



OF THE BARGELLO "FOB"

Charity Number 1166475

Trustees' Annual Report for the period ending 5th April 2024

The Charity has had a challenging year as the Museo Nazionale del Bargello has been without a director since January 2024. The Museum is currently joining forces with another Florentine Museum, The Accademia, and the post for the director of both museums is still unfulfilled, with acting directors currently in place and Senior Curators carrying on the good work. This is a situation mirrored all over Italy as the 8 year tenures of museum directors came to an end and new positions need to be filled.

Notwithstanding this, the FOB has continued to attract funding. Unrestricted funds of £41,033 and restricted funds of £22,334 were donated to the FOB. The charity has very low committed costs which mainly relate to fundraising via events, administrative support, web development and other professional fees.

The year saw the large and important catalogue of the museum's entire Maiolica collection finally being published by Allemandi paid for entirely by FOB restricted and unrestricted funding used for its completion. This is a major achievement as the updating and the production of the collection catalogues is a main part of our mission. This publication will be presented during the Florence Biennale in September 2024. The Wood Sculpture catalogue is nearer to completion, and we have restricted funds put aside for the translator fees and publication costs by Brepols. We are aiming for publication in late 2025/early 2026. The glass catalogue is slowly being written, and we expect an update later this year.

We have funds restricted funds held back which will likely be used to fund the refurbishment of the Salone di Donatello which is currently being overhauled and redecorated paid for by the Italian state and we anticipate that the FOB's involvement will be for a new base for Donatello's bronze figure of David (one of the main highlights), new didactic labels and panels and a possible contribution to the restoration of the marble floor.

In June 2023 we were able to offer a group of members and donors a private tour of the exhibition at Strawberry Hill, called Treasures from Faraway, Medieval and Renaissance Objects from the Schroder collection. This was at no cost to the FOB. In May 2023 we hosted a breakfast for donors and members at the Victoria & Albert Museum with a private tour of the Donatello exhibition which had been in Florence and Berlin, prior to London. This was at low cost to the FOB but was greatly appreciated by our members. Two dinners for patron members were held at the Bargello in September and October 2023. These dinners are held in the Museum courtyard and hire fees are waived for significant donors who pay for all other expenses. The dinners, of which the FOB is allowed three per year, have

proved to be successful fundraising tools and help to nurture future relationships as well as enhancing the experience of the museum for current generous donors.

While we await the position of the new director to be filled, we continue our work of raising awareness of the museum's collection of exceptional, world class works of art, ensuring that current and future donors know that it is a museum of significant importance that needs support. We have been able to inform people of the work we have already achieved with the photographic archive, the new lighting in the Salone di Donatello, the climate controlled new case for the Pénicaud enamels, and the publication of the magnificent Maiolica catalogue. We are continuing to develop a project for an exhibition of Henry Moore sculpture at the museum, the possible commissioning of a catalogue of the jewelry collection and the search for a donor to catalogue the textiles currently held in the museum storage.

The Friends of the Bargello

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of the Bargello

1166475

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

4/6/2023

To

4/5/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	41,033	22,334	-	63,367	40,983
Interest Received	91	-	-	91	105
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	41,124	22,334	-	63,458	41,088
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	41,124	22,334	-	63,458	41,088
A3 Payments					
Bank Fees	266	-	-	266	115
Consulting and office expenses	17,364	-	-	17,364	16,406
Fulfilling charitable objectives	9,312	-	-	9,312	8,246
Legal and professional	-	-	-	-	7,200
Foreign Exchange costs	-	-	-	-	256
Utilised Restricted Funds	-	28,110	-	28,110	44,719
Fundraising	417	-	-	417	2,583
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	27,359	28,110	-	55,469	79,525
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Loan	26,250	-	-	26,250	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	26,250	-	-	26,250	-
Total payments	53,609	28,110	-	81,719	79,525
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 12,485	- 5,776	-	- 18,261	- 38,437
A5 Transfers between funds	47,331	47,331	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,218	73,952	-	75,170	113,607
Cash funds this year end	36,064	20,845	-	56,909	75,170

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		36,064	20,845	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	36,064	20,845	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Loan	Unrestricted	103,603	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Andrew Russell

Andrew Russell

2/4/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Friends of The Bargello

On accounts for the year
ended

5th April 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1166475

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **05/04/2024**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination, which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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

Signed: David Cox

Date: 12th March 2025

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.