

QUESTA

England & Wales · Charity number 1178014

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2018-04-19

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

Address Corfe Mullen Baptist Church
Newtown Lane
Corfe Mullen
Wimborne
Dorset
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Website www.questavoce.com

Activities

Objects: 1) TO ADVANCE, IMPROVE, DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC EDUCATION IN AND APPRECIATION OF, THE ART AND SCIENCE OF MUSIC IN ALL ITS ASPECTS BY ANY MEANS THE TRUSTEES SEE FIT, IN PARTICULAR THROUGH THE STUDY AND PRACTICE OF CHORAL MUSIC AND SYMPHONY AND CHAMBER ORCHESTRAS AND THROUGH THE PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC CONCERTS AND RECITALS.2) SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AS ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

Activities: The preparation, study and performance of choral and orchestral music for the public. To study and prepare existing music and to commission new works. To facilitate arts activity in the local community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bournemouth
- Dorset
- Hampshire
- Poole

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£0	£0	-	-
2024-03-31	£0	£0	-	-
2023-03-31	£26,152	£18,059	-	-
2022-03-31	£37,732	£28,997	-	-
2021-03-31	£13,930	£15,309	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALEXANDER HUSTLER	Chair	2017-11-06
ANDREA TODD		2017-11-06
Annabelle Carter		2022-01-17
CHRIS JONES		2017-11-06

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 04	Year 2022		Day 31	Month 03	Year 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

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Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1178014

Charity's principal address

c/o Corfe Mullen Baptist Church
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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	Alexander Hustler	Chair		
2	Christopher Jones	Treasurer		
3	Annabelle Carter	Secretary		
4	Andrea Todd			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed by a general meeting of Trustees and reviewed annually

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- a. To advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in and appreciation of the art and science of music in all its aspects by any means the trustees see fit, in particular through the study and practice of choral music and symphony and chamber orchestras and through the presentation of public concerts and recitals.
- b. Such charitable purposes for the public benefit as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the

trustees may from time to time determine.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings. The main activities are as follows:

- Weekly choir rehearsals
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- Concerts for the general public, at low cost

These activities benefit the choir members by teaching them new skills, and developing their self-confidence and social skills, their practical musical skills and life skills. They benefit the audiences by providing opportunities for them to experience professional-standard live music at substantially lower costs than normally available and in locations where large-scale professional music is not normally available.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In the 2022/23 year, we produced four performances. Video Games in Concert in May 2022, followed by Symphonic Cinema in September and the usual Christmas concert in December, featuring Stella Natalis by Sir Karl Jenkins. In March 2023, we performed a concert featuring the Fauré Requiem and Requiem Pandemus. All concerts were a great success and turned a small profit.

During this period, three of our members sat music exams through the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music and Trinity College London: a Grade 5 Singing exam was passed, a Grade 8 Singing exam was passed with Merit (both ABRSM), and one of our sopranos earned the Licentiate of Trinity College London diploma (LTCL).

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash at bank on 31/03/2022 was £0. This date marked the last trading date for the charity as we are converting to a CIO (the two have been running in parallel since July for transference of operations). This is now complete, so all funds have been transferred over to the new CIO (Charity Number 1197868) and the Trustees have instructed the CEO to apply to the Charity Commission to remove this charity from the register of charities at the earliest opportunity. This charity had no debts or liabilities, all those having been passed to the new CIO.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	A Hustler	
Full name(s)	Alexander Hustler	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	15 th May 2023	

Questa (Old Charity)

Profit and Loss Report

01 April 2022 - 31 March 2023

Sales

Total Sales £ 26,152.86

Direct Expenses

Total Direct Expenses £ 18,058.05

GROSS PROFIT / LOSS £ 8,094.81

Overheads

Total Overheads £ 15,305.72

NET PROFIT / LOSS -£ 7,210.91

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Balance Sheet Report

To: 31 March, 2023

ASSETS

Fixed Assets

Total Fixed Assets £0.00

Current Assets

Total Current Assets £0.00

TOTAL ASSETS £0.00

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Total Current Liabilities £0.00

Future Liabilities

2600 - Long term Loans & Mortgages 2,138.80

Total Future Liabilities £2,138.80

TOTAL LIABILITIES £2,138.80

TOTAL NET ASSETS -£2,138.80

EQUITY

Net Profit / Loss -2,138.80

<i>Net Profit / Loss (prior year(s))</i>	7,210.91
<i>Net Profit / Loss (current year)</i>	-9,349.71

TOTAL EQUITY	-£2,138.80
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

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**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1178014

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 Act; or
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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.

Signed:

Date:

18/05/2023

Name:

Andrew James Binnington

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

47 Sundew Road

Broadstone

BH18 9NX

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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In the 2021/22 year, we were still unable to undertake any performances due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic as it would have been unlawful until part way through the year. We were finally able to start choir rehearsals again on 24th June, having been told in writing from our insurers that we are considered professional and therefore able to resume rehearsals under the law at the time. The required guidance was followed, with an updated risk assessment, social distancing, ventilation and other requirements being met, as well as alcohol gel and wipes being readily available and a requirement to test for COVID-19 before attending rehearsals.

With the situation easing due to the vaccine rollout, we were able to plan a Christmas concert with some degree of confidence that it would happen. This took place at the O2 Academy, Bournemouth, on 4th December and it was our 10 year anniversary to the day. Former soloists and members came back to join us and the concert was a great success.

During this period, four of our members sat music exams through the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music: a Grade 3 Singing exam was passed with Merit, a Grade 5 Singing exam was passed, a Grade 5 Music Theory exam was passed with distinction and a Grade 7 Singing exam was passed with distinction.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash at bank on 31/03/2022 was £9349.71 in unrestricted funds. The main financial risk to the charity is low ticket sales and reduced donations, particularly considering nervousness amongst audiences with ongoing COVID-19 issues. The funds are held to cover 3 months running costs and to offset against the cost of forthcoming concerts in the event of insufficient ticket sales, and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.

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Date	23 rd May 2022	

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Profit and Loss Report

01 April 2021 - 31 March 2022

Sales

Total Sales £ 37,732.48

Direct Expenses

Total Direct Expenses £ 18,125.42

GROSS PROFIT / LOSS £ 19,607.06

Overheads

Total Overheads £ 10,871.49

NET PROFIT / LOSS £ 8,735.57

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Balance Sheet Report

To: 31 March, 2022

ASSETS

Fixed Assets

Total Fixed Assets £0.00

Current Assets

1200 - HSBC Current Account 1,145.47

1205 - NatWest Current Account 437.81

1210 - HSBC Reserve Account 7,766.43

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TOTAL NET ASSETS £7,210.91

EQUITY

Net Profit / Loss	7,210.91
<i>Net Profit / Loss (prior year(s))</i>	-1,524.66
<i>Net Profit / Loss (current year)</i>	8,735.57
TOTAL EQUITY	£7,210.91



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Date:

06/04/2022

Name:

Andrew James Binnington

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