



Southern Pro Musica

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Registered Charity no. 1148872

Trustees' Annual Report: Aug 1st 2023 – July 31st 2024

1. Trustees

Dr. Jonathan Cox (Chairman)
Carolyn Shaw
Professor Toby Salt
Dale Chambers
Jonathan Willcocks

Governing document: Trust Deed
The charity is constituted as a Trust
Trustees are appointed by existing Trustees

2. Objectives and Activities

To advance, educate and increase the appreciation of music by the public, specifically orchestral and instrumental music, by means of educational concerts and workshops for children of school age and the provision and presentation of concerts of orchestral music for the general public.

In the year Aug 1st 2023 – July 31st 2024 a total of 19 concerts were performed – either as SPM promotions or in partnership with other charitable organisations.

The Trustees have met once in the 2023-2024 year and have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

3. Financial review

The Charity's reserves are held as cash, currently deposited with Barclays Bank. The opening balance of total cash assets as at Aug 1st 2023 was £36,828.31 and the closing balance on July 31st 2024 was £40,475.53. There was a 'net' increase in reserves during the year Aug 23 – July 24 of £3,647.22 (largely due to increased Gift Aid received and an advance fee payment).

The Charity aims to maintain sufficient reserves to prevent cash-flow difficulties within a concert season and to develop further activities according to its Charitable aims.



4. Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. Cox', written over a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the right.

Dr. Jonathan Cox (Chairman)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jonathan Willcocks'.

Jonathan Willcocks

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Opening balance of cash assets (as at 1st Aug 2023) **£36,828.31**

	Unrestricted Income	Restricted Funds	Total Income
Receipts			
Fees from partner organisations	£70,885.64		
Grants	£0.00	£21,355.00	
Friends of SPM' net income	£2,752.75		
Other income	£7,874.24		
Total Receipts	£81,512.63	£21,355.00	£102,867.63
Payments			
Fees to musicians	£95,235.00		
Concert venue hire	£700.00		
Hire of music	£1,535.64		
Librarian, postal and sundry expenses	£312.50		
Concert promotion, design, printing and other concert costs	£836.43		£3,647.22
Sundry (website mgt, liability insurance, bank charges etc)	£600.84		
Total Expenditure	£99,220.41		
Closing balance of cash assets (as at 31st July 2024)	£40,475.53		



Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Trustees of Southern Pro Musica on accounts for the year
Aug 1st 2023 – July 31st 2024.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees 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 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 statement 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 130 of the Charities Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

Signed:

Michael L. Heslop

1/10/24

Michael Heslop, MA, PGCE
ex-Headmaster
ex-ISI inspector