

Association of Friends of the South Ulster Youth Orchestra and Band

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102129

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-07-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: To advance Education and to promote the appreciation and understanding of music for the benefit of the public, with particular reference to orchestral and band music, primarily to School Students in the area covered by the Southern Education & Library Board, the area of benefit) and beyond, by providing financial and practical support not normally provided by the Department of Education or Local Education Authority and in particular by supporting the presentation of public performances and concert tours by the South Ulster Youth Orchestra and the South Ulster Youth band.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science

How the charity works: Education/training

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£1,292	£2,671	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Fogarty		
Caroline Doherty		
Mrs Judith Day		
Niamh Mccluskey		

Association of Friends of the South Ulster Youth Orchestra and Band

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Accounts

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Receipts and payments account

For the period from	1st October 2024	To	30th September 2025	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising / Raffles	850	-	-	850	2,325
Membership	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	408	-	-	408	452
Parental Contribution	34	-	-	34	67
<i>A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)</i>	1,292	-	-	1,292	2,823
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance) .					
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>A2 Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,292	-	-	1,292	2,823
A3 Payments					
Advanced Tutoring	1,760	-	-	1,760	-
Accountancy Charges	624	-	-	624	600
Bank Charges	61	-	-	61	51
Insurance	226	-	-	226	226
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>A3 Sub total</i>	2,671	-	-	2,671	877
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>A4 Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,671	-	-	2,671	877
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,379	-	-	1,379	1,946
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	29,363	-	-	29,363	27,417
Cash funds this year end	27,984	-	-	27,984	29,363

APPENDIX 2

Association of Friends of The South Ulster Youth Orchestra and Band - 102129

Period end date: 30th September 2025

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	current accounts	27,984	-	-	27,984	29,363
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	27,984	-	-	27,984	29,363
	are balances with receipts and payments account(s)	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
				Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
		Total		-	-

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

Signature


Print Name
 Andrew Fogarty
 Caroline Doherty

Date of approval
 28/1/26
 28 JAN 2026

ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH ULSTER YOUTH ORCHESTRA AND BAND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

As permitted by charity law, the charity has prepared its financial statements under the receipts and payments basis of accounting. This is a form of accounting that consists of a summary of all monies received and paid via the bank and in cash by the charity during its financial year, along with a statement of balances.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Cash at Bank

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash and bank accounts with immediate access to funds.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are held for the furtherance of the charity's objectives and are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees.

2 Related Party Transactions

The charity was under the control of the board of trustees through out the year. The charity Trustees were not paid or received any benefits from employment with the charity in the year, neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year. Any connection between a Trustee or senior manager of the charity with organisations the charity works with must be disclosed to the full Board of Trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party.

During the period the Association of Friends of the South Ulster Youth Orchestra and Band did not enter into any transactions with related parties.

3 Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

4 Trustee Remuneration

None of the trustees received any remuneration or were paid any expenses during the year.

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1st October 2023	To	30th September 2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

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A1 Receipts					
Fundraising / Raffles	2,325	-	-	2,325	1,727
Membership	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	452	-	-	452	239
Parental Contribution	46	-	-	46	97
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	2,823	-	-	2,823	2,063
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance) .					
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,823	-	-	2,823	2,063
A3 Payments					
Advanced Tutoring	-	-	-	-	1,600
Accountancy Charges	600	-	-	600	600
Bank Charges	51	-	-	51	52
Insurance	226	-	-	226	214
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	877	-	-	877	2,466
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	877	-	-	877	2,466
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,946	-	-	1,946	- 403
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	27,417	-	-	27,417	27,820
Cash funds this year end	29,363	-	-	29,363	27,417

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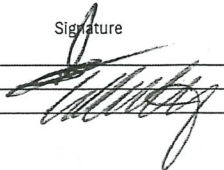
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		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
				Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
Total			-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
Total			-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
Total				-	-

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

Signature


Print Name
 Andrew Fogarty
 Caroline Doherty

Date of approval
 25/2/25
 25/2/25

ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH ULSTER YOUTH ORCHESTRA AND BAND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 102129

Annual report

Charity Registration Number: NIC102129

**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF
THE SOUTH ULSTER YOUTH ORCHESTRA AND BAND**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 SEPTEMBER 2024

ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH ULSTER YOUTH ORCHESTRA AND BAND
Unaudited Financial Statements
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ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH ULSTER YOUTH ORCHESTRA AND BAND

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Introduction

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Association of Friends of the South Ulster Youth Orchestra and Band

Music Service, EA Southern Region, Bann House, Bridge Street, Portadown, BT63 5AE

Charity Registration Number: NIC 102129

Date Registered: 24 July 2015.

Annual Report October 2023 to September 2024

Trustees and Office Bearers of the Association during the Reporting Year:

Chairperson:	Andrew Fogarty Patrica O'Farrell (Resigned 24 September 2024)
Vice Chairperson:	Currently vacant
Secretary:	Niamh McCluskey
Treasurer:	Caroline Doherty

Constitution

The Association of Friends of the SUYO & SUYB is governed in accordance with its Constitution which was last updated and approved at the AGM of the Association on 15 November 2016. Trustees/ Officer Bearers are selected by persons in attendance at Annual General Meetings in accordance with rules as set out in the Constitution.

Objectives and Activities

Purpose

To advance education and promote the appreciation and understanding of music for the benefit of the public with particular reference to orchestral and band music, by providing financial and practical support. In particular supporting the presentation of public performances and concert tours by the South Ulster Youth Orchestra and Band.

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes include:

- Encouragement of young musicians to participate in and experience the life of an orchestra player.
- Bringing classical music to the public through the provision of public performances in the host city venues.
- An opportunity to experience life as a touring musician.
- Forging cross community lifelong friendships.
- Personal development opportunity with focus on team building skills.
- Opportunities for students with musical ability to progress to advanced teaching with Music Service tutors, without regard to financial background.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

- Improved numbers of students feeding through to the Senior Orchestra,
- The benefits can be demonstrated through feedback arising from Orchestra and Band tours received from authorities within the host towns and cities and members of the public attending open air events.
- Enhanced personal development as demonstrated through students' applications to study and contribute to Senior Orchestra in follow up years, student progression to other orchestras, careers as professional musicians and success at ABRSM Examinations, Music GCSE and A Level etc.
- There are no detriments following from the purposes.
- The charity's beneficiaries are the members of the Orchestras and Bands (in particular students) and more widely members of the general public who have the opportunity to attend public performances of the music ensembles.
- There are no private benefits flowing from the purposes.

Main Activities:

1. To provide financial and practical support to the Music Service of the EA Southern Region, in the provision of opportunities for the South Ulster Youth Orchestra and the South Ulster Youth band to undertake tours at home or abroad at which orchestra members will undertake public performances
2. To provide financial support in form of bursaries for advanced tuition for students pursuing advanced instrumental study beyond grade 5 under the pupilage of Music Service Tutors.
3. To provide financial assistance to the Music Summer to run additional workshops over and above that provided as part of standard provision, the purpose of which is to enhance appreciation of music and performance by students.

Main Achievements during the year to September 2024

Chairperson's Report:

This year has been a busy year for the EA Music Service but things are slowly starting to get back to how things were before Covid-19 hit us.

Unfortunately, our Chairperson Patricia O'Farrell had to withdraw from the board recently so we are at present without a chairperson. I think I speak for all of The Association of Friends members, as well as Jan and Nuala, that Patricia went above and beyond in her role and will be sorely missed. As Vice Chairperson, I agreed to act as chairperson until another is appointed.

In relation to financial support for our students in the form of bursaries, there were 8 recipients this year. The Association of Friends would particularly like to thank Diane Robinson who accompanied all the students on the day of the auditions, no mean feat!

All persons involved on the panel expressed how happy they were to hear the students from across the different centres play a range of instruments to such a high standard. Bursary recipients ranged from year 9 to year 13, with the top scores going this year to one year 12

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

student and one year 13 student. I think I speak for all of us in The Association of Friends, that It's nice to see that the hard work of the students, and the support of the parents has paid off and will encourage others to practice harder and aim for a bursary next year

The generation of funds has been met with increasing success with raffles at events throughout the year, it is anticipated that this will continue in the upcoming concerts, Christmas, Academy groups, April show case and Music makers.

For logistical reasons, the Academy groups have moved from Tannaghmore Primary school in Lurgan to Clounagh Junior High School in Portadown. The EA music service is very thankful to Tannaghmore Primary school for all their support in the past. In addition, we are very happy for the support of the principal of Clounagh JHS, Mr Elliot for allowing us to use the facilities at his school.

Numbers in the groups have remained similar to the previous year and communications to raise awareness of the Friends association once all groups are up and running.

I am sure I speak for all The Association of Friends members, that we are all looking forward to the following year helping as best we can to support the wonderful work that the EA music service do to help the children in South Ulster. With their hard work I am sure that our children will continue to bloom under their expert tuition.

I would also like to thank everyone on the The Association of Friends committee, who give their free time to do this valuable work and help as best as we can Jan and Nuala. These past 2 years really have flown by and I enjoyed every minute of working together with you all.

Andrew Fogarty
Chairperson

Adherence to Charities Commission NI Statutory Guidance

In the conduct of activities, the Association have regard for the public benefit requirements as set out in the Charities Commission Statutory guidance.

Annual Accounts and Financial Review

The association has chosen to present annual accounts In Receipts and Payments format as permitted by Charities Commission Regulations.

A set of accounts will be presented to Annual General Meeting on 28 November 2024 after being submitted to Professional accountants for review.

All activities have been carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission.

The Charity Commission profile remained up to date with appointments, and the Financial Accounts

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for the year ended 30 September 2023 were submitted within the required time limit.

The Friends Association has sufficient funds to sustain the Association's activities without disruption.

Income for 2023/24 has shown improvement with an increase of £760 compared to last year, as fundraising events return to normal levels following the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The Association's income during the Financial Year ending 30 September 2024 was £2,823, derived from fundraising activities, membership contributions, and a small amount of interest on bank deposits. Expenditure in the Financial Year was £877, attributed to accountancy charges, trustee insurance and bank charges.

Following receipt of applications, shortlisting, and auditions held in January 2024, bursaries were awarded to 8 students. A delay in receipt of the Bursary invoice means the payment will be outgoing in the next financial year.

Work continues in the background to generate a Just giving page and associated QR code to receive donations, after a delay in processing of the application. It is anticipated that the code could be added to event programs, making the donation process more efficient and encouraging more parents to donate.

At Year End 30 September 2024 the Association's bank deposits stood at £29,363, showing an increase of £1,946 from the previous year.

Caroline Doherty
Treasurer

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial position at the end of that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
 - make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
 - state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
 - prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.


The trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has an appropriate system of internal controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of Information to Independent Examiners

The Trustees who held office at the date of approval of this trustees' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Charity's independent examiners are unaware; and each Trustee has taken all the steps they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Charity's independent examiners are aware of that information.

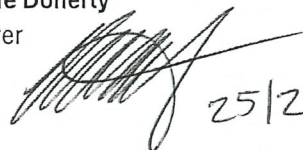
Andrew Fogarty
Chairperson

25 February 2025



25/2/25

Caroline Doherty
Treasurer



25/2/25

Association of Friends of the South Ulster Youth Orchestra and Band

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Annual return

**Association of Friends of the South Ulster Youth Orchestra and Band
Independent Examiner's Report To The Trustees
Year Ended 30 September 2024**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024 which are set out on pages 9 to 11.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The 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 65(1) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under charity law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- (ii) follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act;
- (iii) 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 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 as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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Year Ended 30 September 2024

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

- 1 That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- 2 That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
- 3 That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 68 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland;
- 4 That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Chartered Accountants Ireland, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Teresa Campbell

Teresa Campbell, FCA

For, and on behalf of
AAB Group Accountants Limited
Independent Examiners
Dromalane Mill
The Quays
Newry
Co. Down
BT35 8QS

25 February 2025

Association of Friends of the South Ulster Youth Orchestra and Band

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Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1st October 2022	To	30th September 2023	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising / Raffles	1,727	-	-	1,727	-
Membership	-	-	-	-	234
Bank interest	239	-	-	239	7
Parental Contribution	97	-	-	97	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	2,063	-	-	2,063	241
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,063	-	-	2,063	241
A3 Payments					
Advanced Tutoring	1,600	-	-	1,600	200
Accountancy Charges	600	-	-	600	600
Bank Charges	52	-	-	52	51
Insurance	214	-	-	214	205
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	2,466	-	-	2,466	1,056
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,466	-	-	2,466	1,056
Net of receipts/(payments)	(403)	-	-	(403)	(815)
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	27,820	-	-	27,820	28,635
Cash funds this year end	27,417	-	-	27,417	27,820

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		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
			Total			

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
		Total		-	-

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

Signature

 Patricia O'Farrell

Print Name
 Patricia O'Farrell
 Caroline Doherty

Date of approval
 11/12/2023
 11 DEC 2023

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1 Related Party Transactions

The charity was under the control of the board of trustees through out the year. The charity Trustees were not paid or received any benefits from employment with the charity in the year, neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year. Any connection between a Trustee or senior manager of the charity with organisations the charity works with must be disclosed to the full Board of Trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party.

During the period the Association of Friends of the South Ulster Youth Orchestra and Band did not enter into any transactions with related parties.

2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Association of Friends of the South Ulster Youth Orchestra and Band

Music Service, EA Southern Region, Bann House, Bridge Street, Portadown, BT63 5AE

Charity Registration Number: NIC 102129

Date Registered: 24th July 2015.

Annual Report October 2022 to September 2023

Trustees and Office Bearers of the Association during the Reporting Year:

Chairperson: Patrica O'Farrell (Appointed 27 September 2022)
Vice Chairperson: Andrew Fogarty (Appointed 29 November 2022)
Secretary: Niamh McCluskey (Appointed 29 November 2022)
Treasurer: Caroline Doherty (Appointed 29 November 2022)

Previous Trustees and Office Bearers:

Tonia Fields (Resigned as Secretary 29 November 2022)

Pat Masterson (Resigned as Treasurer 29 November 2022)

Constitution

The Association of Friends of the SUYO & SUYB is governed in accordance with its Constitution which was last updated and approved at the AGM of the Association on the 15th November 2016. Trustees/ Officer Bearers are selected by persons in attendance at Annual General Meetings in accordance with rules as set out in the Constitution

Objectives and Activities

Purpose

To advance education and promote the appreciation and understanding of music for the benefit of the public with particular reference to orchestral and band music, by providing financial and practical support. In particular supporting the presentation of public performances and concert tours by the South Ulster Youth Orchestra and Band.

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes include:

- Encouragement of young musicians to participate in and experience the life of an orchestra player.
- Bringing classical music to the public through the provision of public performances in the host city venues.
- An opportunity to experience life as a touring musician.
- Forging cross community lifelong friendships.
- Personal development opportunity with focus on team building skills.
- Opportunities for students with musical ability to progress to advanced teaching with Music Service tutors, without regard to financial background.
- Improved numbers of students feeding through to the Senior Orchestra,
- The benefits can be demonstrated through feedback arising from Orchestra and Band tours received from authorities within the host towns and cities and members of the public attending open air events.

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- Enhanced personal development as demonstrated through students' applications to study and contribute to Senior Orchestra in follow up years, student progression to other orchestras, careers as professional musicians and success at ABRSM Examinations, Music GCSE and A Level etc.
- There are no detriments following from the purposes.
- The charity's beneficiaries are the members of the Orchestras and Bands (in particular students) and more widely members of the general public who have the opportunity to attend public performances of the music ensembles.
- There are no private benefits flowing from the purposes.

Main Activities:

1. To provide financial and practical support to the Music Service of the EA Southern Region, in the provision of opportunities for the South Ulster Youth Orchestra and the South Ulster Youth band to undertake tours at home or abroad at which orchestra members will undertake public performances
2. To provide financial support in form of bursaries for advanced tuition for students pursuing advanced instrumental study beyond grade 5 under the pupilage of Music Service Tutors.
3. To provide financial assistance to the Music Summer to run additional workshops over and above that provided as part of standard provision, the purpose of which is to enhance appreciation of music and performance by students.

Main Achievements during the year to September 2023.

Chairperson Report:

Following our last AGM in November 2022, our long standing members Pat Masterson and Tonia Fields had decided to step down following many years of dedication as our Treasurer and secretary respectively. I had only recently, and may I say reluctantly stepped into the position of Chairperson from Vice Chair, following the departure of another long standing member Paul McKee. We were then faced with having to fill the positions of Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. This came at a time when the work we do was so important given the cost-of-living crisis that we all faced and the suspension of fund raising due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Thankfully we have since filled these positions and I would personally like to thank Caroline Doherty for taking on the role as treasurer, Niamh McCluskey as secretary and Andy Fogarty as Vice Chair.

The Friends association over the years has provided financial support to students in the form of bursaries. Thankfully we were able to provide this support again in May of this year following its temporary postponement again due to the pandemic. Niamh and I felt extremely privileged to sit in as members of the committee and experience the amazing talent of our young musicians.

I would now like to thank all members of the committee for their support and advice throughout the year. I would particularly like to thank Caroline. Since taking on her role as treasurer, Caroline has insured that our books and all finances meet any new requirements of the charity commission.

I would also like to thank our secretary Niamh who has been a great support taking the minutes at our

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meetings and thank you also to Andy who has taken on the role of Vice Chair. Without their commitment and time we would have been unable to function as a committee and provide the much needed support our young musicians deserve.

Patrica O'Farrell

Chairperson

Adherence to Charities Commission NI Statutory Guidance

In the conduct of activities, the Association have regard for the public benefit requirements as set out in the Charities Commission Statutory guidance.

Annual Accounts and Financial Review

The Association has chosen to present annual accounts in Receipts and Payment Format as permitted by Charities Commission regulations.

A set of accounts were presented to Annual General meeting on 13th November 2023 after being submitted to professional accounts for review.

All activities have been carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission.

The Charity Commission has been updated with new appointments, and the Financial Accounts for Year end 30 September 2022 were submitted within the required time limit.

The Friends Association has sufficient funds to sustain the Association's activities without disruption.

Over the past two years, the ability of the Association to raise funds was severely constrained by the absence of Orchestra Concert fundraising events- raffles- and other fundraising events that students would have undertaken pre-pandemic. However, fundraising is underway again and hopefully will remain on course.

Income for 2022/23 has shown improvement with an increase of £1,822 compared to last year, as fundraising events began to get back on track following the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The Association's income during the Financial Year End September 2023 was £2,063, derived from fundraising activities, membership contributions, and a small amount of interest on bank deposits. Expenditure in the Financial Year was £2466, attributed to Advanced Bursary payments, accountancy charges, trustee insurance, and bank charges.

With income streams considerably reduced over the past few years, no new Advanced Teaching Bursaries were awarded in YE 2021/22. Ongoing bursaries were paid, concluding the ongoing payments. In YE 2022/23, it was agreed by the committee to recommence the Bursaries.

At Year End 30 Sep 2023, the Association's bank deposits stood at £27,417, showing a reduction of £403 from the previous year.

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Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial position at the end of that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has an appropriate system of internal controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

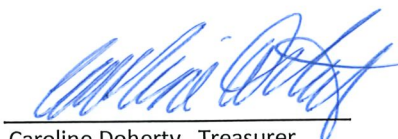
Disclosure of Information to Independent Examiners

The Trustees who held office at the date of approval of this trustees' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Charity's independent examiners are unaware; and each Trustee has taken all the steps they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Charity's independent examiners are aware of that information.

Signed

Patricia O'Farrell Chairperson

Date: 11/12/2023


Caroline Doherty Treasurer

Date: 11 Dec 2023

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I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023 which are set out on pages 8 to 10.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The 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 65(1) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under charity law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- (ii) follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act;
- (iii) 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 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 as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presents with those records. It also included a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

- 1 That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- 2 That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;

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- 3 That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 68 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland;
- 4 That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

JL Grant

Lowry Grant, FCCA
For, and on behalf of
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Date: 16.1.24