

**VIRTUOSI GUS BAND**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

**CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER: 1170993**

**VIRTUOSI GUS BAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

**Reference and administration details**

Registered Charity No.	1170993
Principal Address	52 Pytchley Road Kettering NN15 6JA
Trustees	Jonathan Mott Nathan Waterman Mike Smith

**Structure, governance and management**

Governing Document	Constitution adopted December 2016
Constitution	Charitable Incorporated Organisation(CIO) registered 5th January 2017
Trustee selection method	Trustees are appointed at the annual general meeting

**Objectives and Activities**

Objects	The objects of the band are to entertain and educate the public in the musical arts and in particular the art of brass band playing and to further the development of public appreciation and taste by the performance of concerts and other activities.
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The objective of The GUS Band is to further the study, practice and encouragement of Brass Band Music in all forms in order to foster public knowledge and appreciation of such music by means of public performances or otherwise including training and education of brass players.

The Trustees are aware of the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 regarding the reporting of the public benefit of the charity. The Trustees recognize that, for the accounting year ending 31st December 2022, the trustees report is required to include such a report.

In setting the charity's objectives and planning activities, the trustees and management have given consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and believe that the charity meets the public benefit requirement.

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**Achievements and Performance**

Over the last year the band competed in the following competitions:

Feb 26 2023. The Midlands Area Championship Section Contest, The Cube, Corby. Placed 1<sup>st</sup>

May 13 2023 The British Open Grand Shield Contest, The Winter Gardens, Blackpool. Placed 6th

June 2 2023. The Whit Friday Marches Contest. 3 x 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sep 10 2023. Dr Martin Contest. Yarm. Placed 1<sup>st</sup>

Oct 21 2023. The National Brass Band Championships Finals, at The Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington. Placed 8<sup>th</sup>  
(best result since 2016)

As well as competitions the Band have put on Concerts locally around Northamptonshire and have appeared across the country by invitation. Including the Band's 90th year Celebrations.

The band's playing personnel continue to change year in year out, but the playing standard of the band is still maintained at the highest level. The players are all committed and dedicated to the future of brass banding.

**FUTURE PLANS AND OBJECTIVES**

**Mission**

To recruit into the band the finest brass band players available.

To develop young players to ensure continuity of top-class musicians.

**Corporate aims**

To run the Band ethically and responsibly, organising income streams from performance and merchandise sales so that the long-term future of the band is secured.

To present the band at public concerts where the audiences hear music that thrills and entertains them.

To enter the band at brass band music competitions so that they can test their musical skills against other leading bands.

To organise workshops where the skills of the players are used to inspire and encourage young brass players.

To promote the band throughout the UK and Internationally so that the band is invited to perform at prestigious concert halls and arenas.

There is no reserves policy

**Declarations**

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

Signature(s)

  
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Print Name

N Waterman  
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Date

24/10/24  
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF VIRTUOSI GUS BAND**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31st December 2023

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act")

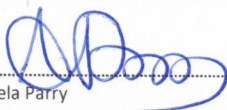
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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



Angela Parry

For and on behalf of:

Tove Accountancy Ltd

Office 6, Town Hall, 86 Watling Street East, Towcester, Northants, NN12 6BS

Dated

24/10/24

**VIRTUOSI GUS BAND**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Donations	70,273	0	70,273	59,446
Gift aid	17,552	0	17,552	13,872
Concerts	24,607	0	24,607	18,044
Sponsorship	2,500	0	2,500	0
Events	2,660	0	2,660	0
FOH Sales	2,470	0	2,470	388
Prizes	5,490	0	5,490	2,600
100 Club	4,460	0	4,460	0
Miscellaneous	242	0	242	0
Easy Fundraising	0	0	0	62
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>130,254</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>130,254</b>	<b>94,411</b>

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Conductors Fees	22,772	0	22,772	11,075
Rehearsal Hall Hire	7,941	0	7,941	7,828
Hotels Costs	5,844	0	5,844	4,453
Deputy players	5,634	0	5,634	4,127
Van Hire	3,868	0	3,868	1,593
Insurance	669	0	669	629
Contest entry and registration	1,115	0	1,115	485
Venue Hire	1,625	0	1,625	750
Event costs	6,806	0	6,806	0
FOH Costs	798	0	798	0
Bank Charges	79	0	79	61
Insturment Costs	0	0	0	225
Registration Fees	200	0	200	151
Music	303	0	303	197
Advertising and Promotion	1,465	0	1,465	316
Miscellaneous	2,808	0	2,808	1,447
Joint Artists Fee	2,743	0	2,743	567
Website	0	0	0	336
Examiners Fee	330	0	330	300
Uniforms	0	0	0	831
Members Travel	66,081	0	66,081	53,270
Depreciation	100	0	100	575
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>131,183</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>131,183</b>	<b>89,216</b>

**VIRTUOSI GUS BAND**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	2023	2022
<b>Tangible Fixed Assets</b>	2		
Equipment, Fixtures and Fittings		0	100
		0	100
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Bank Accounts	10,321	9,822	
Debtors	4,788	5,115	
Prepayments	775	1,184	
Other	0	0	
	15,884	16,121	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors	3,282	2,673	
Deferred Income	(25 )	22	
Accruals	330	300	
	3,587	2,995	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		12,296	13,125
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>			
Amounts falling due within more than one year		0	0
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		12,296	13,225
<b>Capital funds</b>			
Restricted funds	4	0	0
Unrestricted funds	5	12,296	13,225
<b>Total Funds</b>		12,296	13,225

The annexed notes form part of these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

**1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 using the Receipts and Payments basis

**2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

		Equipment £
Cost	01-Jan-23	25,800
Additions		0
Disposals		0
Cost at	31-Dec-23	<u>25,800</u>
Depreciation	01-Jan-23	25,700
Charge		100
Disposal		0
Depreciation at	31-Dec-23	<u>25,800</u>
Net Book Value	31-Dec-23	<u>0</u>
Net Book Value	31-Dec-22	<u>100</u>

**3. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES**

No trustees have been paid remuneration or have received other benefits from employment with the charity.

**4. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

There are no restricted funds currently held by the charity.

**5. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

	2023 £	2022 £
Opening balance	13,225	8,030
Net funds for the year	<u>929</u>	<u>5,195</u>
Closing balance	<u>12,296</u>	<u>13,225</u>