



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/9/2020

Period start date To 31/8/2021

Period end date

Charity name: Opera Viva Merseyside

Charity registration number: 1177385

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance education in the operatic and dramatic arts for the benefit of the public, in particular ..., by developing skills in musicianship and performance, and by developing appreciation of music and drama through the presentation of public performances..
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	In spite of considerable adversity through the COVID-19 pandemic, we were able to put on one major concert: Concert: Summer Sparkle 21 August 2021, St Mary's College Crosby And prepare music and events for the following year
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All trustees have received and read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and have regard to it when taking decisions.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The charity does not make grants.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The charity has no social investment program
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity's activities are almost entirely carried out by volunteers, who (a) improve their own knowledge and skills in music and drama, and in stage production skills under the guidance of, and through the example of, professional conductors, pianists and singers, while (b) providing accessible public performances in community venues.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	During 2020/21, we have made arrangements to continue working with members of the charity online, with regular rehearsals and meetings to discuss opera repertoire and technique. Throughout this period we had a number of planned outreach and educational events, including performances for residential homes and other outreach events, which had to be cancelled due to government restrictions. We have a number of events planned for the autumn, including a public masterclass and a staged opera with orchestra in local community venues

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity made a surplus of £2421.19 during the period and remains solvent.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves policy agreed by Opera Viva Committee on 24/4/19: Opera Viva aims to have a reserve of £2,000, available to spend at short notice to cushion us against any financial problems. This represents the approximate cost of having to cancel a major production for uninsurable reasons. Each year our annual budget will allocate up to £250 to go into the reserve fund until the £2,000 target is reached.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£750 is allocated to reserves as at 31/8/21

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	- Earned income: 15% - Corp & Personal donations: 59% - Subscriptions: 25%
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Sudden unavailability of key volunteer performers, requiring professional replacement (extra expenditure) or abandoning a planned performance (reduced income).

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	CIO Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees or members. Trustees are subject to re-election by members in rotation every three years (after the CIO's first year)

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Opera Viva Merseyside
Other name the charity uses	Opera Viva
Registered charity number	1177385
Charity's principal address	Sefton CVS, Burlington House, Crosby Rd North, Liverpool L22 0LG

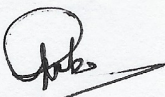
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Doreen Whitlow	Chair		
2	Peter Bates	Vice-Chair		
3	Peter McColgan			
4	Douglas Ligertwood			

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Doreen Whitlow	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	22-Jun-22	

OPERA VIVA
BANK RECONCILIATION
AS AT
31 AUGUST 2021

Opening balance per Accounts at 1 September 2020	2666.77
Banked	<u>5244.88</u>
	7911.65
Payments	<u>2823.69</u>
Closing Balance per Accounts	<u>£5087.96</u>
Closing Balance per Bank	5024.44
O/s Banking	<u>1178.80</u>
	6203.24
O/s Payments	240.00
	9.75
	175.53
	390.00
	<u>300.00</u>
	<u>1115.28</u>
	<u>£5087.96</u>

OPERA VIVA
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2021

INCOME

Summer Concert	Ticket sales	581.00	
	Raffle	141.00	
	Bar takings	<u>86.80</u>	808.80
Subscriptions			1302.20
Donations			3085.00
Amazon			10.38
Bonus ball			<u>68.50</u>
			<u>£5274.88</u>

EXPENDITURE

Pianists	645.00
Singing master/mistress	825.00
Costumes, props etc	175.53
Hall rent	14.00
Caretaker St Mary's	100.00
Subscriptions	72.00
Insurance	402.41
Repairs and renewals	100.00
Sundries	30.00
Postage and stationery	9.75
Storage	<u>480.00</u>
	<u>£2853.69</u>

<u>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>£2421.19</u>
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