

STONELEIGH YOUTH ORCHESTRA
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Charity Number 1199210

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Stephen Grant (Vice Chair)
Alexandra Buckle
Dave Eaglestone
Charlotte Edwards (resigned 1.1.24)
Ciara Enskat
Cheryl Grant (co-opted 26.11.23)
Sarah Hannaford, KC
Kuan Lee (co-opted 4.2.24)
Ray MacFarlane (co-opted 8.10.23)
Julia Mackinder
Bridget Merchant (Treasurer)
Rachel Oglethorpe (co-opted 8.10.23)
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

These financial statements comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charities SORP (FRS102) and the requirements of the Charity's governing document.

INTRODUCTION

Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra (charity number 1199210) is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its Articles of Association, incorporated on 7 June 2022. It began trading on 1 January 2023, taking over the activities and net assets of the Charity The Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra Society (charity registration 280297) on that date.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Charity are to educate the public in the arts and sciences, particularly the art and science of music, and to this end we regularly hold concerts, which are open to the public. The Charity performed three concerts during the year: at Fairfield Halls in December 2023; at Cadogan Hall in March 2024; and at Fairfield Halls in June 2024. The Main Orchestra undertook another successful summer tour to Europe, travelling to the Czech Republic and giving concerts in Tachov, Plzen and Frantiskovy Lazne.

Furthermore we aim to advance the musical education of young persons under the age of 21 years. Through regular weekly rehearsals with our conductors, and sectional rehearsals conducted by external specialist tutors, the players have the opportunity to learn a wide repertoire of challenging classical music and improve their orchestral and musical skills. We actively recruit disadvantaged players from the boroughs of Epsom, Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth. We offer financial assistance towards the cost of membership to those who require it, and we have a clear policy that no person who is musically eligible to join one of the orchestras will be denied access to membership for financial reasons. £2,450 (2023 £2,215) was spent on bursaries during the year.

In 2016 the Charities Act as amended came into force bringing in new safeguards on fundraising. Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra (the "Orchestra") does not fundraise using professional fundraisers or through third parties, does not share data externally with third parties and ensures that anyone acting on its behalf follows its internal policies.

In May 2018 the Data Protection Act came into force. The Trustees have put in place a number of safeguards and policies to ensure that data is not shared with third parties, is stored securely and that anyone acting on their behalf abides by the Data Protection Policy so that the Orchestra meets the conditions of the law.

The Trustees believe that by pursuing these objectives they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

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ORGANISATION

The Charity Trustees shall manage the affairs of the SYO and may for that purpose exercise all the powers of the SYO. The Charity Trustees may delegate any of their powers or functions to a committee or committees, and, if they do, they must determine the terms and conditions on which the delegation is made.

Membership of the Charity is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes, and who, by applying for membership, has indicated their agreement to become a member and acceptance of the duty of members set out in the Articles of Association. In accordance with its predecessor Association, the Charity comprises members categorised as players, parents and friends. Players are defined as members who are no older than 21 years on the first day of September prior to the Charity's Annual General Meeting. Priority is given to those who live in Surrey and Greater London, and who have attained an appropriate standard of musical efficiency for either the Main Orchestra or the Training Orchestra, as determined by the Musical Director, and who are acceptable to the Musical Director. Parents are defined as the natural parents or legal guardians of Players. Friends are defined as neither players nor parents, but those who wish to further the objectives of the Charity. In 2023/4 the Charity had 168 playing members.

The Charity Trustees:

- (i) may require applications for membership to be made in any reasonable way that they decide;
- (ii) shall, if they approve an application for membership, notify the applicant of their decision within 21 days
- (iii) may refuse an application for membership if they believe that it is in the best interests of the SYO for them to do so;
- (iv) shall, if they decide to refuse an application for membership, give the applicant their reasons for doing so, within 21 days of the decision being taken, and give the applicant the opportunity to appeal against the refusal; and
- (v) shall give fair consideration to any such appeal, and shall inform the applicant of their decision, but any decision to confirm refusal of the application for membership shall be final.

The Charity Trustees can take a decision to remove someone from membership of the SYO, following the guidelines laid down in the Articles of Association.

The SYO may require members to pay reasonable membership fees to the SYO.

The first AGM must be held within 18 months of the registration of the Charity and subsequent AGMs must be held at intervals of not more than 15 months. Fourteen days' notice must be given of the meeting, as well as matters to be discussed, which should include the accounts. The AGM will be held on 25 February 2025. One third of the elected Charity Trustees shall retire at each AGM, but shall be eligible for re-election. At this AGM, Stephen Grant and Isobel Stephen gave notice they will retire but wish to be re-elected.

The Charity raises funds from the public in the UK and does not receive income from outside the UK. It does not use a professional fundraiser and does not receive income or grant funding from contracts with central government or a local authority. In the current period the Charity had an income of £142,650 (2023: £67,936) and an expenditure of £123,613, (2023: £92,394) generating a surplus for the period of £19,038 (2023: shortfall of 24,457).

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The Charity currently has total net assets of £176,342 (2023: £157,304) of which £161,452 is unrestricted (2023: £140,097). During the period we purchased additional fixed assets to the value of £14,718.

POLICIES

In regard to prizes, the Executive Committee (the "Committee") is permitted to award a prize, called "The Gough Memorial Prize", which does not exceed the then fixed subscription, on an annual basis to the player or players who it feels have contributed the most to the Main Orchestra.

In regard to grants, the Committee is permitted to establish a bursary fund from independent donations, in order to aid player members of the orchestra with the cost of instruments, fees and subscriptions.

In regard to financial policy, the Treasurer will keep all accounting records and will have the responsibility to submit the accounts to an AGM, after they have been reviewed by an Independent Examiner who is not an Executive Committee member. Bank accounts and signatories are approved by the resolution of the Executive Committee and signatories can be the Treasurer, or the Chair, Vice-Chair or the Secretary, or one of three other committee members approved by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee has agreed written policies regarding Child Protection, Health and Safety, Equal Opportunities, Data Protection and Social Media. These are reviewed and updated by the Committee each year. The Committee has agreed that the Charity is compliant with the General Data Protection Regulation which came into effect in May 2018 and current child safeguarding regulations. All the Trustees and any volunteers chaperoning children at concerts have obtained a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) training and check. During this year there were no serious incidents that the Charity was required to report to the Charity Commission.

Risk Management – the Executive Committee has identified a risk of high turnover of members with no new applicants. This is mitigated by a proactive strategy aimed at new member recruitment including advertising, workshops, mail shots and taster days. It has additionally identified a risk associated with low interest rates. This is mitigated by moving funds on an automatic daily basis into a higher rate account and by fundraising events.

Investment Policy – the Executive Committee has agreed a policy to have an accessible, higher rate deposit account with CAF, retaining minimum funds in a low interest bearing current account.

The Executive Committee has resolved that the Charity will endeavour to maintain unrestricted reserves broadly in line with one year's expenditure. Currently the restricted funds have been set aside for bursaries and to support the Gough Prizes.

If the Charity should ever be dissolved, then any assets left after all debt is paid shall be transferred to another charity or organization whose objects are similar to the Charity, to be decided by the Executive Committee.

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INVESTMENT POWERS AND RESTRICTIONS

Investment powers are limited by the financial policies of the Articles of Association.

In regard to restrictions by the Articles of Association, any proposals that may amend or dissolve the Charity need to be set out in writing in the notice of a general meeting. In addition, for these proposals to be passed they have to be supported by at 75% of those voting at the general meeting and then approved by the Charity Commission.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Charity during the year was to educate the public in the art and science of music, and to advance the musical education of young persons under the age of twenty-one years.

The Charity intends to continue with current activities comprising weekly rehearsals during term time, at least three public concerts per year, workshops and an annual or bi-annual orchestra tour, supported by subscriptions and fundraising events.

Following resolutions passed at EGMs of the Charity on 10 January 2022 and 28 July 2022, SYO Production Company Limited (SYOPCL) was incorporated on 15 February 2022 (company registration 13918301), for the purposes of producing concerts for the Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra. The structure of the existing Charity was also changed and this CIO (registration number 1199210) was approved by the Charity Commission on 7 June 2022.

The transfer of assets and liabilities of the Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra Society and its activities was made to the new CIO, Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra on 1 January 2023. Financial accounts were produced for both The Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra Society (280297) and Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra (1199210) for the financial period ended 31 August 2023.

The old Society was dissolved and removed from the Central Register of Charities on 29 February 2024, as approved at the EGM on 28 July 2022.

ANY OTHERS MATTERS

The Trustees carried out a risk analysis of future funding and current assets and are satisfied that the Charity's risk management policy and procedures adequately address the risks to the Charity. The Committee has put in place 'Public Liability' and 'Employer's Liability' insurance policies and cover for musical instruments and scores owned by the Charity. This year's expenditure on insurance was £340 (2023: £324).

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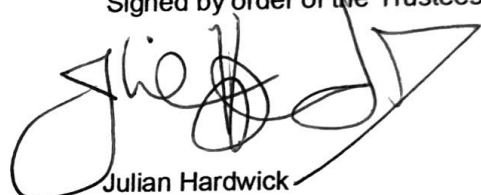
THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees who served the Charity during the period were as follows:

Julian Hardwick (Chair)
Stephen Grant (Vice-Chair)
Bridget Merchant (Treasurer)
Isobel Stephen (Secretary)
Noriko Rudd

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Signed by order of the Trustees



Julian Hardwick
Honorary Chair

Approved by the Trustees on 25 February 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT
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I report on the unaudited accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 8 to 11.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given on whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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25 February 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Turnover	2024	2023
Audition Fees - Income	960	777
CDs / DVDs - Income	0	95
Concert tickets, programme sales and venue income	3	0
Donations	3,687	3,652
Friends and Patrons	5,110	1,030
Gift Aid / Income Tax received	12,552	1,869
Interest Income	2,150	374
Members subscriptions	51,058	7,117
Tops, Ties and mugs - income	0	601
Tour income	67,129	52,422
Total Turnover	142,650	67,936
Administrative Costs		
Advertising & Marketing	2,731	1,360
Audit & Accountancy fees	903	671
Bank Fees	60	105
Commission payable	37,582	41,164
Concert expenses	0	168
Depreciation Expense	1,685	849
General Expenses	2,045	1,369
Gough and other awards	650	525
Insurance and memberships	712	0
IT Software and Consumables	212	0
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	0	163
One Day Workshop	2,137	0
Other professional fees	428	436
Recruitment costs	0	1,087
Tops, Ties and Mugs expenses	0	723
Tour Expense	74,155	43,543
Website costs	314	231
Total Administrative Costs	123,613	92,394
Operating Profit	19,038	(24,457)

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Other Income		
Exceptional Item - Donation of current year earnings from SYO	0	43,764
Exceptional item - Donation of retained earnings from SYO	0	137,997
Total Other Income	0	181,762
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Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	19,038	157,304
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Profit after Taxation	19,038	157,304

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BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	31 Aug 2024	31 Aug 2023
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets		
Equipment	49,175	34,456
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Equipment	(24,571)	(23,026)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Music Library	(727)	(587)
Music library	1,988	1,988
Total Tangible Assets	25,864	12,831
Total Fixed Assets	25,864	12,831
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		
Deposit - Gold	28,202	36,892
Main	500	565
SYO Bursary Account	14,890	17,207
Total Cash at bank and in hand	43,592	54,664
Investment in SYO Production Co Ltd	4	0
Prepayments and Accrued Income	13,323	8,665
SYOPCL Loan Account	93,562	81,144
Total Current Assets	150,482	144,473
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals	4	0
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	0
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	150,478	144,473
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	176,342	157,304
Net Assets	176,342	157,304
Capital and Reserves		
Current Year Earnings	19,038	157,304
Retained Earnings	157,304	0
Total Capital and Reserves	176,342	157,304

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" FRS 102 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The accounts are prepared on an accruals basis.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are disclosed at historic cost less depreciation. Equipment is depreciated at 20% per annum on a reducing balance basis, sheet music is depreciated at 10% per annum on a reducing balance basis.

In January 2023, when the assets of SYO were transferred to the the CIO, the Trustees reviewed the depreciation policy for certain instruments. It was agreed that the following instruments should be kept in the books at the residual value equivalent to their Net Book Value on transfer. The Trustees are of this opinion that the net residual value at 1.1.23 is at least equal to the long term value of the instruments. These instruments will not therefore be depreciated any further.

Buffet Clarinet R13 in A
Contrabassoon
Viola by MMX
Viola by MMX
Cor Anglais S30

BURSARIES AWARDED

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bursaries to support membership fees	400	1,115
Bursaries to support tour fees	2,050	1,100

FEES

Fees were paid to our Musical Director and Training Orchestra Conductor during the year. Following its incorporation, SYO Production Company Limited took over responsibility for paying these fees. No other salaries or wages have been paid to employees, including the members of the committee, during the year.

RESERVES

The committee has agreed that a level of unrestricted reserves shall be maintained broadly equivalent to expenditure for one year.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

The Bursary Fund is restricted. Ther remaining funds are unrestricted and there are no designated funds.