

Irish Video Game Orchestra

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108928

Details

Known as IVGO, IVGOchestra

Status Received

Registered 2022-11-23

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

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Activities

Purposes: The charity is established to advance education and to promote the arts for the benefit of the public primarily but not exclusively in Northern Ireland and its environs (hereinafter called the "area of benefit"), and to foster a knowledge of and an appreciation for the art and science of orchestral music for the benefit of the general public by: a) providing education and training in orchestral music playing in Northern Ireland through orchestral general and sectional rehearsals of orchestrated video game music given by trained musicians; b) promoting the art and advocating the inclusion of video game music to the orchestral canon to the general public in Northern Ireland by the presentation of public concerts, performances and lectures.

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

How the charity works: Arts, Education/training

Who the charity helps: Adult training, General public, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£16,442	£15,212	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Adam Humphreys		
Mr David Bennington		
Mr Robert Martin		

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For the year ended 31st December 2024

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David Bennington
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Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts	£	Payments	£
Balance b/d	1280	Rent	2375
Charitable Activities	13777	Bank Charges	63
Travel Contrib	2665	Insurance	188
		Cost of Charitable Activities	12016
		Conductors Expenses	0
		Printing and stationery	0
		Internet Services	532
		Equipment Purchase	37
		Closing Balance	2510
		Rounding Adjustment	1
	17722		17722

No payments were made to the trustees outside of expenses incurred by the charity and conductor travel reimbursement as set out in the constitution of the orchestra.

Opening Balance	1280
Income	16442
Expenditure	15212
Closing Balance	2510

This Receipts and Payments Account has been prepared from and is in agreement with the underlying records of the charity

 2025/01/05

David Bennington
Treasurer

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets	
Cash (Bank)	2510
Yamaha P45 Piano and Hardware 2019	522
Roland Octapad SPD-30 and hardware 2019	914
Laser printer 2019	50
2x Thomann PA speakers	290
1x Misc PA Speaker	100
Misc Audio/Video Connectors and equipment	300
2xProjectors	500
Total Assets	5186
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	0

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts	£	Payments	£
Balance b/d	1455	Rent	2500
Charitable Activities	6461	Bank Charges	68
Travel Contrib	1025	Insurance	213
		Cost of Charitable Activities	3465
		Conductors Expenses	633
		Printing and stationery	22
		Internet Services	107
		Equipment Purchase	653
		Closing Balance	1280
	8941		8941

No payments were made to the trustees outside of expenses incurred by the charity and conductor travel reimbursement as set out in the constitution of the orchestra.

Opening Balance	1455
Income	7486
Expenditure	7661
Closing Balance	1280

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David Bennington 31/01/2024

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Treasurer

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Total Assets	2766
Liabilities	
Rent Due (not invoiced yet, open rehearsal)	60
Total Liabilities	60

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Annual report

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Trustees Report

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Information

Trustees

David Bennington
Adam Humphreys
Robert Martin

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Trustees Report

Activities

The activities of the Irish Video Game Orchestra are to advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of music in all its aspects by any means the trustees see fit. This includes

- the presentation of public concerts providing stimulating and challenging playing opportunities for amateur instrumentalists over 18 living in and around the Belfast Metropolitan Area and throughout Northern Ireland.
- performing regular public concerts of video game orchestral repertoire to a high standard.
- spreading awareness and advocating for the acceptance of video game scores as a legitimate orchestral music genre.
- undertaking any other activities which the trustees deem supportive of the charity's purposes.

Events

2023 was a good year in terms of live performances, with four major events throughout the year. Starting the year strong with a self hosted event in Sailortown, this was a sellout show and helped bring attention and support to another local charity in restoring the old St. Joseph's church building.

Following this was an invitation to perform with Kaizoku Con in University College Cork. This event is a highlight in expanding the reputation of video game music to the whole of Ireland as well as excellent musical experience for members, and is something we hope to continue to do in the future.

Following this were several nights at the Avenue Arts Centre and partnering with QUB's Dragonslayers group to perform in the closing ceremony of the well attended QCON event in Belfast. The last of our performances was in the Riverside Theatre in Coleraine, which was also well attended.

Another important event was the expansion of our open rehearsal strategy. This helps us connect people who are not able to commit to frequent rehearsals with the VGM community, providing experience and tutorship. We are pleased to report this resulted in several new members.

Finally, we had the opportunity to collaborate with Sony Playstation toward the end of the year, composing a medley of Playstation pieces that were used during Playstation's charity tournament streams on Twitch. This gave us an audience of many thousands, and will hopefully afford us further opportunities to work together with Sony. Additionally, we were able to support the Prince's Trust in their Million Makers campaign.

Finance

The IVGO commenced the financial year £1455 in credit in bank accounts. The overall expenditure of the year was £7661, while overall income was £7486. On paper this represents a loss of £175, however there is an outstanding invoice due from the Coleraine event, which although cannot be reported on this years account represents an overall return to growth.

2023 saw the exciting start of merchandising to help fundraising efforts. Despite costs, this represents a material contribution to income and is something we hope to continue with in 2024.

The above is a true and accurate record of the operations of the Irish Video Game Orchestra in the year to 31st December 2023.

Trustee Signatures:

David Bennington 31/01/2024

David Bennington

Robert J. Martin

31/1/2024

Robert Martin

Adam Humphreys

31/1/2024

Adam Humphreys

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Annual return

Irish Video Game Orchestra (NIC 108928)
Independent Examiner's Report
Year Ended 31 December 2023

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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; 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;
- (ii) 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.

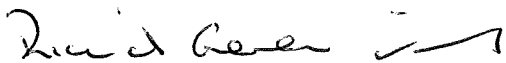
My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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;
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 a qualified to undertake the examination.

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 the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Richard Gareth Kirk, BSc (Econ), MSc FCA
Date: 12th March 2024