



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	6	4	2023	To	5	4	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Stradivari Trust

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1106652

Charity's principal address

C/O ntrust Accountancy Ltd

Suite 3a Kings Hall, Si Ives Business Park

Parsons Green, St Ives

Postcode

PE27 4WY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ms Emily Anne Mary O'Donnell		Resigned 15/04/2024	
2	Dr Colin Smithers			
3	Mr Andrew Thomas Swarbick			
4	Mr John Willan			
5	Dr Nigel John Yandell			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Declaration of Trust

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trust

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by board of Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1. To promote, maintain, improve and advance education by the encouragement of the art and science of music and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the above) to award an annual music prize to the best music student in the faculty of music in the university of Cambridge ('the faculty'), such student to be selected by the faculty, to be called 'The Nigel Brown Music Prize'.
2. In furtherance of the above, but not further or otherwise, to present, promote, organise, provide, manage, produce and support such concerts, musical pieces, lectures and musical entertainments and exhibitions as are conducive to the promotion, maintenance, improvement and advancement of education by the encouragement of music and to formulate, prepare and establish schemes thereof.
3. To or for the benefit of such exclusively charitable objects and purposes as the trustees may in their absolute discretion think fit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Advance education by the encouragement of the art or science of music.
 Grants donations to musicians/musical groups.
 Sponsorship of the same.
 Promotional concerts.
 Although it has not been possible to award an annual music prize for several years, plans are underway to reinstate this, to be called 'The Stradivari Trust Music Prize'.
 The trust continues to facilitate the purchase of high-end musical instruments on behalf of the musicians and administers the management of the musician buying out the schemes over a number of years.
 For the last couple of years, the Trustees have had to streamline the running of the charity after the passing of the trusts main donor which has been all encompassing. The Trustees are confident that the charity will continue thanks to the generosity of new donors and the natural sales and musician purchases of schemes.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may **choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Securing funding for future years and advancing on the buy backs of ownership for various musicians.

Section E**Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Retain sufficient funds to cover known expenditure for a three-month period ahead.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F**Other optional information**

The trust made a deficit in the prior year because its founder and major sponsor became ill and lost mental capacity and therefore no donation was made during that period. The trustees have been looking at alternative sources of funding and have returned a surplus in the year to 5th April 2024.

Section G**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Dr Colin Smithers

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

5th February 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
The Stradivari Trust

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
06/04/2023

To

Period end date
05/04/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Charitable Activities	24,932	-	-	24,932	8,905
Voluntary Income - Donations	48,293	-	-	48,293	51,990
Investment income	286	-	-	286	51
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	73,511	-	-	73,511	60,946
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	73,511	-	-	73,511	60,946
A3 Payments					
Cost of Charitable Activities	27,065	-	-	27,065	26,924
Grants	-	-	-	-	13,500
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	27,065	-	-	27,065	40,424
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	27,065	-	-	27,065	40,424
Net of receipts/(payments)	46,446	-	-	46,446	20,522
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	- 2,782	500	-	- 2,282	- 22,804
Cash funds this year end	43,664	500	-	44,164	- 2,282

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		43,664	500	
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	43,664	500	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Funds held for contributors	43,684	1,956,467	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Investments donated	Unrestricted	67,596	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Creditors	Restricted	1,953,803	
		Unrestricted	2,184	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

C. Smithers

Dr C Smithers

5/2/25



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

Charity Name
The Stradivari Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

5th April 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1106652

Set out on pages

7 and 8

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended ~~30/09/2024~~

05/04/2024

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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Gilbert

Date:

05/02/2025

Name:

GILBERT HOLBOURN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Address:

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KENT TN25 5AF

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.

N/A