

# BERNSTEIN IN CHICHESTER

*Registered Office:*  
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## **Trustee Annual Report** Reporting period up to 5th April 2025

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**Background:** Bernstein in Chichester was established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and entered the Register of Charities on 4th October 2017.

The objects of the CIO were to advance the public education in, and appreciation of, the arts and culture within the City of Chichester and Chichester District, through the celebration of the work and life of Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990) and his close links with Chichester by way of concerts, recitals, workshops, reviews, talks, film shows and exhibitions.

Bernstein in Chichester's festival programme launched with its first event on 27th March 2018 (Bernstein Triple Bill screening at Chichester Cinema at New Park) and continued throughout the year, culminating in a performance on 27th November 2018 of Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* in Chichester Cathedral with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Marin Alsop and the joint choirs of Chichester, Winchester and Salisbury cathedrals.

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Following the success of the Bernstein in Chichester Festival events that took place throughout 2018 a decision was made by the trustees to continue its efforts to establish a permanent memorial to Leonard Bernstein and the Chichester Psalms within the vicinity of the Cathedral and in a location that will be of interest and intrigue to the public and visitors to the city.

In April 2024 we were delighted to receive confirmation of the plaque to be unveiled on the wall between the Prebendal Wall and the Cathedral. The event would become part of the 950th anniversary celebrations of Chichester Cathedral in 2025.

Planning permissions were duly sought and a draft of the plaque design was made by the stone mason Rob Jolly and submitted to the cathedral for final approval. Canon Vanessa Baron has been our contact between herself and Dean Stephen's office.

Also during this process Richard Meynell was co-opted to Bernstein in Chichester as a trustee. Richard is an architect of over 40 year's experience during which time he served as the architect to the Dean and Chapter of Chichester Cathedral for the Cathedral Close for 30 years. He has guided us for several years with incredible knowledge and expertise on approaching this project with the Cathedral and has also introduced Bernstein in Chichester to expert stonemason Rob Jolly so we were delighted he agreed to be co-opted.

Now that we were under way with the plaque approval we resumed our budget planning and fundraising commenced. We already had funds enough to purchase an appropriate piece of Portland stone as guided by Rob Jolley. Rob needed to 'get ahead' on carving the plaque which was completed by the end of 2024, and therefore in January 2025 it had been arranged to meet on site at the Cathedral to discuss the plaque location. Those present included: Dame Patricia Routledge, all trustees of Bernstein in Chichester, Dean Stephen, Canon Vanessa Baron and text artist Polly Meynell who would be designing a simple textile for the unveiling of the plaque.

The date of the unveiling was set for May 17th 2025. As well as the 950th anniversary of the Cathedral 2025 is the 60th anniversary of Chichester Psalms so that evening the Cathedral Choir will also be performing the Psalms in an anniversary concert. Alexander Bernstein was invited to unveil the plaque. We have been keeping in touch with him to keep him updated on the plaque approval, design and the plans for the unveiling.

We were lucky to kickstart our fundraising with 2 generous donations from the Pallant House Trust and the Dame Patricia Routledge Foundation. We also approached the old chorister's network and received individual donations. In March 2025 we received another generous donation from the Bowerman Trust which ensured coverage of the overall budget. Also during the spring the Cathedral had appointed a new permanent dean and on his arrival Dean Edward Dowler immediately added his support to the project.

During this reporting period we report an income to the funds of £2,985 with expenditure at £3,300. With year balance from previous reporting period of £2,865.01 the total unrestricted funds in Bernstein in Chichester's accounts stand at £2,550.01

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Written by: Emma-Jane Wyatt

Approved by trustees: Alan Thurlow, David Nason





## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01-Jul-24

To

30-Apr-25

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	2.985	-	2.985	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	-	2.985	-	2.985	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	2.985	-	2.985	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
Event and plaque costs	315	2.985	-	3.300	-
Website costs	-	-	-	-	24
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	315	2.985	-	3.300	24
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	315	2.985	-	3.300	24
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 315	-	-	- 315	- 24
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	2.915	-	-	2.915	2.939
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	2.600	-	-	2.600	2.915

### 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>				
		2.600	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	2.600	-	-


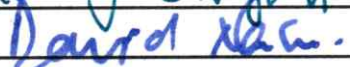
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	EMMA-JANE WYATT	2 Dec 2025
	DAVID NASON	4 Dec 2025

## Bernstein in Chichester

### Bank

Apr-25

	£	£	£
	In	Out	Balance
Opening balance 6 April 24			2.865,01
<b>Receipts</b>			
Income	2.985,00		
<b>Payments</b>			
Costs		3.300,00	
Closing balance 5 April 2025	2.985,00	3.300,00	2.550,01
Per bank statement at 5 April 25			2.550,01
Difference			-
<u>Costs raised not cleared at bank</u>			

### Receipts received in bank not recorded

Date	£	
		-
<b>Reconciling difference</b>		-

### CASH

(Quarterly)

	£	£	£
	In	Out	Balance
Opening balance (date)			50,00
<b>Receipts</b>			
Income	-		
Transfer from bank			-
<b>Payments</b>			
Costs		-	
Closing balance (date)	-	-	50,00
Per cash held			50,00
Difference			-