

Colmcille Ladies Choir

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103566

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-11-20

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The Organisation will promote and enhance choral music by the members for enjoyment and by participating in competitions, festivals and concert tours.

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

How the charity works: Cultural,General charitable purposes,Heritage/historical

Who the charity helps: General public,Voluntary and community sector,Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£19,919	£14,105	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Anne Gallagher		
Mrs Deirdre Carroll		
Mrs Marie Horton		
Mrs Ursula Clifford		
Ms Angela Morrison		
Ms Sheila Carlin		

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Accounts for the Year Ended 5 April 2025

Income

Bank Balance b/f 6.4.24		2268.67
Choir Subs	4,750.00	
HMRC Refund	980.46	
Concert Ist Derry	1,300.00	
Donations	650.00	
Deposit Limerick	3,400.00	
Derry City Council craft fa	180.00	
Deposits Belfast	6,390.00	
		£17,650.46
Total Income		£19,919.13

Expenses

Bank Fees		334.02
Choir Accompanist		1,000.00
Gifts Sheila		600.00
Rent		725.00
Belfast trip		6,647.50
Donation in lieu		100.00
Limerick		3,074.94
Donation to Charity		1,300.00
Miscellaneous Gifts and other cash misc (cash)		323.80
Total Expenditure		14105.26
Bank balance as at 5.4.25		5813.87

All income accounts are unrestricted.

As at 5 April 2025, there were no outstanding items of income or expenditure.



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Income

Bank Balance b/f 6.4.23		8117.47
Choir Subs	5,700.00	
HMRC Refund	778.96	
International Woman's Day	100.00	
Refund Credit Card	250.00	
Christmas Raffle	728.00	
Savings	16,000.00	
Donation	100.00	
Sale of Cd's	63.00	
Payment for uniform	260.00	

Total Income 23979.96

32097.43

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Expenses

Bank Fees	419.95
Choir Accompanist	600
Gifts Sheila	600
Rent	800
Choir Uniform	198
Choir Trip - Lisbon	26114.81
Donation in lieu	150
Refund Lisbon Trip	200
Accountant Gift	200
Miscellaneous Gifts and other cash exper misc (c	546

Total Expenditure 29282.76

Bank balance as at 5.4.24 2268.67

32097.43



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Annual report

Colmcille Ladies Choir Annual Report To Charity Commission NI

Summary of Activities

The choir continues to meet every Wednesday to practise under the guidance of our musical director Miss Sheila Carlin.

During the year 2023-2024 we participated in the following activities:

08/04/23 The Good Friday Anniversary Commemoration

16/12/23 Concert in aid of the Northern Ireland Traffic Bereavement Society in the Guidhall, Derry

17/12/23 Carol service in Long Tower Church

17/12/23 Carol Service in Pennyburn church

22-26 February 24 Choir trip to Lisbon International Choral Festival

All of the above were charity events and no fee was received by the choir

The choir were invited to participate in the 25th Good Friday Agreement Commemoration held in the Guidhall Derry. This event was attended by invited dignitaries and politicians from the city and further afield.

The choir sang at a concert to remember all those who had died as a result of road traffic accidents during the year.

This has become an annual event and was attended by families of the deceased who light candles for their loved ones. We were delighted to participate in such a worthwhile event.

22/02/24 In February the choir went to Lisbon to participate in the International Choral Festival. We performed at a variety of church and civic events and were roundly applauded for our performances. We sang in Portuguese which was greatly appreciated by our audiences. The organisers of the festival commended the choir on our performances and stated that we were the highlight of the entire Festival and that we had proudly represented our country and city. So much so that we were invited back again for next year.

In addition the choir performed at various church services and funerals throughout the year.

This year the choir took a prolonged break as our choir mistress had to take time off for health reasons.

Public Benefit

The Colmcille Ladies Choir partakes in a variety of cultural activities which includes regular public performances, choral festivals and charity functions. We perform in a variety of places such as churches, theatres, shopping centres and open air venues where the public are given the opportunity to listen to and appreciate choral music. We are delighted that we continue to thrive with new members joining .

Our members are drawn from all walks of life and backgrounds. We benefit from the opportunities to learn, sing, enjoy and participate in choral music. We are always looking to attract new members and we do this mainly by encouraging our current members to recruit new singers. All age groups, race and creeds are welcome in the choir and our members range in age from 17 to 80 plus. Indeed we have several long established family members within our ranks.

Sheila, our musical director continues to promote a variety of genres of choral singing, which includes sacred, jazz, popular, traditional, blues and classical. This can be challenging as we often perform in a variety of languages. Participation in the choir helps improve our knowledge of music including diction, breath control, phrasing and singing. Singing in a choir is known to be beneficial for mental health well being, as well as promoting social inclusion. The sense of achievement and increased confidence is another added benefit.

The choir performs a wider benefit to the public by supporting fund raising activities, our annual carol services being one example.

Financial Benefit

The choir holds both a current account and savings account. A balance of funds is maintained to cover any unexpected expenses.

We have increased our fund-raising efforts throughout the year to assist with our anniversary trip in 2024.

Overall, the trustees are happy with the finances of the choir.

The financial position is secure. The choir has no reserved accounts or assets.

Trustees

The trustees of the Colmcille Ladies Choir remain in position as follows:

Chairperson	Ursula Clifford
Musical Director	Sheila Carlin
Hon Secretary	Anne Gallagher
Hon Treasurer	Angela Morrison
Costume mistress	Marie Horton
Charity Co-ordinator	Deirdre Carroll

Administration

The choir is administered by the Board of Trustees appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting which is held during January/February. The committee meets on a regular basis throughout the year. The charity is governed by its constitution dated 2 September 2015 which has remained unchanged, and which is approved by the committee members.

Mrs Ursula Clifford
Chairperson
January 2024
Colmcille Ladies Choir
NI Charity No 103566
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Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of The Colmcille Ladies Choir

I Report on the Accounts of the Trust for the year ended 5 April 2024, which are set out below. As the Charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the Accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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. My 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 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 the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of the Charities Act;
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Anthony Jackson FCA
18 Clooney Park Gardens
Waterside
Londonderry
BT47 6NU

Signature: _____




Dated: _____

12/11/2024

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Accounts

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Accounts for the Year Ended 5 April 2023			
INCOME			EXPENDITURE
Bank Balance b/f 6.4.22		12580.41	Refund Lisbon trip
Derry Feis Donation	200.00		Bank Fees
HMRC Refund	299.75		Choir Accompanist
Bloody Sunday conference	200.00		Gifts Sheila
Choir Subs/savings	5,895.00		Rent
Clipper Festival	200.00		Choir Dresses
Craft Fair Guildhall	200.00		Choir hotel Dublin
Smartie's income	13.00		Choir Trip - Bus & Theat
			Donation in lieu
			Misc Expenses
Total Income		<u>7007.75</u>	Total Expenditure
			11,470.69
			Bank balance as at 5.4.2
			<u>8117.47</u>
		<u>19588.16</u>	<u>19588.16</u>
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27 April 2022	Derry Feis Donation
16 June 2022	Peace Conference Guildhall
13 August 2022	Choir participated in the Clipper Festival
27 November 2022	Choir performance at the Craft Fair Guildhall
20 January 2023	Reception in Mayors parlour in recognition of 50th anniversary
8 March 2023	International Woman's Day.

In addition the choir performed at various church services including services and funerals throughout the year.

Public Benefit

The Colmcille Ladies choir partakes in a variety of cultural activities which includes regular public performances, choral festivals and charity functions. We perform in a variety of places such as churches, theatres, shopping centres and open air venues where the public are given the opportunity to learn and appreciate choral music. This year we have been fortunate in having several new members joining our choir after attending some of our public performances. We are delighted that we continue to thrive.

Our members are drawn from all walks of life and backgrounds. We benefit from the opportunities to learn, sing, enjoy and participate in choral music. We are always looking to attract new members and we do this mainly by encouraging our current members to recruit new singers. All age groups, race and creeds are welcome in the choir and our members range in age from 17 to 80 plus. Indeed we have several long established family members within our ranks.

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The choir performs a wider benefit to the public by supporting fund raising activities, for example our annual Carol Services .

This year the choir are celebrating our 50th Anniversary with a trip to Lisbon. where we will participate in public concerts along with choirs from different parts of the world. This had to be cancelled previously due to covid.

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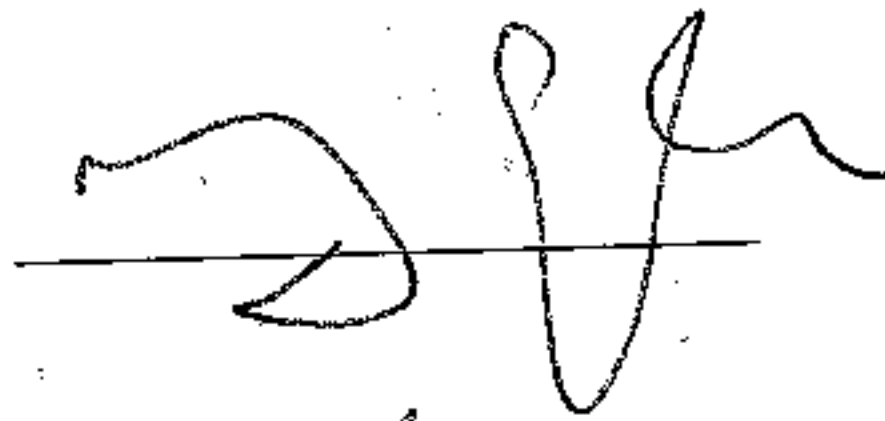
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