

Falkirk Operatic Society (SCIO)

Scotland · Charity number SC030172

Details

Known as	FOS
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2000-04-27
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	80 Bridgeness Road Bo'ness EH51 9JR
Website	www.falkirkoperatic.com

Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations or gifts to organisations', 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science'

What the charity does: The society shall encourage the participation of and education of the youth of the area in musical theatre. The society shall take performances into the area with particular focus on groups and organisations supporting the elderly and disabled. The society shall support other charitable organisations where appropriate.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people', 'Older People', 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community', 'Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: The objectives of the Society shall be the advancement of education of the public through the study and performance of musical works. In furtherance of these purposes the Society: - shall encourage the participation of and education of the youth of the area in musical theatre - shall take performances into the community, with particular focus on groups and organisations supporting the elderly and those with special needs. - shall support other charitable organisations through benefit concerts and performances when appropriate.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Falkirk
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£7,876	£4,149	-	3
2024-05-31	£45,840	£43,677	-	0
2023-05-31	£36,605	£58,627	-	0
2022-05-31	£18,206	£30,055	-	0
2021-05-31	£9,525	£1,507	-	0

Accounts

FALKIRK OPERATIC SOCIETY (SCIO)

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

1st JUNE 2024 - 31ST MAY 2025

FALKIRK OPERATIC SOCIETY (SCIO)
SCOTTISH CHARITY NO SC030172
TRUSTEES REPORT 1/6/24-31/5/25
REGISTERED OFFICE

The Society does not have a registered office.

Mail should be addressed to:

Mrs Susan McFarlane
80 Bridgeness Road
Bo'ness
EH51 9JR

TRUSTEES

Mrs L. Wallace	President
Mrs A. Rice	Vice President
Mrs C. Turk	Secretary
Mrs J. Hughes	Assistant Secretary
Mrs S McFarlane	Treasurer
Mr A Tasker	Assistant Treasurer
Mrs K Fraser	
Mr E Turk	

CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY

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PURPOSES OF CHARITY

The Society shall encourage the participation of and education of the youth of the area in musical theatre. The society shall take performances into the area with particular focus on groups and organisations supporting the elderly and disabled. The Society shall support other charitable organisations where appropriate. This is accomplished through charity collections during our productions.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees are elected by the members of the Society. No external body has the right to make such appointments to the Committee (Trustees).

ACTIVITIES

At the company AGM in July 2024 the decision was made to spend the year to May 2025 fund raising to increase the funds available to be used for future productions. The company organized several fund raising events including a Quiz Night, a Christmas Concert and a Race Night. The trustees then consulted with the company and made a decision to plan a production for September 2025 and started rehearsals.

LEVEL OF RESERVES

The current level of reserves amounts to £10270.24 in the bank account and £1480.92 cash in hand. This represents an increase from the previous years accounts. This was entirely due to the fund raising events organized by the company.

TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

The Trustees of the Society do not receive any remuneration for their services. Expenses are reimbursed.

DONATED FACILITIES

Members of the Society donate their time and money to support the work of the Society. They also donated goods and funds to support the raffles etc

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

Mrs L Wallace
President

Date:

FALKIRK OPERATIC SOCIETY (SCIO)

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD 1st JUNE 2024 TO 31st MAY 2025

	2024/25		2023/24
RECEIPTS - UNRESTRICTED	£		£
SUBSCRIPTIONS	£2,435.00		£2,880.00
DONATIONS			£448.63
GRANTS			£13,376.48
SOCIAL EVENTS/SUNDRY	£130.00		£1,826.10
CONCERT PARTY/CAROL SINGING			£1,388.65
50/50 & TEA MONEY	£847.50		£1,109.05
EASY FUNDRAISING	£48.16		
CAR TREASURE HUNT	£120.00		
GAMES NIGHT	£64.00		
QUIZ NIGHT	£934.50		
FESTIVE FROLICS	£2,043.22		
DAFFODIL TEA	£215.50		
RACE NIGHT	£758.09		
SUNDRY	£0.86		
TOTAL FUNDRAISING		£7,596.83	£21,028.91
SEPTEMBER SHOW - TICKETS			£2,632.34
SEPTEMBER SHOW - RAFFLE, TUCKSHOP, PROGRAMMES			£517.93
MAIN SHOW - TICKETS			£16,240.67
MAIN SHOW - RAFFLE, TUCKSHOP, PROGRAMMES	£280.00		£4,232.62
MAIN SHOW - SUNDRY			£36.00
LIBS & SCORES			£210.00
MISCELLANEOUS			£113.38
TOTAL		£280.00	£23,982.94
CHARITY COLLECTIONS			£828.40
			£828.40
TOTAL RECEIPTS		£7,876.83	£45,840.25

FALKIRK OOPERATIC SOCIETY (SCIO)

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD 1st JUNE 2024 TO 31st MAY 2025

	2024/25	2023/24
PAYMENTS - UNRESTRICTED		
50/50 TEA FUND		£5.00
SUNDRY (REFUND SUB)		£70.00
TOP OF THE TOWN	£20.00	
HALL HIRE	£100.00	
SOCIAL EVENTS		£65.00
CONCERT/CAROL SINGING		£150.83
FESTIVE FROLICS	£220.75	
RACE NIGHT	£375.00	
EXPENSES - FUNDRAISING	£715.75	£290.83
SEPTEMBER SHOW - TUCK SHOP/BAR/PROGRAMMES		£70.51
SEPTEMBER SHOW - VENUE HIRE		£759.50
SEPTEMBER SHOW - SOUND & LIGHTING		£225.00
SEPTEMBER SHOW - ADVERTISING		£42.00
SEPTEMBER SHOW - ORCHESTRA/PRODUCTION OFFICIALS		£850.00
SEPTEMBER SHOW - SUNDRY COSTS		£168.95
MAIN SHOW REHEARAL PREMISES		£1,536.00
MAIN SHOW - VENUE HIRE		£3,450.00
MAIN SHOW - SOUND & LIGHTING		£12,644.48
MAIN SHOW ADVERTISING/BAR/PROGRAMMES/TUCK SHOP		£2,123.41
MAIN SHOW - ORCHESTRA/PRODUCTION OFFICIALS		£7,500.00
MAIN SHOW - SUNDRY COSTS		£1,150.54
MAIN SHOW - COSTUMES		£4,260.00
MAIN SHOW - ROYALTIES & RIGHTS	£500.00	£5,475.13
MAIN SHOW - PROPS		£73.00
MAIN SHOW - SCENERY		£250.00
LIBS & SCORES		£210.00
TOTAL	£500.00	£40,788.52
ZOOM	£287.00	£510.65
NODA SUBSCRIPTIONS & AWARDS	£205.00	£270.00
INSURANCE	£1,557.20	£1,567.82
WEBSITE	£143.16	
SUNDRY	£162.91	
TOTAL GOVERNANCE COSTS	2,355.27	£2,348.47
CHARITY COLLECTIONS	£578.46	£249.96
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£4,149.48	£43,677.78

FALKIRK OPERATIC SOCIETY (SCIO)

2024/25

2023/24

CASH & BANK BALANCES

OPENING BALANCES	£7,938.26			£5,775.79	
CASH IN HAND (START OF YEAR)	£329.77			£345.57	
SURPLUS (DEFECIT) FOR YEAR	£3,727.35			£2,162.47	
CLOSING BALANCES	£11,665.61			£7,938.26	

RESERVES

BANK BALANCES	10270.24			£7,694.04	
CASH IN HAND	1480.92			£329.77	
LESS CHEQUES OUTSTANDING	-85.55			-£85.55	
TOTAL	£11,665.61			£7,938.26	

ASSETS

ELECTRONIC KEYBOARD	£1,200.00		
GAUZE	£200.00		
IPAD	£100.00		
LAP TOP AND DYMO MACHINE	£150.00		
SUM UP MACHINES	£55.00		
TOTAL			
LIABILITIES			
TOTAL			

I have examined the accounts and found them to be accurate and a true and fair record

Accountant

Date

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Mrs L Wallace President

Date

APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2							
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	Falkirk Operatic Society (SCIO)							
Registered charity number	SC	030172							
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date	Day	Month	Year	to	Period end date	Day	Month	Year
		01	06	2024			31	05	2025
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)								
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.								
Basis of independent examiner's statement	My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.								
Independent examiner's statement	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*] - which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or - to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.								
Signed**:	<i>David Campbell</i>						Date: 15/09/25		
Name:	DAVID CAMPBELL								
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ACCA								
Address:	4 BOHUN COURT STIRLING FK7 7UT								

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose

Accounts

FALKIRK OPERATIC SOCIETY (SCIO)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNTS

1ST JUNE 2023 – 31ST MAY 2024

FALKIRK OPERATIC SOCIETY (SCIO)
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD 1st JUNE 2023 TO 31st MAY 2024

	2023/24	2022/23
RECEIPTS - UNRESTRICTED	£	£
SUBSCRIPTIONS	£ 2,880.00	£ 2,580.00
DONATIONS	£ 448.63	£ 900.78
GRANTS	£ 13,376.48	£ -
GIFT AID RELIEF	£ -	£ 466.55
BOTTLE STALL/ BAG PACKING	£ -	£ 200.00
SOCIAL EVENTS / SUNDRY	£ 1,826.10	£ 943.70
CONCERT PARTY/ CAROL SINGING	£ 1,388.65	£ 700.32
50/50 & TEA MONEY	£ 1,109.05	£ 907.10
SUNDRY	£ -	£ 42.16
TOTAL FUNDRAISING	£ 21,028.91	£ 6,740.61
SEPTEMBER SHOW - TICKETS	£ 2,632.34	£ 4,705.17
SEPTEMBER SHOW - RAFFLE, TUCKSHOP, PROGRAMS	£ 517.93	£ 484.91
SEPTEMBER SHOW - SUNDRY	£ -	£ -
MAIN SHOW - TICKETS	£ 16,240.67	£ 20,747.14
MAIN SHOW - RAFFLE, TUCKSHOP, PROGRAMS	£ 4,232.62	£ 2,861.21
MAIN SHOW - SUNDRY	£ 36.00	£ -
LIBS & SCORES	£ 210.00	£ 200.00
MISCELLANEOUS	£ 113.38	£ -
TOTAL	£ 23,982.94	£ 28,998.43
CHARITY COLLECTIONS	£ 828.40	£ 1,054.22
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	£ 45,840.25	£ 36,793.26

FALKIRK OPERATIC SOCIETY
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD 1st JUNE 2023 TO 31st MAY 2024

	2023/24		2022/23	
	£		£	
PAYMENTS - UNRESTRICTED				
SUBSCRIPTIONS				
50/50 TEA FUND	£	5.00	£	5.40
SUNDRY (REFUND SUB)	£	70.00		
SOCIAL EVENTS	£	65.00	£	190.00
CONCERT/ CAROL SINGING	£	150.83	£	-
EXPENSES - FUNDRAISING		£ 290.83	£ -	£ 195.40
SEPTEMBER SHOW - REHEARSAL PREMISES	£	-	£	528.00
SEPTEMBER SHOW - TUCK SHOP / BAR / PROGRAMS	£	70.51	£	-
SEPTEMBER SHOW - VENUE HIRE	£	759.50	£	856.65
SEPTEMBER SHOW - SOUND & LIGHTING	£	225.00	£	480.00
SEPTEMBER SHOW - ADVERTISING	£	42.00	£	-
SEPTEMBER SHOW - ORCHESTRA / PRODUCTION OFFICIALS	£	850.00	£	1,350.00
SEPTEMBER SHOW - SUNDRY COSTS	£	168.95	£	100.00
MAIN SHOW - REHEARSAL PREMISES	£	1,536.00	£	915.00
MAIN SHOW - VENUE HIRE	£	3,450.00	£	8,737.60
MAIN SHOW - SOUND & LIGHTING	£	12,644.48	£	9,613.70
MAIN SHOW - ADVERTISING / BAR / PROGRAMS, TUCKSHOP	£	2,123.41	£	1,439.56
MAIN SHOW - ORCHESTRA / PRODUCTION OFFICIALS	£	7,500.00	£	7,100.00
MAIN SHOW - SUNDRY COSTS	£	1,150.54	£	180.00
MAIN SHOW - COSTUMES	£	4,260.00	£	4,179.92
MAIN SHOW - ROYALTIES & RIGHTS	£	5,475.13	£	5,346.49
MAIN SHOW - PROPS	£	73.00	£	61.88
MAIN SHOW - SCENERY	£	250.00	£	5,085.00
LIBS & SCORES	£	210.00	£	20.00
TOTAL		£ 40,788.52		£ 45,993.80
SECRETARY'S EXPENSES	£	510.65	£	290.77
SUNDRY EXPENSES			£	-
NODA SUBSCRIPTION & AWARDS	£	270.00	£	-
INSURANCE	£	1,567.82	£	1,295.76
EXPENSES Laptop/keyboard				
TOTAL GOVERNANCE COSTS		£ 2,348.47		£ 1,586.53
CHARITY COLLECTIONS	£	249.96	£	1,054.22
		£ 249.96		£ 1,054.22
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 43,677.78		£ 48,829.95

FALKIRK OPERATIC SOCIETY

	2023/24	2022/23	
	£	£	
CASH & BANK BALANCES			
OPENING BALANCE	£ 5,775.79	£ 17,757.48	
CASH IN HAND (START OF YEAR)	£ 345.57	£ 55.00	
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR PERIOD	£ 2,162.47	£ (12,036.69)	
CLOSING BALANCE	7,938.26	£ 5,775.79	
RESERVES			
BANK BALANCES	£ 7,694.04	£ 6,731.82	
CASH/ IN HAND	£ 329.77	£ 345.57	
LESS CHEQUES OUTSTANDING	£ (85.55)	£ (1,301.60)	
TOTAL	£ 7,938.26	£ 5,775.79	
ASSETS			
ELECTRONIC KEYBOARD & SYNTH.	£ -	£ 800.00	
GAUZE	£ 400.00	£ 600.00	
IPAD	£ 150.00	£ 250.00	
LAP TOP and Dymo Machine	£ 200.00	£ 300.00	
SUM UP MACHINES	£ 55.00		
TOTAL		£ 805.00	£ 1,950.00
LIABILITIES			
TOTAL		£ -	

I have examined the accounts and found them to be accurate and a true and fair record

Accountant

Date:

23.6.24

Date

FALKIRK OPERATIC SOCIETY (SCIO)
(Falkirk Operatic Society is a charity registered in Scotland No.SC030172)

Notes to the Accounts as 31st May 2024

RESERVES

Following the closure of Falkirk Town Hall and the subsequent relocation the company incurred significantly higher costs than previous years. Throughout this year fundraising activities raised a higher amount than previous years, providing extra funds. We have now decreased the deficit that was brought forward from 2021/22, although not by a huge amount. Further fundraising and increased ticket sales will be required to further reduce this deficit.

GRANTS/DONATIONS

The reference in the accounts to Charity Collections £828.40 refers to the proceeds of bucket collections made after each performance on behalf of named charities. The cash collected is in the bank account and will be replaced by cheques drawn on the Society's bank account for some charities, and online direct bank transfers to others where possible. A total of 4 charities benefited from the collection. Individual donations amounted to £448.63. A Grant from Falkirk Council was received for £13,376.48

TRUSTEES EXPENSES

Trustees did not receive any remuneration or payments during the year, other than by way of reimbursement of receipted expenses incurred on behalf of the society.

FALKIRK OPERATIC SOCIETY (SCIO)

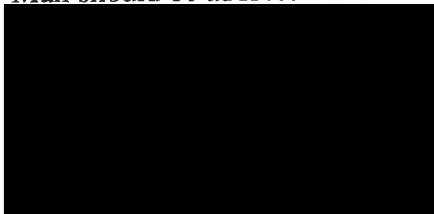
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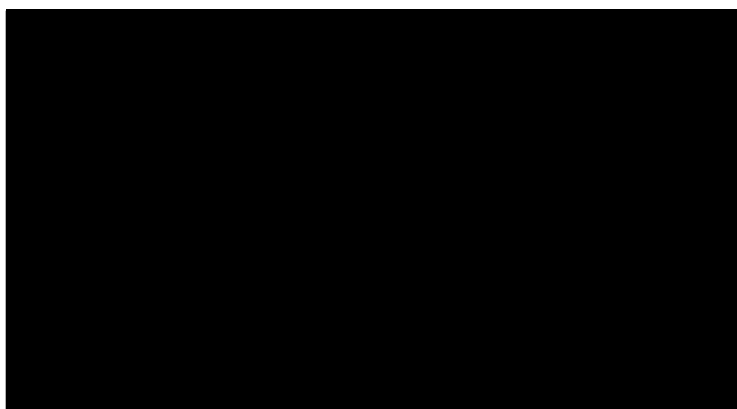
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APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees are elected by the members of the Society. No external body has the right to make such appointments to the Committee (Trustees).

ACTIVITIES

In April 2024 the society performed the musical 'The Little Mermaid'. The cast covered a range of ages from 16 to over 65. The officials for this production have an educational role to assist mainly the young people to acquire the confidence and skill to perform in public to a high standard. When generally it is rare for the April production to make money and the costs generally exceed income, this remained the case this year, we made a large loss on our production of £17,469.

The Society encourages groups and disabled to attend and offers some free tickets for group bookings, as well discretionary rates for the elderly, disabled and young people. In addition cares for disabled are given a complementary ticket.

It is also the Society's policy to make collections at the end of the public performances for a range of selected charitable organisations. This year £828.40 was raised from the generosity of audiences.

LEVEL OF RESERVES

The current level of reserves amounts to £7,94.04 in the bank account and £329.77 cash in hand. This represents an increase from the previous years accounts. This was entirely due to the grant received from Falkirk Council. Were it not for this one off grant, there would not have been any reserves and would have been unable to put on the production. The Trustees and the Society will have to work hard to augment that total in order to continue to mount a full scale production.

TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

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DONATED FACILITIES

Members of the Society donate their time and money to support the work of the Society. This year donation amounted to £448.63 over and above Subscription income. They also donated goods and funds to support the raffles.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.



Date: 14/6/2024

APPENDIX 3



Independent examiner's report on the accounts								V2
Report to the trustees/members of Registered charity number On the accounts of the charity for the period Set out on pages	Charity name							
	Falkirk Operatic Society (SCIO)							
	SC030172							
	Period start date					Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year	
	01	06	2023		31	05	2024	
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Independent examiner's statement	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention other than that disclosed on the attached page*							
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	have not been met, or							
	to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.							
Signed:								Date:
Name:								
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):								
Address:								

23-6-24

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