000.00	£ 5,255.25	£ 4,240.00	£ 4,257.00
	Subs	Outreach donation									£ 1,719.00			£ 529.00
		Subs - Allocation		£ 2,226.49		£ 2,226.49		£ 2,226.49		£ 2,226.49		£ 2,226.49		£ 2,226.49
	Programme sales	Subs-concert	£ 4,783.36	£ 1,980.00	£ 4,783.36	£ 1,365.00	£ 4,783.36	£ 1,750.00	£ 4,783.36	£ 1,950.00	£ 4,783.36	£ 1,865.00	£ 4,783.36	£ 1,290.00
		Programmes	£ 100.00	£ 132.00	£ 100.00	£ 121.50	£ 300.00	£ 494.40	£ 100.00	£ 189.00	£ 100.00	£ 48.00	£ 100.00	£ 171.00
	Gift Aid tax refund	Gift aid tax	£ 950.00	£ 950.00	£ 950.00	£ 950.00	£ 1,600.00	£ 1,600.00	£ 950.00	£ 950.00	£ 950.00	£ 950.00	£ 950.00	£ 950.00
	Rehearsal costs	Rehearsal Hall Hire								£ 300.00				
	Music Hire/purchase	Music Hire/purchase						£ 211.00						
		Performing rights						£ 529.32						
	Misc	CD sales										£ 86.10		
Total Credit			£ 12,166.69	£ 12,573.32	£ 12,166.69	£ 11,200.82	£ 26,116.69	£ 26,094.44	£ 13,906.69	£ 17,341.32	£ 14,066.69	£ 15,489.67	£ 12,706.69	£ 13,276.32
Total général			£ (1,557.18)	£ (330.42)	£ 1,130.44	£ 2,185.83	£ 3,182.69	£ 740.89	£ 1,883.94	£ 2,091.21	£ (113.31)	£ 1,472.98	£ (784.01)	£ 157.99

Profits from other activities						
Sum of Amount					Concert	
Category	Description	Credit/Debit	Budget/Actual	Other	CHT	
Amazon	Income	Credit	Actual	£ 50.58		
Amazon Total				£ 50.58		
Interest	Interest	Credit	Actual	£ 143.87		
Interest Total				£ 143.87		
Donation	Donation	Credit	Actual	£ 5,157.92	£ 7,000.00	
Donation Total				£ 5,157.92	£ 7,000.00	
Giving Machine	Donation	Credit	Actual	£ 39.80		
Giving Machine Total				£ 39.80		
Cheque in	Cheque in	Credit	Actual	£ 203.92		
Cheque in Total				£ 203.92		
Grand Total				£ 5,596.09	£ 7,000.00	

Additional expenditure				
Sum of Amount			Concert	
Category	Description	Credit/Debit	Other	
Instrument hire	Percussion hire	Debit	£ (565.40)	
Instrument hire Total			£ (565.40)	
Expenditure	Making music subs	Debit	£ (1,716.00)	
	Bank fee	Debit	£ (165.00)	
	Expenditure	Debit	£ (224.40)	
Expenditure Total			£ (2,105.40)	
Music Hire/purchase	Music Hire/purchase	Debit	£ (25.00)	
Music Hire/purchase Total			£ (25.00)	
Rehearsal costs	Rehearsal Hall Hire	Debit	£ (349.50)	
Rehearsal costs Total			£ (349.50)	
Musician fees	Harp player	Debit	£ (188.00)	
	Pianist	Debit	£ (128.00)	
	Soloist	Debit	£ (400.00)	
Musician fees Total			£ (716.00)	
Grand Total			£ (3,761.30)	



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Kensington Symphony Orchestra

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1069620

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2023

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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 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.

Signed:

Date:

11.6.24

Name:

JANE SPENCER-DAVIS

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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.**