

Charity registration number 1080325

THE IVORS ACADEMY TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Ms N Baldwin Ms L Francis Ms S Gross Mr P Leathem Mr M Adex Mr M Dugher Ms C Harris Mr D K Poku Ms J Montero Cowell Ms S Gonzales Ms M Escoffery Ms F Malyan P C Bradbury Mr O Robinson	(Appointed 14 April 2023) (Appointed 18 July 2023) (Appointed 14 April 2023) (Appointed 2 May 2024) (Appointed 20 November 2023)
Charity number	1080325	
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Objectives and activities

The objective of the Trust is the advancement of the education of the general public in music and associated subjects in particular by:

- a) The provision of educational and training services in respect of composition and song writing;
- b) The provision of scholarships awards or grants to such persons and/or pupils who are talented, deserving and are in need of financial assistance by reason of their families' financial circumstances or their own impecuniosities'.

The Trustees have met numerous times during the year to discuss the future aims and objectives of the Trust. With several new Trustees that were appointed that helps broaden the diversity and representation on the board, both from a creator and publisher perspective, the Trust is planning to increase its fundraising efforts and impact in the future.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Trust should undertake.

Public benefit statement

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered The Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. This principle is fundamental to the Trust's operations as is shown by the original objectives and the reported activities for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Achievements and performance

2021 and into 2022 was a development year in which our charity began building its governance, fundraising, and charitable programmes following the re-brand of our parent organization to The Ivors Academy. ("the Academy"). New trustees joined the board from the beginning of the year onwards and worked to develop a strategic plan to articulate aims and activities for 2020 - 2025.

The Trust will seek programmes and partnerships to create opportunities and remove barriers ("empower, inspire, enable") for talented songwriters and composers less privileged and less represented to forge careers and livelihoods as professional music creators.

The Academy is a vital source of community and assistance for music creators. As the Trust is primarily an education and grant making charity, it is fundraising to enable the Academy to build capacity and deliver programmes that meet the Trust's public benefit aims. In this regard, while remaining two distinct legal entities, the Academy and Trust form "One Academy" active "in the community" where we share the same aims, stakeholders, events, and resources. For example, the Trust is working with the Academy to develop a fundraising week of events built around the Academy's and music industry's premiere event, the Ivors Awards, with Amazon Music.

In addition, the Trust and Academy form partnerships with like-minded organizations and community groups that bring additional expertise and resources to solving inequities that exist for music creators. Highlights of programmes in furtherance of charitable aims include:

Bursaries

The trustees are proud to make available funds to enable music creators without means to access the membership community and benefits of the Academy and access other opportunities to develop their skills - such as songwriting camps and educational programmes. This allows those faced with barriers to access networking opportunities across the country and participate in events and learning projects.

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David Ferguson Lectures

As part of the legacy of David Ferguson, The Ivors Academy Trust puts on educational lectures to help educate music creators and the wider music community on topics related to songwriting and composition. In 2023, The Ivors Academy Trust put on a David Ferguson lecture in partnership with The Ivors Academy and Amazon Music, celebrating 50 Years of Hip Hop and discussing the evolution of hip hop from 1970s North America to UK rap, hip hop, grime, garage, drum 'n' bass, drill and other genres. It highlighted the importance of the genres throughout UK history, the impact it's had on society and culture, the songwriting and lyrics, and what the future holds - with guest speakers Wretch 32, DYO, JP Patterson and Michael Adex.

Inside Track

An artist development programme with Ivor Novello Award winning songwriter and producer Cassell the Beatmaker. With a major donation from PPL, over three years, Inside Track provides an opportunity for twelve performing songwriters without means and from underrepresented circumstances to work with Cassell the Beatmaker, the In The Making CIC team, PPL and The Ivors Academy. The programme provides 360degree career support including writing, co-writing, studio recording and production, training workshops and mentoring, image and brand development, and promotional opportunities to elevate profile and showcase work through a live performance.

Mentoring

The Trust and Academy are joint partners with Help Musicians in a major programme to provide career mentoring to music creators from less privileged backgrounds. The successful pilot project saw 50 pairings involving professional creators in the Academy and established the Academy as a founding partner of Co-Pilot, Help Musicians' rollout of the mentoring programme aiming at 200 Academy pairings.

Financial review

For the year to 31 December 2023, the charity continued with its education and grants activities launched during the year to 31 December 2017. Income in 2022 is comparatively high to 2023 due to an exceptionally large one-off donation.

The charity had brought forward net reserves of £372,018. After accounting for turnover of £122,590 and expenses of £240,413 these reserves decreased to £254,195, all of which are unrestricted funds.

The Ivors Academy Trust's reserve figure is set up to allow for six months of working capital and further development of the WRD program, with room for an additional 10-20 scholarships. The Trustees deem it appropriate to spend the reserves if there is insufficient revenue to cover costs. The Trustees agree to review and appropriately amend the reserves policy on at least a yearly basis. When reviewing the policy, the Trustees will consider the revenue and expenditure and the updated needs of the charity.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the significant risks to which the Trust is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

The possible risks to the charity is lack of financial resources to ensure the continued operation of the Trust's activities. The strategy is to build up resources so that the charity will always have enough cash to fund one year's operation in advance.

Future plans for the Trust include:

- Reviewing the short-term and long-term impact of our programmes in line with our charitable objectives
- Investing more resources and support to existing programmes where necessary to increase impact in 2024
- Expanding the bursary and scholarship fund to include more initiatives to educate songwriters and composers in the UK in 2024
- Engaging in fundraising drives to secure more unrestricted funds for the Trust to expand its activities in support of songwriters and composers in the UK in 2025 and beyond

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Structure, governance and management

The Trust was established by a charitable trust deed on 18 January 2000 as amended by the supplemental deed of 11 April 2000 (1). The Trust was registered with the Charity Commission on 13 April 2000.

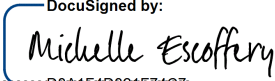
The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Ms N Baldwin	
Mr C Fluet	(Resigned 19 February 2024)
Ms L Francis	
Ms S Gross	
Ms M Johnson	(Resigned 20 June 2024)
Mr P Leathem	
Mr M Adex	
Mr M Dugher	
Ms C Harris	
Mr D K Poku	
Ms J Montero Cowell	
Ms S Gonzales	(Appointed 14 April 2023)
Mr A Heath	(Appointed 14 April 2023 and resigned 22 July 2024)
Ms M Escoffery	(Appointed 18 July 2023)
Ms F Malyan	(Appointed 14 April 2023)
P C Bradbury	(Appointed 2 May 2024)
Mr O Robinson	(Appointed 20 November 2023)

The trust deed requires that there shall not be less than three or more than seventeen Trustees. A new Trustee may be appointed for a period of three years by a 'Resolution of the Trustees', recorded in minutes and signed by the new Trustee. On the expiration of the term, the Trustee may stand for a further two terms.

In addition to the powers conferred by section 23 of the Trustee Act 1925, the Trust may employ any duly qualified or competent agent to transact any or all business within the scope of his/her expertise provided that all acts of such agent shall be fully and promptly reported to the Trustees and provided that the Trustees shall exercise reasonable supervision over such agent.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Ms M Escoffery
Trustee 10/31/2024
Dated:

(1) The Trustees may by supplemental deeds vary any of the provisions of this Deed provided that no amendment may be made to Clause 4 (the objects clause), Clause 16 (the winding up Clause) and this Clause without the prior consent in writing of the Charity Commission and no amendment may be made which would cause the Trust to cease to be a charity at law.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE IVORS ACADEMY TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Ivors Academy Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Simon Winters FCA

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Dated: 30 October 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	2	122,409	564,958
Investments	3	181	124
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total income		122,590	565,082
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	4	151	13,956
Charitable activities	5	233,583	242,973
Other expenditure	9	6,679	2,636
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total expenditure		240,413	259,565
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		(117,823)	305,517
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		372,018	66,501
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		254,195	372,018
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

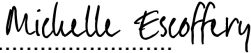
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	11	411		1,515	
Cash at bank and in hand		278,040		455,233	
		<u>278,451</u>		<u>456,748</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(24,256)		(84,730)	
Net current assets			254,195		372,018
The funds of the Trust					
Unrestricted funds	13		254,195		372,018
			<u>254,195</u>		<u>372,018</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 10/31/2024

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Ms M Escoffery
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Ivors Academy Trust is a public benefit trust. The principle address is 1 Upper James Street, London, W1F 9DF.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Trust's Deed, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The Trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Trust has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Trust. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Trust is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Trust has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Trust has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure and liabilities are recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trust to make a payment, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is inclusive of VAT.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and accountancy fees.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Donations and gifts	122,409	563,358
Donated goods and services	-	1,600
	<u>122,409</u>	<u>564,958</u>

3 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Interest receivable	<u>181</u>	<u>124</u>

4 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Staging fundraising events	<u>151</u>	<u>13,956</u>

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5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable expenditure 2023 £	Charitable expenditure 2022 £
Direct costs		
Marketing	120	907
Legal and professional	-	35
Wages	29,137	9,661
Social security	2,556	473
Pension costs	253	28
Insurance	1,553	138
Subscriptions	-	120
Sundry	700	94
Training	300	1,313
Other charitable expenditure	2,536	8,605
	<u>37,155</u>	<u>21,374</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	196,428	221,599
	<u>233,583</u>	<u>242,973</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>233,583</u>	<u>242,973</u>

6 Grants payable

	2023 £	2022 £
Grants to institutions:		
Other	<u>196,428</u>	<u>221,599</u>

A breakdown of the charitable activities is as follows:

	£
The Wrd	148,000
In the Room	3,262
Inside Track	5,406
The Other Songs	33,401
H & T Clients Charitable Trust	16
Co-Pilot	5,343
Song Academy Ltd	1,000

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7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2023 Number	2022 Number
1	1

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

9 Other expenditure

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accountancy fees	3,724	2,275
Bookkeeping	2,400	-
Bank charges	555	361
	<u>6,679</u>	<u>2,636</u>

Included within the accountancy fees was the remuneration receivable by the charity's independent examiner for the examination of the accounts of £3,600 (2022 - £2,145).

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>411</u>	<u>1,515</u>

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12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security	3,298	534
Other creditors	17,358	80,596
Accruals and deferred income	3,600	3,600
	<u>24,256</u>	<u>84,730</u>

13 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 December 2023 £
General funds	<u>372,018</u>	<u>122,590</u>	<u>(240,413)</u>	<u>254,195</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 December 2022 £
General funds	<u>66,501</u>	<u>565,082</u>	<u>(259,565)</u>	<u>372,018</u>

14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).