

English Schools' Orchestra and Choir

2020 Annual Report

2020 was a much quieter year for the English Schools' Orchestra due to the restrictions on our activities caused by the Pandemic. However, we did take the opportunity to develop many aspects of the orchestra and improve our administration.

Recruitment for the October 2020 course was extremely successful with a large number of new students and new schools applying and being accepted. Following the cancellation of the October course, we had a huge response in terms of students wishing to attend an alternative course in February. We explored the options of remote rehearsals, individual workshops and other opportunities to join together. We also launched the ESO Mentor Scheme, putting more structure to the recruitment of mentors to help students develop during the course and consider their career opportunities as a professional musician. This was aimed at prior ESO musicians now in their final year of University/Music College or in postgraduate education. It was then widened to include any talented students in their final year of postgraduate education who were looking to become a professional musician.

All 2020 students were offered a guaranteed place on the 2021 course and we were delighted to be able to retain a large proportion of the new students attracted in 2020, as well as additional new and returning students.

The orchestra website has been refreshed with new features, such as “meet the team” to showcase our talented team of sectional tutors and course staff. During lockdown, we focussed activities on our website and twitter and on external online performing opportunities such as Jess Gillam's Virtual Scratch Orchestra.

Under the auspices of the ESO Charity The English Young Artists' Sinfonia performed to a packed St Bartholomew's Church in the City Music Festival in February 2020.

English Schools' Orchestra
1st January to 31st December 2020

Receipts

Receipts for 2019 concert	4,244.00
2020 Other events	4,659.71
2020 Course and Concert	
Student fees (Cfwd to 2021)	9,413.00
2020/2021 Sponsorship	26,160.00
2016-2019 HMRC Gift Aid	376.15
2020 Bank interest	121.87
Total Income	44,974.73

Payments

2020 Other events	-5,747.30
2020 Course and Concert (cancelled)	-2,769.55
Printing and Postage	-346.98
Sponsorship/trustee exps	-64.00
Insurance	-483.00
Office & Admin costs	-885.77
Misc	-14.49
Total Expenditure	-10,311.09
Income over Expenditure	34,663.64

Balance bfwd from 31st December 2019	87,484.19
Plus Income - Expenditure 2020	34,663.64
Balance cfwd 1st January 2021	122,147.83
Balance in all accounts 31 December 2020	122,147.83

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Income and Expenditure - January 1st to December 31st 2020

Auditor's Certificate

I have examined the above Income and Expenditure Account with the books, records and vouchers of the English Schools' Orchestra and Choir and certify the same to be in accordance therewith.

To the best of my knowledge and belief the sums properly due have been received and the payments have been properly made.

Date 10 AUGUST 2021
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