

Welsh Singers Showcase

Trustees' Annual Report for the Financial Year to 31 July 2020

Welsh Singers Showcase (WSS) is a charity (no. 1179521) governed by a board of Trustees. Its principal purpose is to promote young Welsh classical singers and stage a showcase event at which the Welsh representative in the BBC Cardiff Singer of the World, the leading operatic competition for young singers, is selected by a distinguished jury. Its operations are relatively modest and its showcase takes place every alternate year.

Like many other charities, WSS' operations were affected profoundly by the COVID 19 pandemic. Plans were well advanced for 2020's Showcase concert, which was scheduled to take place in June 2020 in St David's Hall in Cardiff. Given the impossibility of having the event with an audience in St David's Hall, the Trustees considered alternatives and next year's Annual Report will record a successful final round of the highest standard was broadcast on the Welsh language public service broadcaster S4C on 19 May 2021, selecting the soprano Sarah Gilford to represent Wales in BBC Cardiff Singer of the World in June 2021.

The Trustees would like to record their thanks to Mrs Sue Welch for dealing efficiently with the additional work arising from the multiple re-scheduling of the Showcase planned for June 2020.

Donations amounting to £8,250 were received during the year. Having registered the Charity for Gift Aid in the previous financial year, WSS received £2,284 of Gift Aid from HMRC. Total expenditure totalled £4,391.

The activities described above were reported, discussed and approved at meetings of the Trustees.

Policies

Safeguarding Vulnerable Beneficiaries

The beneficiaries of the Charity are young classical singers. The Trustees take all possible care to ensure the wellbeing of the participants in the showcase, both at the auditions and the main event itself. Special measures were put in place for the postponed 2020 showcase, which took place in March 2021 without the presence of an audience.

Conflicts of Interest

The Trustees are experienced individuals who are aware that any potential conflicts of interest should be disclosed. Inevitably, such conflicts arise from time to time and the Trustees ensure that the conflicted Trustee does not participate in the relevant decision.

Paying of Staff

The Charity does not have any staff. Mrs Sue Welch is paid for administering the Charity, which is disclosed under Administration in our financial accounts.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees



Dr Carol Bell, Chair

31 May 2021

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Year ended 31 July 2020

	£
Income	
Grants	-
Donations	8,250
Gift Aid	2,284
Other Income	-
Total Income	<u>10,534</u>
Expenditure	
Administration	3,500
Performances/Outreach	270
Publicity	621
Awards/Grants	-
Total Expenditure	<u>4,391</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	<u><u>6,142</u></u>
Funds Brought Forward 1 Aug 2019	6,472
Funds Carried Forward 31 July 2020	12,614

Notes

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