

THE ORPHEUS SINGERS

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

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Trustees

Ms D Humphreys
Mrs L Martin
Mrs M Orchard
Mrs K Curtis
Ms C Welbourn
Ms P Allen
Ms L Crane (Appointed 11 July 2023)

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

The trustees present their annual report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2024.

This last financial year has been a challenging year for the choir.

Audiences have not picked up as we would have hoped and with costs increasing we are now starting to feel the pinch. This has meant that for some concerts our costs have not been covered by ticket sales. All venues have increased their costs this year and in some cases we are now unable to use them, as we cannot cover hire cost with the down-turn in ticket sales.

The Trustees have considered increasing ticket prices but have decided against this at the present time, as it is feared that it will discourage audiences from attending.

Additionally our general running costs have increased and so money from the savings account has had to be used to cover these during the past financial year.

Up until now the Trustees have not wanted to increase subs. However having now made such a large loss this year of over £12,000 we are proposing an increase in subscriptions of £5 per quarter which will give an extra £20 per member per year. We are also looking again at Gift Aid, but this will be after the increase in subs has been agreed at the AGM and will not come into effect until November 2024. Additionally the we will be looking at ways that we can use our money more effectively, to ensure that we get better value for money.

We organised a small recruitment campaign in August and September in 2023, which included singing in shopping centres, at a local fayre and on a local radio station and this did create some interest, but not as much as we would have liked. Only a few who initially joined have remained with the choir. Additionally, a number of existing members have left the choir during this last year and so our membership now stands at 84 compared to this time last year when it was 95.

During this last year we have managed to raise over £3,600 for various local and international charities. We also produced a choir calendar for a specific charity which along with receiving some sponsorship to cover the printing costs meant we were able to raise nearly £800 to donate to the charity.

Reference and Administrative Information

The trust is governed in accordance with the constitution document dated 27 June 2018.

Structure, Governance and Management

The trustees who served during the year were:

Mrs L Martin
Mrs M Orchard
Mrs K Curtis
Ms C Welbourn
Ms P Allen
Ms D Humphreys
Ms L Crane (Appointed 11 July 2023)

Trustees are appointed by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the constitution.

Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit

The object of the Choir is the study and practice of choral music in order to foster public knowledge and appreciation of such music by means of public performance.

The Choir may also assist and support such charitable institutions or purposes as the Committee shall from time to time determine.

Achievements during the year

The charity generated income of £26,261 in the year and £38,614 was spent on charitable activity.


On behalf of the trustees


16th July 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHEUS SINGERS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Orpheus Singers ('the charity') for the year ended 30 April 2024 which comprise the summary of receipts and payments and the statement of assets and liabilities.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no audit opinion on the accounts and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.

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



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12 August 2024

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 30 APRIL 2024

	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at bank and in hand		8,607		20,845
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Uniform deposits	(1,590)		(1,605)	
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Net current assets		7,017		19,240
FUNDS				
Unrestricted funds		7,017		19,240

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 16 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:


D Humphreys
Trustee

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

AS AT 30 APRIL 2024

	2024	2023
Receipts		
Bank interest – Savings a/c	151.56	55.63
Donations	2,076.42	1,381.48
Calendars	1,609.53	
Concert Venue Fee	-	356.25
Concert Appearance Fees	-	550.00
Subscriptions	13,479.66	13,140.00
Ticket Sales	5,846.09	5,208.00
Tour Account Income	2,983.00	9,071.85
Payment for Uniform/Pendants	-	45.00
Music/Folders	15.00	-
Float	100.00	-
	26,261.26	29,808.21
Payments		
Accompanist Fees	3,570.00	2,855.00
Advertising	759.00	-
Assistant Musical Director Fees	880.00	560.00
Bank Charges	98.85	98.90
Calendars	1,613.00	-
Concert Appearance Fees	860.00	350.00
Committee Expenses	832.50	555.00
Concert Settlement	139.00	193.04
Concert Venue	2,668.80	2,260.50
Donations	2,859.14	2,030.46
Equipment	166.80	-
Floats	50.00	20.00
Gratuities	456.19	252.52
Hadleigh Methodist Church Hire	2,603.00	3,049.50
Insurance, Membership and fees	1,343.70	2,139.24
Miscellaneous Expenses	120.00	2,027.20
Mobile	47.58	-
Music	286.87	306.87
Musical Director Fees	6,300.00	4,584.00
Printing and miscellaneous (for concerts)	1,119.00	1,732.46
Printing and Stationery	33.65	115.50
Programme Expenditure	244.05	36.00
Refreshments	3.44	20.00
Subscription	40.00	-
Tour Account Expenditure	8,544.64	2,588.75
Uniform – deposits returned	15.00	
Website Hosting Expenses	1,159.00	900.00
Workshop	1,801.00	1,054.00
Total	38,614.21	27,728.94
Excess of (Expenditure over income)/Income over expenditure	£ (12,352.95)	£2,079.27

THE ORPHEUS SINGERS**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****AS AT 30 APRIL 2024****1.Accounting Policies****1.1 Accounting Convention**

The financial statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis under the historic cost convention in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) as updated by bulletin 1 and 2 and the Charities Act 2011.