Trustees Annual Report

Charity Name:	Outland Opera
Charity Number:	1194099
Registered Address and Principal Office:	2 York Cottages, Wynford Eagle, Dorchester, DT2 0ES
Trustees:	Martin Bowe *(Treasurer)* Bridget Escolme *(Chairperson)* Michelle Williams

Purpose of the Charity

Outland Opera's Charitable Objects are as follows: to educate the public in operatic arts to further the development of public appreciation in the said arts through public performances in rural areas with a focus on local and regional history.

Achievements and performance

Outland Opera was founded in 2021 and has since composed three operas based on the regional history of Dorset, with composer Tom Floyd and writer Anna Rose-Prynn. A series of 'Story Shares' took place in the summer of 2021, during which Dorset people around the project sites were recorded telling stories about the locality. In 2022, Outland Opera had a residency at Lighthouse in Poole as part of its 'Sanctuary' programme and worked with Dorset Libraries on the delivery of a programme of creative workshops based around the operas. In 2023, Outland Opera produced a promenade performance *'The Song of Home'*, building on these prior creative workshops, which took place in Abbotsbury in December. A film based on the performance was produced and screened in Dorset care homes in 2024.

Structure, governance, and management

Outland Opera is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and has a charity constitution, which was last updated in 2021. Trustees are appointed for a term of three

years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting new trustees, the existing charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for effective administration of the CIO. This year, Outland Opera appointed a new Trustee, Michelle Williams, to replace outgoing trustee, Laura Canning. Outland Opera is currently seeking to appoint a Dorset-based trustee.

Financial Review

The charity covered all the costs of its activities through fundraising. The charity has no staff or significant overhead costs and its activities are linked to specific events for which it raises funds according to budgeted costs. Trustees have agreed that the charity should maintain reserves of 10% of its annual income once it has a turnover of £25,000 or above.

Public benefit statement

Outland Opera Trustees confirm that its activities are as stated in its objects and of public benefit.

Signed:

Bridget Escolme

Chair of Trustees

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Outland Opera	1194099

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/05/2024	To	30/04/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	6,343	-	-	6,343	4,028
Grants	2,250	-	-	2,250	750
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	8,593	-	-	8,593	4,778
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,593	-	-	8,593	4,778
A3 Payments					
Artistic creation	10,593	-	-	10,593	5,595
Photography	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-	110
Accommodation expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Venue & equipment hire	250	-	-	250	111
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	10,843	-	-	10,843	5,816
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	10,843	-	-	10,843	5,816
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,250	-	-	- 2,250	- 1,038
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,459	-	-	2,459	3,497
Cash funds this year end	209	-	-	209	2,459

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Bank Account	209	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	209	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

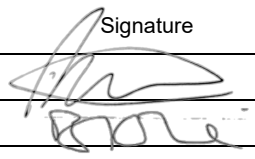
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	R Knight	05/02/26
	Bridget Escolme	05/02/26