

## **Walsall Symphony Orchestra (Charitable Incorporated Organisation Reg. No. 1173311)**

### **- AGM 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - Trustee's report**

#### **Trustees**

Current trustees are: Ian Sumner, Caroline Moore, and Rosemary Cripps.

The trustees can be re-elected this year in accordance with the rules specified in the CIO governing document.

Trustees are also committee members so that committee meetings automatically are trustee meetings.

Ian Sumner is leaving the committee and so a new trustee may be appointed.

#### **Dates**

This report spans concerts in March, June and November 2023

(whereas the financial report is September 2022 to August 2023)

#### **People**

Thanks are due to all the committee for their hard work in concert organisation and the overall running of the orchestra.

Ros Jacom has left the committee this year. We thank her for her contribution to the committee.

Thanks are due to Naomi Shaw, Angela Cooper and Dawn Watson (our leader) for joining the committee at the start of the year.

Clive Allsopp continues to support us as conductor (for more than 20 years)

Dawn Watson continues as the orchestra's leader.

We thank Andrew Birkbeck for continuing to provide an annual review of the accounts.

#### **Committee meetings**

Committee meetings in 2023 were held on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 7<sup>th</sup> July and 16<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **Rehearsal venue**

The trustees report in November 2022 documented the change of rehearsal venue to the Bluecoat Academy in September 2022.

This venue has been very successful. We have a good rehearsal room with storage for timpani and music.

#### **Membership**

Membership numbers are as follows:

For the past 2022 – 2023 year we will have 26 paid up members.

Previous years' membership number were:

2019 - 2020 35 paid up members

2020 - 2021 No paid up members (Because of covid)

2021 - 2022 29 paid up members.

#### **Concert advertising**

We have advertised all three of this year's concerts in the local Pioneer magazine which has a distribution of 51000 copies.

## Concerts

### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Pelsall Methodist Church, 1 Chapel Street, Walsall, WS3 4LN**

We have performed at this excellent venue on many past occasions.

Audience 80 people.

The repertoire was:

Delibes: Ballet music from Coppelia  
Mozart Horn Concerto no 3  
Rimsky Korsakov: Dance of the Tumblers  
Elgar: Salut d'amour  
Dvorak: New World Symphony 1<sup>st</sup> movement  
Schubert: Unfinished Symphony 2<sup>nd</sup> movement  
J Strauss: Tritsch Tratsch Polka

We were delighted to host Stephen Mayes as the horn soloist.

(Stephen has supported our concerts on many occasions as a deputy horn player)

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at St James's Church, Church Road, Brownhills, WS8 6AB**

Audience 75 people

The repertoire was:

Rimsky Korsakov: The Old Castle from Pictures at an Exhibition  
Gershwin by George (Gershwin selection)  
Grieg: Peer Gynt suite: Morning, Hall of the Mountain King  
Vaughan Williams: English Folk Song Suite  
Sullivan: Gilbert and Sullivan Gems  
Lloyd Weber: Selections from Cats  
Rimsky Korsakov: Dance of the Tumblers

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at St Martin's Church, 1 Daffodil Road, Walsall, WS5 3DQ**

Audience 65 people

The repertoire was:

Offenbach : Overture to Orpheus in the underworld  
Judith Bailey: Noel  
Gustav Holst: Somerset Rhapsody  
Georges Bizet: L'Arlesienne Suite 2: Minuet & Farandole  
Karl Jenkins: Palladio  
Judith Bailey: Wassail  
Edvard Grieg: Peer Gynt Suite  
Paul Simon: A medley of songs  
Mozart: Overture Marriage of Figaro

## Future concerts

16<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at All Saints Streetly.

Concert 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at St Matthews Walsall.

Ian Sumner, Walsall Symphony Orchestra Chair

4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Account Summary****1st September 2022 - 31st August 2023**

<b>Total funds at 31.08.22</b>	<b>8693.64</b>
Money Market	5647.36
Deposit Account	1417.93
Current Account	1628.35

<b>Total funds at 31.08.23</b>	<b>8577.80</b>
Money Market	5698.75
Deposit Account	1432.53
Current Account	1446.52

<b>Position compared with 21/22</b>	<b>-115.84</b>
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<b>Expenditure breakdown</b>	<b>2022/23</b>
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