

Trustees' report year ending 31 December 2024

Annual review 2024 was Bath Minerva's 30th year as a choir and we can't think of a year where we have better exemplified our stated purpose as a choir. It included two extra-ordinary concerts of classical choral repertoire last spring and at Christmas, our first-overseas choir trip to Stockholm, the exploration of a key modern choral composer, Eric Whitaker, in our summer workshop and, arguably the icing on our 30th birthday cake, singing the glorious Messiah as part of combined choirs to a packed Albert Hall as part of the BBC Choral Prom on 7 September which received rave reviews from the national media and music press.

The year started with **Bach's *St John Passion*** in the Abbey, which was a high point in our anniversary year, but also our 30-year concert programme. Esteemed tenor James Gilchrist, our soloist for the concert was so impressed with our performance, he agreed to be our Patron- the start of an exciting relationship.

Our 30th year also saw our first overseas singing tour to Stockholm where we enjoyed Scandinavian hospitality and the delights of Stockholm and had the privilege to share both English and Scandinavian repertoire with our audience in the historic and stunning beautiful Katarina Kyrka, It was a resounding success and the Committee is already exploring further Minerva tour ideas, initially for the UK.

Our summer Whitacre workshop was our best attended to date with a notable number of guest singers reflecting not only the popularity of Whitacre's music but also the tremendous depth and passion of his writing technique.

The opportunity to sing in a BBC Prom is a dream for any performer and we have Gavin to thank for this extraordinary opportunity. Who would have thought that Minerva, a 'Proms debut ensemble' would have such an opportunity? Not only the live performance to the 5,000+ audience, but also a live broadcast to millions and the opportunity to hear it on BBC Sounds for weeks afterwards and again on Christmas Eve.

The only thing better than one stellar Messiah performance, is two stellar Messiah performances, albeit in very different settings. Our Christmas concert was sold out and we could have filled Holy Trinity twice over. The concert was a resounding success with many audience members saying they had never heard us sing better and we were graced by extraordinary soloists once again, Bath Phil at their best and supported by expert harpsicord and organ continuo. What an end to a year of choral learning and celebration!

There would be no Bath Minerva Choir without the contributions from many people in so many ways and often largely unseen. Putting on concerts and securing top rate soloists doesn't come cheap, so fundraising is key. Apart from our annual subs and ticket income, our main sources of income are the Friends scheme, CDWM, the weekly raffle, the 100 Club, and this year a stellar auction which raised record amounts.

Looking forward... our Faure and Vaughan Williams concert will stretch us in new ways and Richard Blackford's 'Not in Our Time' will be an entirely different learning experience.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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TRUSTEES AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

Trustees	F Ansell	
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	S Strang	Treasurer
	C Smith	
	R Hawkes	
	L Ware	Resigned 24 February 2024
	J Hannah	Secretary appointed 24 February 2024
	J Seeger	Resigned 24 February 2024
	J Thomas	Appointed 24 February 2024
	C McGrail	
	H Stanton	Chair

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Trustees and Members of Bath Minerva Choir, Charity Number 1098142

I hereby report on the accounts of Bath Minerva Choir for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 4 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts of the charity. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act), and an independent examination is appropriate.

It is my responsibility to:-

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out taking in accordance with General Directions given by the Charities Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with regulations made under section 130 of the 2011 Act;
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met or

- 2 To which, in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



S Bruce Jones

Date: 13th March 2025₃

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

		Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
	Note		
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from charitable activities			
Contributions from members (including tax refunds)			
and donations		20,100	16,632
Income from concerts & tours		76,278	14,148
Interest receivable		1,964	1,412
Other income		569	371
Activities for generating funds			
Receipts from fund-raising and sponsorship		7,269	7,555
Total incoming resources		106,180	40,118
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Cost of generating voluntary income			
Costs in furtherance of charitable objects	2a	107,554	43,967
Management & administration	2b	1,672	1,814
Total resources expended		109,226	45,781
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources and net movement in funds		-3,046	-5,663
Funds brought forward		67,730	73,393
Funds carried forward		64,684	67,730

All activities of the Charity are classed as continuing
All current year income and expenditure is unrestricted.

The notes on pages 6 - 8 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Total funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Current Assets			
Debtors & Prepayments	3	6,645	2,773
Cash at bank and in hand		66,550	74,086
		<u>73,195</u>	<u>76,859</u>
Current Liabilities			
Amounts falling due within one year	4	<u>8,511</u>	<u>9,129</u>
Total assets less liabilities		<u>64,684</u>	<u>67,730</u>

Represented by:

Surplus on statement of financial activities	<u>64,684</u>	<u>67,730</u>
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These financial statements were approved
and are signed on on their behalf by:

H Stanton
Chairman

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these financial statements

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) issued July 2014, and with the Charities Act 2011.

b) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are for use for the purpose for which they were donated.

c) Incoming resources

Income comprises amounts received in the form of subscriptions, donations and gifts, plus amounts arising from fund-raising activities and events

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

d) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred.

Expenditure includes any VAT which is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 RESOURCES USED		Total	Total
		Funds	Funds
		2024	2023
		£	£
2a			
Costs in furtherance of charitable objects			
Rehearsal costs:	Conductor	7,438	7,310
	Accompanist	4,035	3,752
	Room hire	2,917	2,670
Fundraising costs		300	300
Concert expenditure:	Previous year		
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Postage & stationery		62	52
Web site and marketing		276	204
Refreshments & sundry expenditure		703	970
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	Total Funds		Total Funds	
	2024		2023	
	£		£	
3 DEBTORS				
Income tax recoverable	2,010		1,629	
Prepayments & other debtors	4,635		1,144	
	<u>6,645</u>		<u>2,773</u>	
4 CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year				
Other creditors	530		800	
Accruals and deferred income	7,981		8,329	
	<u>8,511</u>		<u>9,129</u>	
5 TRUSTEES REMUNERATION				
The charity did not remunerate any Trustee during the year.				
6 MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS	Opening	Income	Expenditure	Closing
	Balance	in year	in year	Balance
	At 1 Jan 2024			At 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	<u>67,730</u>	<u>106,180</u>	<u>(109,226)</u>	<u>64,684</u>

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