

**THE JUNIOR SCHOOL
AT THE ROYAL NORTHERN COLLEGE OF MUSIC
ENDOWMENT TRUST**

Registered Charity Number 700664

Annual Report

31 August 2023

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LEGAL STATUS

The charity was formed as a trust under deed dated 31 August 1988.

Registered with the Charity Commission - Registration Number 700664.

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TRUSTEES

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The Junior School at the Royal Northern College of Music has the right by deed to appoint and remove trustees. Providing there are more than three trustees a trustee may by deed retire.

SECRETARY to the TRUSTEES

Karen Humphreys MBE GMusRNCM MusM(Perf)(Manchester) MPhil(Huddersfield) ARCM LRAM

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Legal and administrative information set out in page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with the current statutory requirements, the Trust Deed and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

THE AIMS AND HISTORY OF THE ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND

The Junior School at the Royal Northern College of Music merged with the Royal Northern College of Music on 1 September 2002. The Endowment Funds (value £6,039), Restricted Funds (value £55,522) and the Unrestricted Funds of the Junior School held as fixed assets (value £5,033) totaling £66,594 were transferred to the Endowment Trust. The trading activities together with the remaining Unrestricted Funds of the Junior School were transferred to the Royal Northern College of Music

The education of the general public in the study, appreciation and practice of music and the allied arts by endowing, furthering and supporting the objects and work of the Junior School at the Royal Northern College of Music (JRNCM) in such a manner as the Endowment Trustees shall in their absolute discretion think fit.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year.

GRANT MAKING POLICY

The JRNCM considers applications for bursaries from all students who have been offered a place to study at the College. All students are made aware of the existence of the fund and the application procedures at their audition. Applications for support are considered at a formal committee meeting.

The Trustees invite applications for assistance from the JRNCM in part to contribute towards the support of bursaries but also in support of other projects which, in their opinion, enhance the profile of the JRNCM.

There is no private benefit accruing either to the Trustees or the members of the College who submit applications for assistance.

REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The funds of the charity are analysed between endowment, restricted and unrestricted reserves.

Unrestricted income of £68,563 and expenditure of £21,246 has resulted in a surplus for the year of £47,317 which, together with net investment loss of £7,255, results in a surplus for the year of £40,062 and an accumulated surplus carried forward into 2023/2024 of £198,601.

Restricted income of £5,849 and expenditure of £3,320 has resulted in a surplus of £2,529 which, together with net investment losses of £3,126 results in a loss for the year of £597 and an accumulated surplus carried forward into 2023/2024 of £65,510.

Endowment Fund net investment losses of £12,842 results in a loss for the year and an accumulated surplus carried forward into 2023/2024 of £192,355.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the trustees to seek to maintain undesignated unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level which equates to two years' income from investments and bank deposits. Undesignated unrestricted funds were maintained at levels in excess of this throughout the year.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The support from the Wolfson Foundation to the Junior RNCM amounts to £18,500 and the DfES grants, awarded to 40 students of the Junior RNCM, providing support of £138,630. An Access fund from the RNCM of up to £41,000 has been agreed to provide bursary support of up to £21,000 and the purchase of selected instruments up to £20,000 for the Junior RNCM.

AVAILABILITY AND ADEQUACY OF ASSETS OF EACH OF THE FUNDS

In the opinion of the trustees the assets of each fund are available and adequate to fulfil their obligations. There are no contingent liabilities or guarantees. See note 1 for an explanation of the types of fund maintained by the charity.

INVESTMENT POWERS

The Trustees have the same unrestricted powers of investing of trust monies as if they were the absolute beneficial owners of the money invested.

TRUSTEES

The trustees who served during the year are noted on page 1. No trustee had any interest in the charity.

By Order of the Trustees

A. C. Hoare

Chair of the Trustees

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TRUSTEES' STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Under charity law, the trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the excess of expenditure over income for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, generally accepted accounting practice entails that the trustees:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the recommendations of the Statement of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- state whether the financial statements comply with the trust deed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

The trustees are required to act in accordance with the trust deed of the charity, within the framework of trust law. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, sufficient to disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time, and to enable the trustees to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by them under section 132 of the Charities Act 2011, those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under that provision. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Junior School at the Royal Northern College of Music Endowment Trust. Charity No. 700664

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Miss Julie Hardy (FCCA)
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
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30 May 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Donations, legacies and grants		61,270	-	-	61,270	20,088
Investment income		2,658	5,849	-	8,507	7,549
Bank interest		505	-	-	505	25
Other income		4,130	-	-	4,130	5,083
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		68,563	5,849	-	74,412	32,745
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Direct charitable expenditure						
Grants payable	2	17,660	3,320	-	20,980	9,710
Other expenditure						
Management and administration	3	3,586	-	-	3,586	3,474
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		21,246	3,320	-	24,566	13,184
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		47,317	2,529	-	49,846	19,561
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES						
Gains on revaluations and disposals of investments held for charity use:						
Profit on sale of investments		-	-	-	-	-
Less: previously accounted for as unrealised profit		-	-	-	-	-
Realised losses from investments		-	-	-	-	-
Unrealised (loss)/gain on investments		(7,255)	(3,126)	(12,842)	(23,223)	(40,506)
TOTAL INVESTMENT GAINS AND LOSSES		(7,255)	(3,126)	(12,842)	(23,223)	(40,506)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		40,062	(597)	(12,842)	26,623	(20,945)
TOTAL FUNDS brought forward		158,539	66,107	205,197	429,843	450,788
TOTAL FUNDS carried forward		198,601	65,510	192,355	456,466	429,843

All the above results derive from continuing operations

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Musical Instruments	4		10,199		11,103
Investments at Market Value	5		347,838		371,060
			<u>358,037</u>		<u>382,163</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	5,075		3,069	
Cash at bank and in hand		94,034		45,041	
		<u>99,109</u>		<u>48,110</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors and accruals	7	680		430	
		<u>680</u>		<u>430</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			98,429		47,680
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			456,466		429,843
FUNDS					
Endowment funds	8		192,355		205,197
Restricted funds	9		65,510		66,107
Unrestricted funds	10		198,601		158,539
			<u>456,466</u>		<u>429,843</u>

The financial statements were approved on 10 June 2024

Aileen Hoare

A. C. Hoare

Anna Wright

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities', issued in March 2005, and the Charities Act 1993 and applicable accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments.

Incoming Resources

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities when the conditions for receipt have been met and there is reasonable assurance of receipt. Where a grant is received relating to a future accounting period, the statement of financial activities shows the gross amount received together with the changes in amount deferred to future accounting periods. The following accounting policies are applied to income:

Donations, legacies and grants

Donations, legacies and grants are accounted for when conditions for their receipt have been met. Material items receivable at the year end are included at an estimated value of the amount to be received.

Investment income

Investment income is accounted for when receivable and includes any related tax recoverable.

Direct Charitable Expenditure

Direct charitable expenditure includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charity and comprises the following:

Grants Payable

Grants payable are accounted for when the conditions for payment have been met.

Other Expenditure

Other expenditure is management and administration costs incurred in the management of the charity's assets, organisational administration, and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Musical Instruments

Musical instruments, except for strings, are depreciated at a rate of 10%.

Depreciation is provided on cost in equal annual instalments over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

Depreciation is not provided on string instruments since the estimated remaining useful economic life of the tangible fixed assets exceeds 50 years and any depreciation charge would be deemed immaterial. The carrying value of these assets are subject to an annual impairment review.

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Fund Accounting

The charity maintains various types of funds as follows:

Endowment Funds

Endowment funds represent grants, donations and legacies received where the donor has stipulated that the income may be used for general purposes, but the capital must be retained.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds represent grants, donations and legacies received which are allocated by the donor for specific purposes and income derived from permanent endowments given for specific purposes.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds represent funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses are shown separately in the appropriate section of the statement of financial activities.

2. GRANTS PAYABLE

	No.	2023	No.	2022
		£		£
Bursaries	21	19,065	14	7,650
Prizes	41	1,665		1,630
Other		250		430
		20,980		9,710

3. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net incoming resources for the year are stated after charging:		
Independent examiner remuneration	250	250
Depreciation	904	898
Other expenditure	2,432	2,326
	3,586	3,474

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4. MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net book value at 1 September	11,103	7,050
Additions	-	4,950
Charge for the year	(904)	(897)
Net book value at 31 August	<u>10,199</u>	<u>11,103</u>

5. INVESTMENTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Market value at 1 September	371,060	371,566
Additional investment	-	40,000
Unrealised (loss)/gain	(23,222)	(40,506)
Market value at 31 August	<u>347,838</u>	<u>371,060</u>
Historical Cost at 31 August	<u>252,508</u>	<u>252,508</u>

6. DEBTORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other Debtors	<u>5,075</u>	<u>3,069</u>

7. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other Creditors	<u>680</u>	<u>430</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Endowment funds comprise the following resources which have been made available and which the trustees are legally required to invest or retain for the purposes of the charity. All endowment funds are permanent as the trustees have no power to convert them into income and apply them as such.

	Balance B/fwd		Expenditure, Gains and Losses	Balance C/Fwd
	£	Income	£	£
Rose Goulding Fund	128,962	-	(8,071)	120,891
Junior School Fund	76,235	-	(4,771)	71,464
	<u>205,197</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,842)</u>	<u>192,355</u>

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9. MOVEMENT IN RESTRICTED FUNDS

Restricted funds comprise the following unexpended donations and grants given for specific purposes and income derived from permanent endowments given for specific purposes.

	Balance B/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure, Gains and Losses £	Balance C/Fwd £
Rose Goulding Fund	3,005	266	(2,142)	1,129
Louise Lamegeon Fund	3,632	321	(422)	3,531
Helen Knott Fund	32,314	2,859	(1,928)	33,245
Shirley Blakey Fund	1,184	105	(346)	943
Alina Mills Memorial Fund	4,305	381	(453)	4,233
Ian McPherson Memorial Fund	731	65	(85)	711
Soroptimists Prize	988	87	(87)	988
John Ellis Memorial Prize	14,433	1,277	(722)	14,988
Junior School Fund	5,515	488	(261)	5,742
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	66,107	5,849	(6,446)	65,510
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10. MOVEMENT IN UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Unrestricted funds comprise the following:

	Balance B/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure, Gains and Losses £	Balance C/Fwd £
General Fund	158,539	68,563	(28,501)	198,601
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11. ANALYSIS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES BETWEEN FUNDS

	Endowment Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Musical Instruments	-	-	10,199	10,199
Investments	192,355	46,819	108,664	347,838
Current Assets				
Debtors	-	-	5,075	5,075
Cash at bank and in hand	-	18,691	75,343	94,034
Current liabilities	-	-	(680)	(680)
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	192,355	65,510	198,601	456,466
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12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Junior School at the Royal Northern College of Music Endowment Trusts objective is to apply income, as the trustees considers fit, for the bursary and scholarship support of Junior School students at the Royal Northern College of Music.

During the year the Endowment Fund made bursary and scholarship payments to the College in the amount of £19,065 (£15,915 unrestricted funds, £3,150 restricted funds).