

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	01	04	2024		31	03

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Matthew Barley Arts Foundation
Other names charity is known by	MBAF
Registered charity number (if any)	
Charity's principal address	2 Japan Crescent, London
Postcode	N4 4BB

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	Professor Sarah Maitlis	Chair		
2	Mr Benjamin Mellefont			
3	Dr Stewart Moshe Halperin			
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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)

Matthew Barley, Foundation's Director

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)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees were selected for their acumen in the areas of music, mental health and business/organisation by Matthew Barley, the Foundation's Director.

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.

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

The objects of the CIO are:

- 1) For the public benefit, to advance the musical education of students in higher and tertiary education by enhancing the knowledge, experience, enjoyment, understanding and performance of classical and contemporary music, dance, choreography and the visual arts, including through tuition, master-classes, events and performance opportunities.
- 2) The advancement of the arts for the public benefit through the provision of performances of artistic merit in classical and contemporary music, dance, choreography and the visual arts.
- 3) The preservation and protection of good mental health and wellbeing among students in higher education and tertiary education who are experiencing, or are at risk of experiencing mental health conditions, through participation in creative music and arts projects and workshops designed to improve the lives of participants.

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)

During the charity's second year we have carried out the following activities:

Workshops

Sounds Together has been developed by cellist Matthew Barley and is delivered with actor and singer, Emma Bonnici. It responds to the deteriorating mental health of students. Barley's new performance-based workshops and sharings, take students on a personal journey to explore their own mental health challenges and build greater personal resilience.

Following on from our first pilot workshop, our second pilot took place in October 2024 in York St John University, where we delivered 2 days of music and movement workshops to co-curate a new piece of work, together with the students.

Through the creative process we addressed feelings such as anxiety, competitive feelings, lack of self-worth and overwhelm. We nurtured thinking and skills, such as empathy, listening and trust, to cultivate empowerment, self-worth, and resilience. We also explored ideas about how music and movement can have a positive effect of on mental health, motivation and lifestyle habits.

Nicola Forshaw, our project evaluator, based in York St John, did a full evaluation of the workshop to feed into a formal report about the project as a whole.

Our final pilot was carried out in 2025 to complete our pilot phase and our project evaluator Nicola Forshaw will complete her evaluation report in December 2025.

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

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our second pilot in York was hugely inspirational and extremely informative. 23 students took part in the project. The feedback we received from the students was positive and extremely useful. Some reflections and quotes below:

The sessions provided safe spaces for catharsis, joy, and reflection:

"I was saying to Matthew how much I loved performing that song because it allowed me to use the power that I've found today and it has somehow managed to help me feel 2 emotions at the same time ... you're singing a sad song but you feel happy."

Participants described rediscovering their bodies through movement, resonators, and vocal work:

"The voice exercises... it felt a lot clearer especially when we were all doing it together."

Trust and social connection were core outcomes. For many, the workshops countered everyday isolation and supported collaboration.

"...the feeling of community came right at the end."

Tutor involvement and facilitation style shaped trust, energy, and productivity.

"It was cool and nice to have the tutors involved and it wasn't just us doing it."

Students articulated significant learning about themselves, their resilience, and their social and creative identities:

"Silence after a song... you just take time to let the feeling sink in."

A full evaluation report will be completed at the end of 2025 with key outcomes from all three pilots workshops.

MBAF has ongoing relationships with several other universities, who we will send our evaluation report to once finalised, with the aim of carrying out more workshops after the pilot phase.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We do not currently have any reserves, but will look to grow these in future years.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

The accounts show a small deficit in funds, but there are no restricted funds in deficit. The deficit relates to start up costs being covered by a loan, which was paid for by the charity's founder. The loan is interest free and has no repayment date.

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.

MBAF has worked with a professional fundraiser to gain funding for projects in future years. We have mostly received grants from trusts and foundations.

After our evaluation report is published we will use this to gain further funds to take the project further and work with more universities.

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)



Full name(s)

S L Maitlis

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

8 January 2026

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:- 1202012

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements**

for the

Year Ended 31 March 2025

for

Matthew Barley Arts Foundation

Matthew Barley Arts Foundation
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Matthew Barley Arts Foundation
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 2 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.
- 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 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 disclosure 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 as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to the matters set out in the next statement.

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:-
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



Richard T Brooks
Leonis Accountants Limited
Independent Examiner

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number
1202012

Trustees

Prof S Maitlis
B Mellefont
Dr S Moshe Halperin

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on..... and signed on its behalf by:



Prof S Maitlis
Trustee

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	31.03.2025 Total Funds £	31.03.2024 Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming Resources from generated funds				
Donations from individuals	1,000	-	1,000	7,588
Trusts and foundations	-	6,300	6,300	22,260
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>6,300</u>	<u>7,300</u>	<u>29,848</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities				
Production and artist fees	-	5,479	5,479	33,328
Governance costs	200	-	200	200
Other resources expended	-	-	-	35
	<u>200</u>	<u>5,479</u>	<u>5,679</u>	<u>33,563</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	<u>800</u>	<u>821</u>	<u>1,621</u>	<u>(3,715)</u>
Total funds brought forward	(3,715)	-	(3,715)	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>(2,915)</u></u>	<u><u>821</u></u>	<u><u>(2,094)</u></u>	<u><u>(3,715)</u></u>

Balance Sheet
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	31.03.2025 Total Funds £	31.03.2024 Total Funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		3,285	821	4,106	2,485
Debtors and prepayments	3	-	-	-	-
		<u>3,285</u>	<u>821</u>	<u>4,106</u>	<u>2,485</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Amounts falling due within one year	4	(6,200)	-	(6,200)	(6,200)
		<u>(2,915)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,715)</u>	<u>(3,715)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>(2,915)</u>	<u>821</u>	<u>(2,094)</u>	<u>(3,715)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>(2,915)</u>	<u>821</u>	<u>(2,094)</u>	<u>(3,715)</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>(2,915)</u>	<u>821</u>	<u>(2,094)</u>	<u>(3,715)</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	5			(2,094)	(3,715)
				<u>(2,094)</u>	<u>(3,715)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD				<u>(2,094)</u>	<u>(3,715)</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Prof S Maitlis
Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under the headings that aggregate all the cost relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Trustees expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025.

3. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	-	-
Prepayments	-	-
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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Other loans	6,000	6,000
Accruals and deferred income	200	200
	<u>6,200</u>	<u>6,200</u>

5. STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS

	As at	Net	At
	01.04.2024	movement in	31.03.2025
	£	funds	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(3,715)	1,621	(2,094)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>(3,715)</u>	<u>1,621</u>	<u>(2,094)</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming	Resources	Movement
	Resources	expended	in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,000	(200)	800
Restricted fund	6,300	(5,479)	821
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>7,300</u>	<u>(5,679)</u>	<u>1,621</u>

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Voluntary income				
Donations from individuals		1,000		7,588
Trusts and foundations		6,300		22,260
Total incoming resources		<u>7,300</u>		<u>29,848</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities				
Production and artist fees	<u>5,479</u>		<u>33,328</u>	
		5,479		33,328
Governance costs				
Accountancy		200		200
Other resources expended				
Bank charges	<u>-</u>		<u>35</u>	
		-		35
Total resources expended		<u>5,679</u>		<u>33,563</u>
Net Income/(expenditure)		<u><u>£1,621</u></u>		<u><u>(£3,715)</u></u>