

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 4199742 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1120059

CAMBRIDGE FILM TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2023

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The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

4199742 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1120059

Registered office

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Trustees

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Dr I M McNeill (Chair)
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M O'Brien
M D Webb

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A J Jones

Independent Examiner

Timothy David Brown
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee under the Companies Act 2006.

Appointment of Trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected under the deed of trust. The Board of Trustees aim to maintain a broad mix of business, artistic and community-based skills. When particular skills are lost, individuals with the relevant skills are approached to offer themselves for election to the Board of Trustees. All trustees are regularly invited to attend events and activities run by the charity.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Public benefit statement

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, particularly with regard to fee charging. The Cambridge Film Trust relies on grants from public funding bodies and private foundations but also on income generated from the activities it organises. In establishing the level of fees, charges and concessions, the Trustees aim to ensure due consideration is given to the accessibility of its activities for those on low incomes. The Trustees also make sure that a certain number of events are provided free of charge to increase the inclusiveness of the work of the Trust. Trust events taking place at the Arts Picturehouse in Cambridge are also included in the Picturehouse membership scheme, offering a discount to those purchasing an annual membership.

Objectives

The Cambridge Film Trust is a registered charity that fosters film culture and education for the benefit of the public, primarily in Cambridge and the Eastern region but also throughout the UK. We deliver a broad portfolio of screenings, special events and tailor-made projects which enable people to be moved by, learn about and interact with film.

Specifically, our objectives are to:

- promote, develop and maintain the appreciation of and education in
 - i) the art, craft, technology and theatrical experience of film and video, including without limitation contemporary and historical, local, national and world cinema; and
 - ii) the theory, history, aesthetics and practice of film and video making and the film and video industries and the associated activities of film and video journalism, publishing and distribution both by and for the public and by and for pupils, students, researchers and teaching staff at schools, colleges and universities in Cambridgeshire, the UK and elsewhere.
- promote the appreciation of and education and research in film and video and other objects beneficial to the community through undertaking, facilitating and/or promoting the preservation of film and video and/or through providing or assisting with the provision of public screenings of film and video.

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2022-2023 Activities

The Cambridge Film Trust delivers an ambitious and culturally-diverse programme of high-quality cinema in a variety of settings, some of which are free and are rooted in a strong community element, as well as other film-related events, often with an educational purpose. They include a large selection of international & foreign-language films, the majority of which would not otherwise be easily available to audiences, presented in often innovative and inspirational ways. The highlight of our year-round programme of events is the Cambridge Film Festival, one of the most well-respected events in the UK festival calendar, which was founded in 1977 and is the third longest running UK film festival.

The Festival has a long-established reputation for delivering a critically well received programme of film and events to a large and diverse audience from across the UK and elsewhere, and on a scale and breadth to exceed or match other major UK festivals. It is also the third longest running UK film festival and one of the most popular film-based events in the East of England. The Festival programme provides a range of benefits for the public, most notably access to quality independent films which often do not receive any distribution or exhibition in the UK and an opportunity to meet and debate with directors, producers, actors and those involved in filmmaking.

The 41st Cambridge Film Festival (20th - 27th October 2022)

For the 41st Cambridge Film Festival, we presented 113 screenings of 85 titles (50 features, 35 shorts) from 39 countries. Thirty-four of these films were UK premieres, 8 European premieres, four international premiers, and three world premieres. Once again, we ensured that 50% of the films programmed were female-directed. Just under a quarter of films were by Black or minoritised ethnic background directors. Nearly a quarter had narratives with an LGBTQI+ representation (just under a third for features).

Alongside putting on an exciting and welcoming festival, our two prime objectives for 2022 were to increase the size and diversity of the audience after 2021's successful but Covid-depleted festival and to deliver a brand new Industry Day within the Festival.

The statistics show that audience numbers rose by 50% compared to 2021 and that the audience was younger and more diverse. We successfully reached new people: almost half of the audience had not been to previous Festivals, and just under 90% said they were very likely or likely to attend next year's Festival. The audience experience was overwhelmingly positive, and the enthusiastic feedback we received showed how much of an impact the Festival made on them: 99.5% rated us 3-5 (of which 95.8 rated us 4 or 5, and 74.1% rated us 5).

In collaboration with Film Hub South East, BFI Network, and Anglia Ruskin University, we introduced a new Industry Day, which was well attended and enthusiastically received. CFF Industry Day formalised our commitment to filmmakers and brought a range of workshops, talks and events together in one day, providing a productive networking space and structured discussions on essential themes affecting the industry UK-wide.

What we achieved in 2022 was especially gratifying when we consider the organisational restructure made necessary by recent changes in the leadership of the organisation, the pandemic, the harsher and more challenging conditions of the festival sector, and the general economy in the UK.

The Youth Lab

Launched in 2019 and young person led, the CFF Youth Lab is an exciting film education initiative focusing on young people's film evaluation and criticism skills as well as encouraging communication and network building.

The Youth Lab is one of the proudest achievements of the Cambridge Film Trust over recent years and a key focus for the organisation and the Cambridge Film Festival in the years to come.

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In 2022, the Youth Lab ran regular film discussion groups, workshops, presentations by industry professionals and networking events throughout the year, and they were also more integrated into the Cambridge Film Festival planning and delivery, gaining visibility and profile.

Part of the Youth Lab activities were supported by the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation, which allowed the Youth Lab to enhance its focus on addressing participation from under-represented communities and young people at risk of social exclusion

Operating Support of Cambridge Film Festival

The Cambridge Film Trust worked hard throughout the year to secure sustainable and diverse income streams. Income consisted of grant funding, private funding, sponsorship from local companies, ticket sales and film submissions.

The Trust received grant funding through the British Film Institute (BFI), with the support of National Lottery, as well as the invaluable contribution of private donors, including The Eligator Sansom Family Fund. 2022 saw the continued support from long standing principal partners Studio 24 and TTP Group as well as new and existing sponsors such as Cambridge Bid, Catherine Jones, Woodfines Solicitors and University Arms, among others. International bodies such as the Institut Ramon Llull (Catalonia's cultural institute) continued to support elements of the Festival and we received a small amount of screening support from Film Hub Midlands in relation to the BFI "In Dreams are Monsters" horror season.

The Board of Trustees wish to record their gratitude to our funders and partners as well as friends and audience members who have made donations and bought tickets to Festival events.

Risk & Uncertainties

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

External risks to funding have led to further developments of a fundraising and sponsorship plan, which allows for the diversification of funding and activities and, ultimately, the sustainability of the festival in the long term. Since April 2019, the Trust engages a dedicated freelance corporate sponsorship manager. Since 2021, the Trust also runs a Friends & Patrons scheme to increase year-round donations from individuals. Diversifying income streams is key to the success of the Festival and thus, the Trust has put in place the necessary measures to ensure certain milestones and KPIs are met.

Internal risks are minimized by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charitable company. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

Financial Review – Going concern

The income from core activities for 2022-23 was £164,160 compared to £159,042 in 2021-22. The charity continues to monitor costs carefully. The directors remain confident with regards to the future ability to meet the Trusts obligations as they fall due. They are satisfied that it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis when preparing these accounts.

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Reserves Policy

The Board of Trustees has examined the charity's requirements for reserves, in light of the main risks to the charity. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds held by the charity should be at least 1 month of operating costs, between £8,000 and £25,000 being the level of funds required to cover short term cash flow deficits caused when funders pay grants in arrears of expenditure and also to ensure that the charity has sufficient reserves to cover the statutory costs of enforced closure in the event of a major loss of funding. At the 31 March 2023 the balance sheet was showing £7,750 of unrestricted funds. The bulk of Activities Generating Funds are held in the last quarter of the year. The Trustees consider it is appropriate to operate as a Going Concern.

Governance Costs

The Governance Costs for 2022-23 were £4,987 (2021-22 were £3,476)

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Dr I M McNeill (Chair)



4th December 2023

CAMBRIDGE FILM TRUST
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CAMBRIDGE FILM TRUST
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

I report on the accounts for the years ended 31 March 2023 set out on pages seven to thirteen.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the independent examiner's report

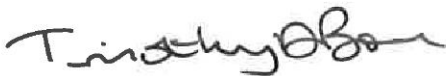
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

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 Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 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.



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4 December 2023

CAMBRIDGE FILM TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
Incoming Resources from generated funds		£	£	£	£
Total Voluntary Income	2	37,616	31,558	69,174	74,263
Activities for Generating Funds	3	94,986	-	94,986	80,166
Other Income – Furlough Grants		-	-	-	4,613
Total Incoming Resources		132,602	31,558	164,160	159,042
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities					
Event Costs		15,042	650	15,692	22,768
Film Costs		478	12,965	13,443	12,654
Freelance Costs		28,909	10,679	39,588	41,534
Marketing & Public Relations		16,867	3,231	20,098	22,323
Other Expenses (inc Staff Costs)	6	83,204	4,451	87,656	64,563
Governance Costs		4,987	-	4,987	3,476
Total Resources Expended		149,488	31,976	181,464	167,318
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources	4	(16,886)	(418)	(17,304)	(8,276)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Funds brought forward		24,636	1,408	26,044	34,320
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		7,750	990	8,740	26,044
Net Movement in Funds		(16,886)	(418)	(17,304)	(8,276)

The notes on pages 10 – 13 form part of these financial statements

CAMBRIDGE FILM TRUST
BALANCE SHEET FOR COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 4199742
AT 31 MARCH 2023

		2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets		-	-
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	13,968	7,078
Bank & Cash		16,005	26,600
		<u>29,973</u>	<u>33,678</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	21,233	7,634
NET CURRENT ASSETS/ (LIABILITIES)		<u>8,740</u>	<u>26,044</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year		-	-
TOTAL ASSETS LESS TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>8,740</u>	<u>26,044</u>
Funds			
Restricted funds	9	990	1,408
Unrestricted funds	9	7,750	24,636
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>8,740</u>	<u>26,044</u>

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BALANCE SHEET - CONTINUED
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The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 4th December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Dr I M McNeill (Chair)
Registered Company Number 4199742

The notes on pages 10 – 13 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis. The directors believe the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate because there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt about the ability of the company to continue as a going concern.

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005).

Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The financial statements contain information about Cambridge Film Trust as an individual charity and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The charity has taken the option under Section 398 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare consolidated financial statements.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Governance costs are those incurred with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 25% reducing balance
Motor Vehicles	- 25% reducing balance
Computer Equipment	- 33% straight line

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

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2. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Included within Voluntary Income are Restricted Funds. Financial transactions in the year relating to the restricted funds of the charity were as follows:

Income	2023	2022
	£	£
Institut Ramon Llull / Camera Catalonia at CFF	3,058	2,991
Institut Ramon Llull – Rewind (CFF at Home)	-	429
BFI Broadway Grant – Film Reels – Japan 2021 at CFF	-	4,400
ICO Film Hub South East BFI – Film Festival 2022 (2021)	25,000	22,000
ICO Film Hub South East BFI – CFF at Home (2nd instalment)	-	3,000
Film Hub Midlands – BFI Horror Season 2022	500	-
Cambridgeshire Community Foundation - Youth Lab	3,000	2,200
All Restricted Funds	<u>31,558</u>	<u>35,020</u>

3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Box office income (2022 : Restricted £3,975)	29,213	25,192
Events and other Income	2,149	859
Sponsorship	39,852	31,592
Submission fees	23,772	22,523
	<u>94,986</u>	<u>80,166</u>

4. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):		
Independent examiner fee	300	300
Depreciation - owned assets	-	-

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trustees' remuneration	-	-
Trustees' expenses	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

6. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries & NI	74,737	55,327
Pension	1,026	998
	<u>75,763</u>	<u>56,325</u>

Average Staff Numbers	2023	2022
Marketing	1	1
Finance, Operations, Administration, Submissions	2	1

There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000

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7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	12,060	421
Taxation and social security	-	5,240
Prepayments	1,909	1,417
	<u>13,969</u>	<u>7,078</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,440	2,957
Taxation and social security	3,254	-
Accruals and deferred income	14,539	4,677
	<u>21,233</u>	<u>7,634</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	At 1 April 2022	Net movement in funds	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£
Restricted fund	1,408	(418)	990
Unrestricted fund	24,636	(16,886)	7,750
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>26,044</u>	<u>(17,304)</u>	<u>8,740</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Movement in Funds
	£	£	£
Restricted fund	31,558	31,976	(418)
Unrestricted fund	132,602	149,488	(16,886)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>164,160</u>	<u>181,466</u>	<u>(17,304)</u>

11. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

During the year the Trust was controlled by the trustees.