

Epsom Music Society

Annual Report Year End 30th November 2022

During the year ending 30th November 2022 Epsom Music Society staged one benefit concert for the local NHS staff to recognise their sacrifices during Co-Vid.

We staged 4 classical concerts free of entry to showcase Ukrainian refugee musicians.

These events attracted donations to support the musicians.

We also staged several ticketed live top-class jazz concerts.

We initiated “Grassroots Jazz” formed to address the shortfall in Government funding for the arts as we came out of Covid. It was widely felt that the available monies in the Culture Recovery Fund were assigned too eagerly, without proper planning, and with little consideration for the smaller organisations, especially those those who operate in non permanent venues such as pubs, church halls, community centres and the like.

These clubs invariably work on a shoestring, and (more often than not) are chaired by promoters of the older generation. Within this generation, there is a (completely understandable) hugely lower incidence of internet/IT proficiency, which in turn leads to chronic underuse of social media to promote events.

In addition to this, there is a hugely reduced rate of bid submissions to the available money via Arts Council England from these promoters. This is definitely attributed to the same causation - a lack of the required skills required to make a coherent and competitive online bid. There are dozens of professional bid writers bidding for this same pot of money. Pitting these promoters against these professional bid writers is never going to see a good result for grassroots venues. The likelihood of success is close to zero.

Initial action

With reduced audience numbers, the profit margin became smaller for clubs, and for many, this became completely unmanageable.

As some clubs began to close we decided to do something about it.

Identifying the needy

The next job was to collate, as far as possible, the full number, locations and contact details of every UK jazz club. We found around 400. Through this work, it was possible to see that around 97% of UK jazz performances are being made in non dedicated venues.

We then emailed all of these clubs and asked for them to share details of the “Grassroots Jazz” initiative.

The recovery plan

We decided that the best course of action was to take the immediate pressure off the most stricken clubs by issuing an initial grant of £500. Following that, we analysed the social media of each club. We then mutually decided on a course of action i.e. the increase in ‘followers’ required to fulfill the conditions for the second grant of £1500. We have been conscious and careful in spreading the payments across the country in order not to appear ‘London centric’ or indeed region specific in any way.

A total of 7 clubs were awarded grants in 2022.

Finances

Funds have been raised through social media posts, and through (to date) three raffles which have been sponsored by various musical instrument companies - Fibonacci guitars (London), Headwind Music (Bristol), Dawkes Music (Maidenhead).

There has also been support from Ronnie Scott’s Jazz club in the form of the donation of 12 deluxe memberships for raffles. Also tickets from Scarborough Jazz Festival, Cambridge Jazz Festival and Swanage Jazz Festival.

There have also been private donations of instruments.

The future

This money is enough to help two or three more clubs.

However, we feel that it would be wiser to pause the donations and instead use the remaining funds as the ‘matched funding’ element of an Arts Council England bid. In this way we can (if successful) more than double the funds and give the issue of chronic underfunding greater publicity, in turn generating more revenue.

The Trustees

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7th September 2023

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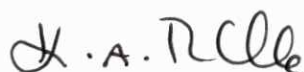
14th August 2023

Reference: Accounts prepared by Epsom Music 2022-2023

Dear Sirs,

Please find this letter as confirmation that the accounts prepared for Epsom Music have been certified to my satisfaction.

Yours Sincerely,



Kerrie Rundle MAAT

Proprietor

K A Accounts Services

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Epsom	Tickets/donations	Other	Expenses	AUTO - column	Metro Bank 23-05-80
Music	£22,332.64	£4,846.21	£16,160.73	Do not touch	Acc No. - 44226243
Accs 2022	INCOME				Accounting Year 11/01/2022 - 30/11/2022
Date			Amount	Balance	Item
28/02/2022		£500.00		£500.00	Gift Aid added.
18/04/2022			£22.80	£477.20	Sum Up card reader device
03/05/2022			£30.00	£447.20	Advert for 2nd June 2022
17/05/2022			£48.53	£398.67	Public liability insurance
17/05/2022			£92.40	£306.27	Advert for 2nd June 2022
24/05/2022		£1,000.00		£1,306.27	Donation
24/05/2022			£400.00	£906.27	Musician fees
26/05/2022			£70.00	£836.27	Certificate framing for 27th May event (NHS benefit)
01/06/2022			£600.00	£236.27	Musicians and adverts
06/06/2022	£54.07			£290.34	Ticket income
08/06/2022	£204.84			£495.18	Ticket income
08/06/2022		£1.96		£497.14	Donation
09/06/2022			£30.00	£467.14	Advertising
13/06/2022			£92.40	£374.74	Advertising
14/06/2022		£150.00		£524.74	Re NHS benefit donation
17/06/2022		£350.00		£874.74	Donations Ukraine music evening
05/07/2022		£375.00		£1,249.74	Gift Aid
07/07/2022			£500.00	£749.74	Musicians
07/07/2022	£7,500.00			£8,249.74	Donation
08/07/2022	£98.30			£8,348.04	Ticket income
16/07/2022	£250.00			£8,598.04	Donation
29/07/2022	£1,895.35			£10,493.39	Donation
02/08/2022		£101.25		£10,594.64	Donations Ukraine music evening
02/08/2022		£200.00		£10,794.64	Donations Ukraine music evening
02/08/2022			£175.00	£10,619.64	Hall hire for Ukrainian music evening
02/08/2022	£3,051.00			£13,670.64	Donation
07/08/2022			£13.00	£13,657.64	Companies House confirmation statement
10/08/2022			£1,500.00	£12,157.64	Grant
17/08/2022			£1,500.00	£10,657.64	Grant
05/09/2022		£62.50		£10,720.14	HMRC Gift Aid
05/09/2022	£2,325.00			£13,045.14	HMRC Gift Aid
06/09/2022			£1,400.00	£11,645.14	Grant
06/09/2022			£50.00	£11,595.14	Grant
06/09/2022			£1,500.00	£10,095.14	Grant
09/09/2022			£6.50	£10,088.64	Companies House filing
09/09/2022			£6.50	£10,082.14	Companies House filing
22/09/2022			£200.00	£9,882.14	Musicians fees
22/09/2022			£200.00	£9,682.14	Musicians fees
22/09/2022			£200.00	£9,482.14	Musicians fees
24/09/2022		£510.00		£9,992.14	Donations Ukraine music evening
24/09/2022		£280.00		£10,272.14	Donations Ukraine music evening
24/09/2022		£100.00		£10,372.14	Donation
24/09/2022			£400.00	£9,972.14	For Ukraine musicians
24/09/2022			£125.00	£9,847.14	For Ukraine musicians
26/09/2022	£275.26			£10,122.40	Ticket income
28/09/2022		£320.00		£10,442.40	Donation
28/09/2022			£399.00	£10,043.40	10 lamps for music evenings
28/09/2022	£331.92			£10,375.32	Ticket income
03/10/2022	£3,960.00			£14,335.32	Donation
04/10/2022			£1,500.00	£12,835.32	Grant
19/10/2022			£16.10	£12,819.22	Musicians' drinks
19/10/2022	£88.47			£12,907.69	Ticket income
19/10/2022			£30.00	£12,877.69	Refund
26/10/2022	£636.18			£13,513.87	Ticket income
28/10/2022			£3.50	£13,510.37	Bank
07/11/2022	£555.55			£14,065.92	Band
11/11/2022			£400.00	£13,665.92	For Ukraine musicians
11/11/2022	£200.00			£13,865.92	Donation for Ukraine evening
11/11/2022			£1,500.00	£12,365.92	Grant
14/11/2022	£245.76			£12,611.68	Donation for Ukraine evening
14/11/2022	£49.99			£12,661.67	Donation
16/11/2022	£113.07			£12,774.74	Ticket income
19/11/2022			£300.00	£12,474.74	Printing
19/11/2022			£250.00	£12,224.74	Sound and lighting hire x minimum 6 events
21/11/2022		£678.50		£12,903.24	Small donations Gift Aid
21/11/2022		£167.50		£13,070.74	Gift Aid
22/11/2022			£600.00	£12,470.74	Band
23/11/2022	£497.88			£12,968.62	Ticket income
25/11/2022			£500.00	£12,468.62	Donation
29/11/2022		£49.50		£12,518.12	Bank refund
30/11/2022			£1,500.00	£11,018.12	Grant