

The Royal Opera House Endowment Fund 2000

Trustees' report and financial statements
Charity number 1089928
Year Ended 31 August 2024

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Trustees' report

The trustees present their report together with the audited accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024. These accounts and annual returns will be filed with the Charity Commission.

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Charity Number	1089928
Principal Office	Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, WC2E 9DD
Auditors	Crowe UK LLP 55 Ludgate Hill, London, EC4M 7JW
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Trustees	Dame Vivien Duffield (Chair) Sir Simon Robey (Deputy Chair, Independent Trustee) Tim Bunting (ROHCGF Trustee) Caroline Britton (ROHCGF Trustee) Hamish Forsyth (Independent Trustee) Lady Gavron (Independent Trustee) Simon Freakley (appointed March 2024)
Secretary to the trustees	Leah Hurst

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Royal Opera House Endowment Fund 2000, ('the Charity'), was established by trust deed on 14 December 2001 and is a registered charity number 1089928.

Appointment and training of trustees

The trustees who have served wholly or partly during the year are set out on the previous page. The appointment of new trustees is vested in the existing trustees who shall consult the Royal Opera House Covent Garden Foundation ('ROHCGF') appointment. The trustees shall ensure that no more than two of the Trustees are directors of ROHCGF, and that no employee of ROHCGF is appointed a trustee. There shall be not less than five nor more than eight trustees of the Charity.

Trustees hold office for an initial term not exceeding three years and are eligible for reappointment for further terms not exceeding three years but may resign as trustee before the expiry of any term by notice in writing to the trustees.

The trustees appoint one of their number as the chairman of the trustees.

New trustees undergo an induction session with the secretary to the trustees to brief them on their obligations under charity law, the content of the trust deed, and the conduct of trustee meetings.

Organisation

The direction and control of the Charity is determined by the trustees, who meet at least twice a year. As set out in the Charity SORP, the trustees are the key management personnel with oversight of the management and activities of the Charity. They receive no compensation. Day to day management and administration of the Charity is delegated to Alex Beard (Chief Executive Officer of ROHCGF), who attends the trustee meetings.

Connected charities and companies

ROHCGF – registered charity no. 211775. The Charity holds investments and generates income to grant to ROHCGF. The principal activity of ROHCGF is the presentation of opera and ballet performances at the Royal Opera House and tours in the United Kingdom and overseas. During the season ROHCGF announced a change in its operating name from the 'Royal Opera House' to the 'Royal Opera and Ballet'. The legal name remains ROHCGF. The power of appointing new trustees of the Charity is vested in the trustees who consult ROHCGF before any exercise of this power. The trustees ensure that no more than two of the Trustees are directors of ROHCGF and that no employee of ROHCGF is appointed a trustee. There shall be not less than five nor more than eight trustees of the Charity.

ROH Holdings Ltd – registered company no. 02580395. This is a holding company with one subsidiary, ROH Developments Limited, a property development company.

Royal Opera House Enterprises Limited – registered company no. 04112266. This is a subsidiary of ROHCGF.

Going Concern

The Trustees must satisfy themselves as to the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a minimum of 12 months from the signing of the financial statements. The Trustees continue to work closely with the investment managers to ensure funds are invested as effectively as possible to minimise exposure to risk. As the Charity holds endowments and other funds of £56.9m, the Trustees feel there is little risk of the Charity not being able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and for this reason the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major strategic and operational risks that face the Charity and are satisfied there are systems in place to mitigate identified risks. The trustees have received assurances from the Audit & Risk Committee of ROHCGF of the effectiveness of the internal controls. The main risks identified relate to the state of the UK economy, which has a direct impact on investment values and fundraising generally. The performance of investments is key to creating capital growth and income that can be granted to ROHCGF in the furtherance of its charitable objects. The trustees manage this risk by regularly meeting with the Investment Managers and by scrutinising regular updates and presentations from the Investment Managers to understand the risk profile of the investments. Annually, the trustees review the risk register for the Charity.

Objects and activities

The objects of the Charity are to promote the education of the public in the arts of opera and ballet by making grants to, or for the benefit of, ROHCGF. The Charity does this by seeking to increase its capital base by actively marketing the Charity as a recipient of legacy income and other gifts. The Charity also generates capital growth and income in order to make grants to ROHCGF.

RPHCGF aims to enrich people's lives through opera and ballet. Home to two of the world's great artistic companies – The Royal Opera and The Royal Ballet, performing with the Orchestra of the Royal Opera House – it seeks to be accessible to audiences across the UK and to break new ground in the presentation of lyric theatre.

During the 2023/24 season the ROHCGF delivered 425 live performances across both stages and 668,763 tickets were sold. Through the year 24 new productions were presented, of which 3 were world premieres. Remote audiences of 134,000 watched productions streamed online on RBO Stream. 18,000 subsidised tickets were bought by 16–25-year-olds through the Young RBO scheme. Over 10,000 children enjoyed schools' matinee performances at the RBO in addition to 93,000 students taking part in Create Programmes. 13 apprentices joined the apprenticeship scheme which was awarded 'Best Apprenticeship in Creative Industries'.

ROHCGF's achievements, supported by the Charity, are detailed in ROHCGF's report and financial statements for 2023/24.

Public Benefit

The Charity delivers public benefit by making grants each year to ROHCGF. The Trustees of ROHCGF refer to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when shaping and reviewing the charity's aims, objects and future strategies. In setting the level of ticket prices, charges and concessions, and in developing digital and broadcast distribution, ROHCGF Trustees give careful consideration to the accessibility of ROHCGF to those on low incomes. This is addressed through maintaining a wide range of ticket prices, as well as through several ticket subsidy schemes, free events, cinema, live streaming, digital and broadcast activity and an extensive learning and participation programme.

Grant making policy

The Charity comprises a number of separate funds. It determines the funding of projects which accord with their objects and which benefit ROHCGF. Each fund has a specific purpose:

- **Jean Sainsbury Fund** may be used for the support of grand opera and classical ballet. The original transfer of funds to the Charity was made on the basis that the capital amount could be used to augment any annual grant to ROHCGF up to a total value of 5% of the value of the funds at the start of the year.
- **Paul Hamlyn Education Fund** may be used to support the activities of the educational projects of ROHCGF. Applications are considered against the objects of the fund and the most suitable projects chosen in consultation with the Paul Hamlyn Foundation;
- **Franklin Fund** is used to support choreographic work at ROHCGF.
- **Derek Butler Apprenticeship Fund** is to be used to support the training of apprentices at ROHCGF. It is to be used over ten years from 2013 and due to the financial performance of the fund and due to COVID interrupting the schedule, there is still a balance remaining and the Derek Butler Trust have agreed that apprentices continue to be funded until the fund runs out.
- **Paul Ferguson Memorial Fund** is used to support ballet.
- **Susan A. Olde OBE Music Director Fund** is to be used to support the office of the Music Director. It is to be used over six seasons from 2017/18 and was agreed to use the remaining funds to support the Antonio Pappano Gala in 2023/24 season.
- **Main Endowment Fund** Unrestricted funds may be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. The restricted funds may also be used in accordance with the object of the Charity, specifically relating to grants out of capital. This object requires that the trustees (acting unanimously) have a clear policy for restoring any grant out of capital within a period of five years or in exceptional circumstances a period not exceeding ten years.

Achievements and performance

During the year the Charity made grants of £2,308,439 (Year ended 31 August 2023: £2,324,000) to ROHCGF. The grants made were as follows:

Productions £985,000:

- **Main Endowment Fund** – £815,000 to the core work of the artistic companies.
- **Jean Sainsbury Fund** - £170,000 to support *Andre Chenier*.

Education and Apprenticeships £556,000:

- **Paul Hamlyn Education Fund** - £416,000 to support a variety of learning and access projects.
- **Derek Butler Apprenticeship Fund** - £140,000 to support the Apprenticeship Scheme.

Other £767,439:

- **Susan A. Olde OBE Music Director Fund** - £767,439 to support the Antonio Pappano Gala.

At the start of the year, the investments were held with Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited, Troy Asset Management Limited and Newton Investment Management Limited. During the year the investments with both Troy and Newton were liquidated and reinvested in The Children's Investment Fund and Cazenove Capital, including some additional cash funds. Not including the additional investment, the combined capital growth and income return net of investment management fees was 10.9% for the year ended 31 August 2024 (Year ended 31 August 2023 increase of 1.56%). The return for 2024 exceeded the blended target of CPI plus 3.5% (5.7%). Investments with Stonehage Fleming which are long term in nature are being progressively wound down.

Financial review

Grants totalling £2,308,439 (*Year ended 31 August 2023 £2,324,000*) were made to ROHCGF in furtherance of the Charity's objects. Other resources expended related primarily to the management of investments, and the marketing of the Charity as a beneficiary of legacy income for the benefit of ROHCGF. The investment managers' fees were £579,662 (*Year ended 31 August 2023 £269,153*).

The total funds at 31 August 2024 were £56.9m (*Year ended 31 August 2023 £52.6m*). The net increase in funds for the year as set out in the statement of financial activities was £4,299,517 (*Year ended 31 August 2023: increase of £5,809,929*), comprising net outgoing resources of £317,502 and net realised and unrealised gains of £4,617,019 on investments held with investment managers. Funds held with investment managers at the end of the year were £45,557,449 (*2023: £38,274,608*) including cash holdings with investment managers of £144,987 (*2023: £9,566,971*) disclosed under Fixed Assets. Additional cash balances at the bank and held by Cazenove in a cash fund at the end of the year were £11,294,493 (*2023: £13,784,582*).

Investment powers and policy

There are no restrictions on the investment powers of the trustees. The trustees are permitted to invest and reinvest the trust fund, providing the objects and purposes of the Charity are met, and subject to such consents as may be required by law.

Investment Policy

The Trustees reviewed and agreed an Investment Policy in line with the Charities Commission Guidance CC14. A summary of the key investment objects are as follows:

- Generate investment income to support the grant income available to support ROHCGF; and
- Deliver capital growth to maintain the real value of investments for future years.

To achieve the above objects the trustees have set the investment benchmark of a total blended return of CPI +3.5% on a rolling basis.

The Charity is focused on managing investments in line with the broader environmental, social and governance (ESG) strategy, and over time, the Trustees are fully committed to ensure their funds reflect the ESG position of ROHCGF.

Reserves policy

The trustees have reviewed the free reserves (comprising unrestricted net current assets) of the Charity which are £200,218 at 31 August 2024 (*31 August 2023: £253,837*). Free reserves are intended to give the Charity financial flexibility and a buffer against operational risks. Having considered the Charity's commitments with regard to the sensitivity of investment returns in the economic climate, the trustees have considered the level of free reserves and believe total reserves are at an appropriate level at the year ended 31 August 2024. The aim has been to build up free reserves to ensure that grants can be made to ROHCGF in future years even if investment income underperforms.

Trustees and trustees' interests

No Trustee received any remuneration for his or her services or was reimbursed for out of pocket expenses, nor was the Charity involved with any contracts or transactions in which any trustee had a material interest.

Plans for future periods

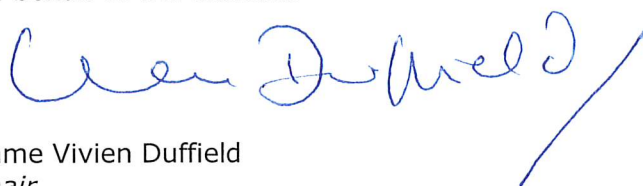
The Charity seeks to increase its capital base by actively marketing the Charity as the recipient of legacy and philanthropic income pledged in support of ROHCGF and by achieving capital

growth in line with or in excess of investment objects. Grant applications will continue to be considered for the funding of projects which benefit ROHCGF which are consistent with the Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit.

Auditors

The trustees who held office at the date of approval of this trustees' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Charity's auditors are unaware; and each trustee has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a trustee to make himself / herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Charity's auditors are aware of that information.

On behalf of the trustees



Dame Vivien Duffield
Chair
19 March 2025

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The trustees have to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including FRS 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland. The trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Royal Opera House Endowment Fund 2000

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Royal Opera House Endowment Fund 2000 (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue. Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 9, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the charity operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Charities Act 2011 together with the Charities SORP (FRS102). We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.
- In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the Financial Statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the charity's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charity for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the UK operations included General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Health and Safety legislation.

- Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations through enquiry of the trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.
- We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the Financial Statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the timing of recognition of legacy and donation income and the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management, and those charged with governance about its own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, reviewing regulatory correspondence and reading minutes of meetings of the board.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the Financial Statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the Financial Statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at:
www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Naziar Hashemi, Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of

Crowe U.K. LLP

55 Ludgate Hill
London EC4M 7JW

Date: 26 March 2025

Crowe U.K. LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Note				2024	2023
		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £	Total £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	-	21,697	1,333,966	1,355,663	913,733
Investments	4	786,492	453,555	-	1,240,047	1,152,192
Other income	5	-	-	-	-	6,300,000
Total incoming		786,492	475,252	1,333,966	2,595,710	8,365,925
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds						
Raising donations and legacies	6	(25,111)	-	-	(25,111)	(15,135)
Investment managers' fees		-	-	(579,662)	(579,662)	(269,153)
Charitable activities						
Grants to Royal Opera House Covent Garden Limited	7	(815,000)	(513,502)	(979,937)	(2,308,439)	(2,324,000)
Total expenditure		(840,111)	(513,502)	(1,559,599)	(2,913,212)	(2,608,288)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	8	-	-	4,617,019	4,617,019	52,292
Net income/(expenditure)		(53,619)	(38,250)	4,391,386	4,299,517	5,809,929
Transfer between funds		-	59,947	(59,947)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(53,619)	21,697	4,331,439	4,299,517	5,809,929
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		253,837	-	52,348,453	52,602,290	46,792,361
Total funds carried forward	15	200,218	21,697	56,679,892	56,901,807	52,602,290

Incoming resources arise from continuing operations.

The Charity had no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement in funds for the year.

The notes on pages 15 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

Balance sheet
as at 31 August 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	11	45,557,449	38,274,608
Current assets			
Debtors amounts due less than one year	12	141,118	548,100
Cash at bank		11,294,493	13,784,582
Total current assets		<u>11,435,611</u>	<u>14,332,682</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(91,253)</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>
Net current assets		<u>11,344,358</u>	<u>14,327,682</u>
Net assets	14	<u><u>56,901,807</u></u>	<u><u>52,602,290</u></u>
Unrestricted	15	200,218	253,837
Restricted	15	21,697	-
Endowment	15	56,679,892	52,348,453
Funds	15	<u><u>56,901,807</u></u>	<u><u>52,602,290</u></u>

These financial statements were approved and signed on 19 March 2025 by:



Dame Vivien Duffield
Chair

The notes on pages 15 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Charity's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the FRS102 applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of fixed asset investments. The Charity has adopted the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019). There are no material departures from FRS102.

The Charity meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS102 as the results of the Charity are consolidated into ROHCGF's financial statements which are publicly available. In accordance with FRS 102 S1.12, the Charity has taken advantage of the exemptions in respect of the preparation of a cash flow statement and the disclosure of financial instruments.

The Charity was established by trust deed in the United Kingdom on 14 December 2001 and is a registered charity number 1089928. The charity is registered in England and its principal address is Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, WC2E 9DD.

Going Concern

The Trustees consider that the going concern assumption is an appropriate basis on which to prepare these financial statements. Working closely with the investment managers to invest the funds with minimal risk (as set out within the heading Going Concern on page 5) the Trustees consider the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future being a minimum of twelve months from the date of the approval of these financial statements. For this reason, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Public Benefit

The Charity delivers public benefit by making grants on an annual basis to ROHCGF. The Charity is a public benefit entity under FRS102.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are shown at fair value as at the balance sheet date. Realised and unrealised gains on investments are recognised in the statement of financial activities, and are treated as attributable to Endowment funds. A breakdown of the level in the following fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurements are categorised is disclosed. A fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for asset or liability.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds may be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds are to be used in accordance with the object of the Charity and specific restrictions placed by the donor.

Endowment funds represent those assets that are required to be invested. These funds include both permanent endowment funds, where there is no power to convert the capital into income and the funds are required to be held permanently by the Charity, and expendable endowment funds where the trustees have the power to convert the capital into expendable income. These funds are invested to produce income to meet expenditure, as directed by the terms of the endowment or by the terms of the Charity.

Functional Currency

The Charity operates primarily in the UK and the functional currency as well as the reporting currency is the pound sterling.

Income

Income is recognised only when it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably. Investment income is recognised on an accruals basis. Specifically, interest is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established. Income from grants and donations is accounted for when the receipt is probable, there is evidence of entitlement and can be measured reliably. Entitlement is assessed using performance and time-restriction conditions. Pecuniary legacies are recognised when the legacy has been received or if, before receipt, there is sufficient evidence to provide the necessary certainty that the legacy will be received. Residual legacies are recognised on the earlier of receipt or the finalisation of estate accounts. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, but the income criteria have not been met, these are disclosed as contingent assets, see note 3.

Charitable expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Grants are recognised in the financial year in which the grant has been awarded.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank includes cash equivalents which are defined as short term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Assets

Assets are resources which are controlled by the company as a result of a past event, from which future economic benefits are expected to flow to the company. Assets are recognised only when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the company when the item has a cost or value that can be measured reliably.

Debtors

Debtors fall into the definition of assets and encompass trade debtors, accrued income, prepayments and intra-group balances. Debtors are measured at the cost of the transaction where receipt is not deferred beyond normal terms. Where receipt is deferred beyond normal terms, the debtor is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument. In both instances, measurement is net of provision for doubtful debts.

Liabilities

Liabilities arise when there is a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, from which future economic benefits are expected to flow to the supplier or counterparty. Liabilities are recognised only when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the supplier or counterparty and when the item has a cost or value that can be measured reliably. Contracted commitments are not recorded as liabilities on the balance sheet, as the criteria for recognition have not been met. Commitments are disclosed in note 16.

Creditors

Creditors fall into the definition of liabilities and encompass trade creditors, accruals for costs not yet billed or processed, deferred income and intra-group balances. Creditors are measured at the cost of the transaction where payment is not deferred beyond normal terms. Where payment is deferred beyond normal terms, the creditor is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

2 Donations and legacies

	Restricted	Permanent endowment	2024 Total	Restricted	Permanent endowment	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Legacies	21,697	1,422,716	1,444,413	-	843,144.00	843,144
Other donations	-	126,250	126,250	-	70,589.00	70,589
Total received in the year	21,697	1,548,966	1,570,663	-	913,733	913,733
Less: Over-accrued Legacies in 2023	-	(215,000)	(215,000)	-	-	-
Total as per SOFA	21,697	1,333,966	1,355,663	-	913,733	913,733

Donations and legacies are directed to support and grow the capital in the Charity unless otherwise directed by the donor. The Trustees have declared a legal trust over these incoming resources to invest and hold these funds as permanent endowment funds.

3 Contingent assets

The Charity is the beneficiary of a number of legacies, the value of which cannot be ascertained with certainty. Based on the information available at the date of the financial statements, it is estimated that the Charity will receive approximately £2.1m (2023: £2.5m) from these legacies.

As the receipt of these legacies is dependent on future events, they are not recognised as an asset in the statement of financial position. However, they are disclosed in this note as a contingent asset in accordance with FRS 102 SORP paragraph 5.34.

4 Investment income

	2024 £	2023 £
Finance lease interest income	-	136,092
Dividend and interest income	1,240,047	1,016,100
	1,240,047	1,152,192

Dividend and interest income is earned on funds managed by the Investment Managers and interest on bank deposits held at Coutts and Co. Finance lease interest income and contingent rents are derived from leases for the retail units on the site of the Royal Opera House.

5 Other income

During the year ended 31st August 2023 the Charity recognised £6,300,000 in other income. This income was generated from variation of the lease of retail units. The gain of £6.3m resulting from the variation of the leases was after the property valuation undertaken by Gerald Eve LLP on 19 September 2019 deemed the fair value of this asset to be £12m and the book value held under debtors was £5.7m.

6 Expenditure on raising donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Marketing and publicity	18,111	10,135
Ground rent	7,000	5,000
	<u>25,111</u>	<u>15,135</u>

7 Grants

During the year the Charity made grants of £2,308,439 (2023: £2,324,000) to ROHCGF in support of the following productions/projects:

2024	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Permanent Endowment	Expendable Endowment	Endowment Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Core work of artistic companies	815,000	-	-	-	-	815,000
<i>Andre Chenier</i>	-	88,737	-	81,263	81,263	170,000
Education projects	-	416,000	-	-	-	416,000
Derek Butler Apprentices	-	7,469	-	132,531	132,531	140,000
Antonio Pappano Gala	-	1,296	-	766,143	766,143	767,439
	<u>815,000</u>	<u>513,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>979,937</u>	<u>979,937</u>	<u>2,308,439</u>

2023	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Permanent Endowment	Expendable Endowment	Endowment Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Core work of artistic companies	706,000	-	-	-	-	706,000
<i>La Traviata</i>	-	77,934	-	92,066	92,066	170,000
<i>Mayerling</i>	-	60,000	-	-	-	60,000
Education projects	-	415,000	-	-	-	415,000
Derek Butler Apprentices	-	24,176	-	115,824	115,824	140,000
Susan olde	-	35,233	-	797,767	797,767	833,000
	<u>706,000</u>	<u>612,343</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,005,657</u>	<u>1,005,657</u>	<u>2,324,000</u>

8 Gains and losses on revaluations and disposals of investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Realised gains on disposal of investments	4,379,366	18,466
Unrealised (loss)/gain on revaluation of other investments	237,653	33,826
	<u>4,617,019</u>	<u>52,292</u>

During the year there were gains on investments totalling £4,617,019 (2023: £52,292 gains). Of this £237,653 relates to unrealised gains primarily due to negative movements in the fair value of the investments held by Troy and Newton, offset by positive movements in the new investments held with TCI and Cazenove, £4,379,366 relates to realised gains on the disposal of investments in Troy and Newton funds.

Realised gains on investments are classified as Endowment funds within the Statement of financial activities, as they are reinvested within the investment portfolio and are not available to be utilised at the discretion of the trustees.

9 Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no remuneration and were paid no expenses during the year (2023: *nil*). The Charity does not have any employees.

10 Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable trust for UK income tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Part 10 Income Tax Act 2007 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Due to the high value of non-business and exempt activities, the Charity is unable to recover any tax on many of its purchases. All non-recoverable VAT is included within the appropriate expenditure headings.

11 Fixed asset investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Held with investment managers:		
- Venture funds	107,610	129,160
- Quoted equities	35,251,008	12,642,182
- Hedge funds	4,881	5,115
- Bonds	10,048,963	12,308,405
- Cash funds	144,987	9,566,971
- Gold	-	3,622,775
Total investments with Investment Managers	<u>45,557,449</u>	<u>38,274,608</u>

The movements in investments held with investment managers were as follows:

	2024			2023		
	Listed investments £	Other investments £	Total investments £	Listed investments £	Other investments £	Total investments £
Market value at beginning of the period	38,063,363	211,245	38,274,608	37,956,972	469,150	38,426,122
Additions (at cost)	42,089,154	2,950	42,092,104	1,194	-	1,194
Disposals (at opening market value)	(39,426,284)	-	(39,426,284)	-	(205,000)	(205,000)
Net realised and unrealised investment gains	4,633,534	(16,513)	4,617,021	105,197	(52,905)	52,292
Market value at end of the period	<u>45,359,767</u>	<u>197,682</u>	<u>45,557,449</u>	<u>38,063,363</u>	<u>211,245</u>	<u>38,274,608</u>
Historical cost at end of the period	42,000,000	193,346	42,193,346	34,675,689	761,414	35,437,103

As at 31st August 2024 investments held with investment managers are measured at fair value, £45.4m (2023: £38.1m) categorised as Level 1 and £0.1m (2023: £0.1m) as Level 3.

Split of investments between those based in the UK and those that are based overseas:

	UK £	Overseas £	Total £	UK £	Overseas £	Total £
All Equities	611,012	34,639,996	35,251,008	4,367,583	9,060,184	13,427,767
Bonds	-	10,048,963	10,048,963	1,627,749	9,962,632	11,590,381
Alternative Investments*	112,491	-	112,491	134,275	-	134,275
Cash	144,987	-	144,987	4,065,247	5,434,163	9,499,410
Gold	-	-	-	3,622,775	-	3,622,775
	<u>868,490</u>	<u>44,688,959</u>	<u>45,557,449</u>	<u>13,817,629</u>	<u>24,456,979</u>	<u>38,274,608</u>

* Alternative investments include Hedge Funds, Commodities, Property, Special Situations LLPs, Infrastructure and Currency Options.

12 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year		
Investment income receivable	19,916	144,625
Amounts owed by ROHCGF	-	113,791
Accrued income	121,202	289,684
	<u>141,118</u>	<u>548,100</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts owing to ROHCGF	36,919	-
Amounts owing to ROH Holdings Limited	12,000	5,000
Other creditors	42,334	-
	<u>91,253</u>	<u>5,000</u>

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Investments	Cash at bank and in hand	Other net current assets	Total
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	-	192,302	7,916	200,218
Restricted funds	-	21,697	-	21,697
Endowment	45,557,449	11,080,494	41,949	56,679,892
At 31 August 2024	45,557,449	11,294,493	49,865	56,901,807

	Investments	Cash at bank and in hand	Other net current assets	Total
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	-	114,212	139,625	253,837
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-
Endowment	38,274,608	13,670,370	403,475	52,348,453
At 31 August 2023	38,274,608	13,784,582	543,100	52,602,290

15 Funds

	At 1 September 2023	Income	IM fees	Grants made	Other expenditure	Gains/(losses)	Transfer	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Permanent endowment								
Main endowment fund	35,843,615	1,333,966	(523,552)	-	-	4,043,127	-	40,697,156
Paul Hamlyn Education	9,623,933	-	(28,619)	-	-	253,088	(118,074)	9,730,328
Paul Ferguson Memorial Fund	2,254,817	-	(11,801)	-	-	155,419	58,126	2,456,561
Total permanent endowment funds	47,722,365	1,333,966	(563,972)	-	-	4,451,634	(59,948)	52,884,045
Expendable endowment								
Jean Sainsbury Fund	3,290,647	-	(12,288)	(81,263)	-	140,061	-	3,337,157
Franklin Fund	544	-	(1)	-	-	4	1	548
Derek Butler Apprenticeship	572,981	-	(2,105)	(132,531)	-	18,765	-	457,110
Susan Olde Music Director Fund	761,916	-	(1,296)	(766,143)	-	6,555	-	1,032
Total expendable endowment funds	4,626,088	-	(15,690)	(979,937)	-	165,385	1	3,795,847
Restricted funds								
Royal Ballet Fund	-	21,697	-	-	-	-	-	21,697
Paul Hamlyn Education	-	297,926	-	(416,000)	-	-	118,074	-
Paul Ferguson Memorial Fund	-	58,126	-	-	-	-	(58,126)	-
Jean Sainsbury Fund	-	88,737	-	(88,737)	-	-	-	-
Franklin Fund	-	1	-	-	-	-	(1)	-
Derek Butler Apprenticeship	-	7,469	-	(7,469)	-	-	-	-
Susan Olde Music Director Fund	-	1,296	-	(1,296)	-	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	-	475,252	-	(513,502)	-	-	59,947	21,697
Unrestricted funds								
General	253,837	786,492	-	(815,000)	(25,111)	-	-	200,218
Total funds	52,602,290	2,595,710	(579,662)	(2,308,439)	(25,111)	4,617,019	-	56,901,807

Main Endowment Fund is the Trust Fund as defined in the Charity's Trust Deed.

The above disclosure demonstrates the source of the Charity's funds.

Transfers of £59,947 relate to reinvestment of income into the endowment funds and payment of grants from permanent endowment funds as allowed by the Paul Hamlyn Education Fund.

Funds currently represent:

- The **Main Endowment Fund** is a permanent Endowment. This comprises the surplus on the ROHCGF Development Appeal held in the form of cash and property assets, and subsequent donations and legacies.
- The **Jean Sainsbury Fund** was created from a transfer of funds from the Jean Sainsbury Royal Opera House Fund, which was wound up in March 2004. The annual grant, to be spent on grand opera or classical ballet, is in the name of the Jean Sainsbury Fund. The original transfer of funds to the Charity was made on the basis that the capital amount could be used to augment any annual grant to ROHCGF up to a total value of 5% of the value of the funds at the start of the year. This is an expendable endowment.
- The **Paul Hamlyn Education Fund** is a separate fund comprising a donation received from the Paul Hamlyn Foundation. Income generated and capital, subject to certain restrictions, may be used to support the activities of the educational projects of ROHCGF. This is a permanent endowment. The funding agreement was amended 28 September 2022 to approve the payment of £3,774,000 to the Royal Opera and Ballet as an exceptional grant in the 2022 financial year, being part of the income accumulated in the Paul Hamlyn Educational Fund.
- The **Franklin Fund** is a separate fund comprising a donation received from the late John Franklin. The income and capital from the Franklin Fund may be used to support the choreographic work of ROHCGF, and is therefore an expendable endowment.
- The **Derek Butler Apprenticeship Fund** is a separate fund created from a donation of £1.875m from the Derek Butler Trust to endow the ROHCGF Apprenticeship Scheme. This is an expendable endowment to be spent over 10 years starting from September 2013 and with the balance agreed to be used for apprentices until the fund runs out.
- The **Paul Ferguson Memorial Fund** was established by the Peyton Trust as a permanent endowment which supports ballet.
- The **Susan A. Olde OBE Music Director Fund** is a separate fund created from a donation received from Susan A. Olde OBE to support the office of the Music Director. This is an expendable endowment to be spent over six seasons from 2017/18. The sixth payment was made in the year 22/23. The remaining income generated by the fund was approved to be used for a special gala in honour of Sir Antonio Pappano in the 2023/24 season.

The Royal Opera House Endowment Fund 2000
Trustees' report and financial statements
Year Ended 31 August 2024
Charity number 1089928

Funds (as at 31 August 2023)

	At 1 September 2022 as previously stated £	Restatement £	At 1 September 2022 as restated	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/(losses) £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2023 £
Permanent endowment								
Main endowment fund	28,711,726	-	28,711,726	7,213,734	(143,581)	67,851	(6,115)	35,843,615
Paul Hamlyn Education	9,799,402	-	9,799,402	-	(74,602)	(73,185)	(27,682)	9,623,933
Paul Ferguson Memorial Fund	2,210,290	-	2,210,290	-	(11,637)	51,645	4,519	2,254,817
Total permanent endowment funds	40,721,418	-	40,721,418	7,213,734	(229,820)	46,311	(29,278)	47,722,365
Expendable endowment								
Jean Sainsbury Fund	3,390,453	-	3,390,453	-	(115,817)	16,011	-	3,290,647
Franklin Fund	551	-	551	-	(4)	(3)	-	544
Derek Butler Apprenticeship	692,359	-	692,359	-	(121,116)	1,738	-	572,981
Susan Olde Music Director Fund	-	1,581,735	1,581,735	-	(808,054)	(11,765)	-	761,916
Total expendable endowment funds	4,083,363	1,581,735	5,665,098	-	(1,044,991)	5,981	-	4,626,088
Restricted funds								
Paul Hamlyn Education	189,845	-	189,845	197,473	(415,000)	-	27,682	-
Paul Ferguson Memorial Fund	-	-	-	58,404	(60,000)	-	1,596	-
Jean Sainsbury Fund	-	-	-	77,934	(77,934)	-	-	-
Franklin Fund	(5)	-	(5)	8	(3)	-	-	-
Derek Butler Apprenticeship	5,115	-	5,115	19,061	(24,176)	-	-	-
Susan Olde Music Director Fund	1,581,735	(1,581,735)	-	35,233	(35,233)	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	1,776,690	(1,581,735)	194,955	388,113	(612,346)	-	29,278	-
Unrestricted funds								
General	210,890	-	210,890	764,080	(721,132)	-	-	253,837
Total funds	46,792,361	-	46,792,361	8,365,927	(2,608,289)	52,292	-	52,602,290

16 Commitments

The Charity has no capital commitments as at 31 August 2024 (2023: nil).

The Charity has commitments for future minimum lease payments under a non-cancellable operating lease as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Not later than one year	5,000	5,000
Later than one year and not later than five years	20,000	20,000
Later than five years	1,061,235	1,066,235

17 Transactions with trustees, connected persons, connected Charities and other related parties

Connected Charities

(a) Royal Opera House Covent Garden Foundation ('ROHCGF') – registered charity no. 211775 and registered company no. 480523

The principal activity of ROHCGF is to promote and assist in the advancement of education so far as such promotion and assistance shall be of a charitable nature and in particular, to raise the artistic taste of the country, and to procure and increase the appreciation and understanding of the musical art in all its forms. The power of appointing new trustees of the Charity is vested in the trustees who consult ROHCGF

before any exercise of this power. The trustees ensure no more than two of the trustees are directors of ROHCGF and that no employee of ROHCGF is appointed a trustee.

Grants made to ROHCGF are disclosed in note 7.

(b) ROH Holdings Ltd – registered company no. 02580395

ROH Holdings Ltd is a holding company with one subsidiary, ROH Developments Limited, a property development company.

ROH Holdings Ltd charges the Charity for ground rent for the property lease held by the Charity for the retail units on the site of the Royal Opera House. Up to the date of lease variation during the August 2023 financial year, the Charity had a 5% income interest in the leases.

The ground rent charged by ROH Holdings Ltd to the Charity is disclosed in note 6 and the related operating lease commitments in note 16.

(c) Royal Opera House Enterprises Limited – registered company no. 04112266

Royal Opera House Enterprises Limited is a subsidiary of ROHCGF and is an event, catering and video production company.

Amounts due to and from connected Charities are disclosed in the notes to these accounts. There were no other transactions with trustees, connected persons or connected charities during the year and trustees received no remuneration and were paid no expenses during the year (2023: nil).

18 Ultimate parent undertaking

The smallest and largest group into which the accounts of the Charity are consolidated is the ROHCGF, (Royal Opera House Covent Garden Foundation (Limited by guarantee), company number 480523, registered charity no. 211775 whose object it is to promote and assist in the advancement of education so far as such promotion and assistance shall be of a charitable nature and in particular, to raise the artistic taste of the country, and to procure and increase the appreciation and understanding of the musical art in all its forms), the ultimate parent undertaking incorporated in the United Kingdom. ROHCGF exercises dominant influence over the Charity being both the power to govern and the ability to benefit from the Charity's activities. No more than two of the Trustees are directors ROHCGF, all new trustees appointed must be done so in consultation with the ROHCGF and all grants are made to, or for the benefit of the ROHCGF. Its accounts are available to the public and may be obtained from The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2E 9DD.

19 Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 August 2023

				2023	2022
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	-	-	913,733	913,733
Investment	4	764,082	388,110	-	1,152,192
Other income	5	-	-	6,300,000	6,300,000
Total incoming		764,082	388,110	7,213,733	8,365,925
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds					
Raising donations and legacies	7	(15,135)	-	-	(15,135)
Investment managers' fees		-	-	(269,153)	(269,153)
Charitable activities					
Grants to Royal Opera House Covent Garden Foundation	6	(706,000)	(612,343)	(1,005,657)	(2,324,000)
Total expenditure		(721,135)	(612,343)	(1,274,810)	(2,608,288)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	8	-	-	52,292	52,292
Net income / (expenditure)		42,947	(224,233)	5,991,215	5,809,929
Transfer between funds	15	-	29,278	(29,278)	-
Net movement in funds		42,947	(194,955)	5,961,937	5,809,929
Reconciliation of funds					
Fund balances brought forward at 1 September 2022 as previously stated	14;15	210,890	1,776,690	44,804,781	46,792,361
Restatement	15	-	(1,581,735)	1,581,735	-
Fund balances brought forward at 1 September 2022 restated	14;15	210,890	194,955	46,386,516	46,792,361
Fund balances carried forward at 31 August 2023	14;15	253,837	-	52,348,453	52,602,290