



**Rye Wurlitzer Academy  
Rye College  
The Grove  
Rye  
East Sussex  
TN31 7NQ**

**The Rye Wurlitzer Academy is a Registered Charity, Number 1161821  
Bank Details Barclays Plc. Sort Code 20.27.94 Account No. 83498891**

### **CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2024**

Our year started with a very successful and enjoyable Rye Proms event, which now seems to be a regular fixture in the local social calendar. All our fund-raising evenings were profitable and much enjoyed by those who attended. Funding has been harder to find and achieve due to oversubscribed applications for the trusts that were canvassed but we are pleased with our support from the Sussex Community Foundation.

Numbers attending events have still not returned to pre-Covid 19 levels but we endeavour to create enjoyable evenings, whilst giving good value for money. It is lovely to see our students not only playing at some of the events but taking an active part in helping. Since we began in 2009, we have created a family within the RWA, and it is pleasing to hear from some of original students in how they are progressing through life. We are also pleased to have parental support from many of our more recent students, who also bring along family and friends.

Our Sunday concerts, whilst not as well supported as we would like, held their own in as much as all made a small profit, were highly enjoyable, and people that attended are returning. We were fortunate to receive a donation from the Theatre Organ Club of Great Britain of £500 to assist with running these concerts. Five concerts were arranged and four will be arranged during the next financial year. Our Chairman was given information from an address list of Friends of Rye Wurlitzer members from 2014; it made for grim reading, as most of the members at that time were known to have now passed on or to be of an age or incapacity where they were unable to drive to the concerts. This experience confirmed that we are very much "starting again" in attracting an audience for the Sunday concerts, so, on that basis, we are doing well!

Regular and new donors were thinner on the ground this year, as you will see from our financial report. We are most grateful to those who continue to support our Sponsor a Student Scheme. We are also delighted with the continued support of local estate agency, Rush Witt Wilson, for continuing to sponsor the hire of the hall. A private loan of £2,000 was required to assist with running and teaching costs during the summer months, which we hope to repay before too long.

We continued to enjoy good relations throughout the year with the Aquinas Trust, who run Rye College, and we much appreciate the continuing support of Principal, Mr Dom Downs, and the Senior Leadership Team. It is anticipated that our "normal" recruitment presentations will continue in the new college year. The time between recruitment sessions has led to us paying more than we would have liked for storing instruments this year.

Once again, the project could not be the success it is without the continued professionalism and commitment of Principal Tutor Michael Wooldridge, who gives much of his personal time to support the whole project and who, in his professional capacity, has continued to work wonders with the students in their lessons. Our e-newsletters continued during the year, when we had sufficient news to tell. To conclude 2023/24 will be remembered as a year in which we survived and continued doing what we do best in bringing high quality learning to our students together with some memorable fund-raising evenings.

**Richard Moore - Chairman & Founder**





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## **TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024**

### **Review of Year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024**

This year income and expenditure are both up on the previous year. Income is up due to increased event income along with a cash flow loan and Expenditure is up on most lines of spend, see detail below.

### **Income and Expenditure**

Income for the year totalled £14.5k compared to £11.8k the previous year. This represents a 22.3% increase in income.

Income from events was £8.1k, up by £2.6k. However, donations were down by £0.7k, at £3.6k and Sponsor-a-student income by £350, at £0.8k, this was due to problems with the bank account during the year.

Due to cash flow problems a loan of £2.0k was given by a trustee, which still needs to be repaid at the end of the financial year.

Expenditure for the year totalled £14.4k compared to £12.2k in 2022/23. There was an increase in most lines of expense, except catering, where a small saving was made. There was a slight increase in Tuition costs along with an increase in Artist fees of £1.1k. The other main increase was in the storage costs of organs at £2.1k, up by £420. This will no longer be the case as the organs have been moved or disposed of.

### **Summary**

With an income of £14.5k and expenditure of £14.4k, there is no major movement in the end of year Bank Balance of £591.





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**INCOME & EXPENDITURE BALANCE SHEET  
FOR YEAR ENDED  
31ST AUGUST 2024**

**INCOME**

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Donations                  | 3,574.75         |
| Rye Mayor's Fund Donations | 0.00             |
| Sponsor-A-Student          | 784.00           |
| Show - Door Admissions     | 7,081.00         |
| Raffle                     | 1,024.00         |
| Catering Donations         | 1.00             |
| Other Donations            | 0.00             |
| Gift Aid Reclaim           | 0.00             |
| Sale of Instruments        | 0.00             |
| Loan                       | 2,000.00         |
| Other                      | 5.00             |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>       | <b>14,469.75</b> |

**EXPENDITURE**

|                                  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Tuition                          | 8,100.00         |
| Artists Fees                     | 2,025.00         |
| Hall Hire                        | 750.00           |
| Accommodation                    | 0.00             |
| Printing/Stationery              | 259.94           |
| Organ Removals/Purchases/Storage | 2,100.00         |
| Organ Repairs                    | 320.00           |
| Catering                         | 892.75           |
| Music Books                      | 0.00             |
| Other                            | 0.00             |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE:</b>        | <b>14,447.69</b> |

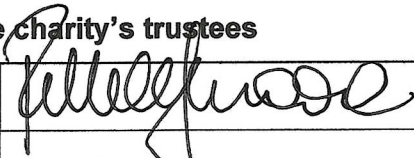
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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Opening Balance: 01/09/2023 | 568.66      |
| Plus Income                 | 14,469.75   |
| Less Expenditure            | (14,447.69) |
| Closing Balance: 31/08/2024 | 590.72      |

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|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Barclays Bank Balance: 31/08/2024 | 590.72 |
| Uncleared Cheques                 |        |
| Funds Available: 31/08/2024       | 590.72 |

## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s)                        |  |  |
| Full name(s)                        | MR. RICHARD MOORE   |  |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | CHAIRMAN  |  |
| Date                                | 25.03.2025  |  |