

WIGMORE HALL

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

31 JULY 2024

THE WIGMORE HALL TRUST (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

COMPANY NUMBER: 2754525

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1024838

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Legal and Administrative Details

TRUSTEES

The Trustees, who are the statutory directors of the company for the purposes of company law, that served during the year, and since the year end were as follows:

Aubrey Adams - *Chairman*
Lady Julia Boyd
Judith Davies
Mark Hawtin
Alan Leibowitz *retired 6 June 2024*
Dame Felicity Lott
Stuart Mason

TENURE

The freehold for the Wigmore Hall is owned by the Howard de Walden Estate. In December 2005 the charity purchased a 250 year lease on the property for £3.2 million (£3.1 million for the lease and £0.1 million for legal costs).

OTHER INFORMATION

Registered Address
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Country of registration
England & Wales

Country of incorporation
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Charity Reg no
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Chairman's Statement

'An exceptional evening, every single second of it'

– Tim Ashley, *The Guardian*, 11 January 2024

'Wigmore Hall, the UK's most important chamber-music venue, announced the creation of the Director's Fund, like an American endowment. It has already raised £8.5 million towards the initial goal of £10 million and John Gilhooly, Wigmore Hall's artistic and executive director, has set his sights on £20 million or more by the 2030s. This looks like a declaration of independence from state support'

– Richard Fairman, *Financial Times*, 19 August 2024

September 2023 saw a renewed focus on live performance and a magnificent return of large audiences in the post-Covid era. The road to recovery was well and truly established over the past Season; in fact, ticket sales are now at the highest level in the Hall's 123-year history. A few headline statistics underline all of this. Net assets increased by £2.6 million and free reserves were just over £2.7 million at the end of the Season. Total reserves were at £15.9 million at the end of the year (and over £17.5 million at the time of writing this statement). Membership increased by 12% on the previous Season and our Director's Fund increased by over £2.7 million. Despite all of this the Trust cannot be complacent. We still need to bring in £3.5 million in fundraising each and every Season to underpin our ambitious international programme of 550 concerts a year, as well as hundreds more outreach events.

Last-minute bookings continue to be a new post-Covid trend, and intense social media and digital marketing is key to attracting and sustaining this new constituency. The Trust's mission is to continue to give work to the highest quality artists and leading ensembles, and to share this glorious repertoire with the widest possible audience in the Hall, online, and on radio.

Legacy giving continues to grow, and the Director's Fund continues to attract pledges for the future. A public appeal following the private phase of fundraising for the Director's Fund which stands at £9 million at the time of writing, will be launched in Autumn 2025. The Hall will cut its ties with public funders in Spring 2026, becoming 100% self-sufficient. This is a hugely exciting development for the Trust. In the face of an uncertain public funding environment for classical music, the Director's Fund has been set up to invest in future generations of artists at every stage of their careers, innovative independent programming and an uncompromising quality of experience.

We continue to be greatly encouraged by the audience and donor response to John Gilhooly's unique artistic programme. We now visibly attract a much broader cross-section of society, and there is, once again, a significant increase in young audience members. An astonishing 14,202 £5 tickets were sold as part of the U35 scheme, and new sponsorship has been sourced to build this audience over the next five years.

The total surplus for the year is £2,596,170, however the total unrestricted general fund surplus is only £119,937. As most of the restricted fund is going towards the Director's Fund appeal, the smaller unrestricted

Chairman's Statement - *Continued*

surplus figure highlights the continued need for annual fundraising of over £3.5 million (already mentioned above), and the necessity to keep ticket sales at their current high level. This is a complex balancing act only made possible by the vital generosity of our many donors and funders.

Our website now processes around 85% of our priority booking orders and 76% of our sales overall. The technology that drives the publication of concerts online also underpins our day-to-day work and continues to be developed, enabling a relatively small number of staff to deliver this vast amount of information. For our 2024-2025 Season we contracted 2,500 artists and planned the logistics of over 600 concerts using one unified system, which, through tight integration and automation, also fuels the in-house production of our printed brochure, free programmes and song sheets, with consistent and accurate publication of often complex repertoire in many languages throughout. The system now holds 6,100 composer records and 66,000 pieces of repertoire, with over 1,000 more added each season.

The Hall's year end accounts for the Season show a transfer of £140,000 from our Catalyst Endowment Fund. Up until now, this fund was called upon infrequently; however, this season's drawdown was agreed, and the fund will be vital in the coming years, as we continue to honour and reschedule contracted events lost during the pandemic. The Catalyst Endowment Fund was established in 2012 and £2 million must be drawn down by 2037 under the terms of the contract with Arts Council England. The £140,000 drawdown this year brings us up to date with the agreed schedule. Wigmore Hall's balance sheet is in very good shape, but it should be noted that the significant majority of these funds (£12.9 million out of £15.9 million) is in restricted funds, including the value of our long-term lease.

As always, I am very grateful to the Trustees for their continued support, counsel, and encouragement during the past year, and to John Gillhooly; not only for building and devising another outstanding, pioneering, and eclectic artistic programme, but also for managing the finances of the Hall so adeptly. The Wigmore Hall staff continues to support the Trust's ambitious strategy, and the Trustees are very grateful to all of the Hall's employees for everything they do, often going above and beyond to maintain the Hall's very high standards.

Most importantly, I would like to reiterate the Trust's grateful thanks to the many donors and audiences who make Wigmore Hall's work possible. None of this would be achievable without their support, and it is only with such help that we can look to the future with prudent optimism, despite the unprecedented challenges of recent years. The Director's Fund is a significant boost to these efforts, and I look forward to writing even more about this Fund next year, once the public appeal is in full swing.

Aubrey Adams
Chairman

Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 July 2024

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual Trustees' report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 July 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association 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) (issued October 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Wigmore Hall Trust is a private company limited by guarantee. It was incorporated on 9 October 1992 and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The company was registered as a charity on 11 August 1993.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are appointed by the Members on the recommendation of existing Trustees.

Trustee Induction and Training

New Trustees are given an induction session during their first year of tenure and ongoing training is provided to Trustees as required.

Risk Management

The Trustees conduct comprehensive reviews of the Charity's activities, setting out the major opportunities available to the Charity and the risks to which it is exposed. A great deal of effort is put into the preparation of board papers. The Trustees monitor progress against the strategic objectives. As part of this process, the Trustees have implemented a risk management strategy that comprises:

- An annual review of the risks faced by the charity,
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan, and
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the Charity, should any of those risks materialise.

Organisation Structure

A Board of Trustees is responsible for the policies, planning, direction and organisation of the charity. By definition, all Trustees are directors of the charitable company. Each Trustee is also a member of the charity.

The day to day operations of the charity are run by The Director, assisted by The Deputy Director, the Director of Development, the Director of Technology, the Learning Director and the General Manager, Office of The Director. The three senior positions are appointed by the Trustees. The Artistic Director and Chief Executive of the charity is John Gilhooly CBE.

The charity's activities take place almost exclusively at Wigmore Hall. Learning events take place across London.

The charity has taken out Trustee Indemnity Insurance.

Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 July 2024 - *Continued*

Related parties and co-operation with other organisations

None of our Trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a Trustee or senior manager of the charity with any other charity / company / performer must be disclosed to the full Board of Trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party.

Pay policy for senior staff

The directors consider the Board of Trustees, and the directorate to be the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. All Trustees give of their time freely and no Trustee received remuneration in the year. Details of Trustees' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in note 5 to the accounts.

The pay of the senior staff is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings. In view of the nature of the charity, the Trustees benchmark against pay levels in other prestige arts organisations, venues and orchestras of a similar size run on a voluntary basis. Inflationary rises are not always guaranteed and this is applied across the organisation.

PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES

Purposes

The key objectives of the Trust are to maintain and administer Wigmore Hall, to promote appreciation and knowledge of chamber music, song and other art forms, for the benefit of the public and to raise funds from individuals, trusts and foundations.

Policies

To further its key objectives the Trust undertakes the promotion of concerts of classical music and jazz, delivers an education programme to support its artistic programme, arranges music-related and other events, and makes Wigmore Hall available to leading music promoters.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that, in exercising their powers and fulfilling their responsibilities in pursuit of the areas described on pages 6 and 7, they have paid due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

STRATEGIC REPORT

- **Achievements and performance for the year**
- **Maintaining and administering Wigmore Hall**

Wigmore Hall's 2023/24 season included 551 concerts and 467 Learning events. We continued to broadcast regularly around the world through our video livestreams (which remain free to access), with a further significant presence on BBC Radio 3.

Our investment in younger audiences continued, as we provided over 14,000 subsidised tickets for Under 35s throughout the season and over 3,754 free tickets for those under 26 through our partnership with the CAVATINA Chamber Music Trust.

We continued our successful collaboration with African Concert Series in 23/24, presenting two full days of concerts during the season. These concerts featured artists such as Tunde Jegede, William Chapman Nyaho, Richard Olatunde Baker, Leon Bosch, Abdelkader Saadoun, Rebeca Omordia and the Ubuntu Ensemble.

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The 23/24 season also included 28 world and UK premières, as well as special focuses on Australian composer Brett Dean and British composers Laurence Osborn and Joseph Phibbs. Our celebrations of International Women's Day included a concert from Associate Artist Trish Clowes, an event from Leah Broad around her book 'Quartet: How four Women Changed the Musical World', and a performance from Antonio Oyarzabal and Natasha Loges celebrating the works of musical women at the turn of the 20th century.

Promoting appreciation and knowledge of chamber music, song and other art forms

In 2023/24, Wigmore Hall presented an exceptional programme of performances from internationally celebrated musicians and emerging talent across a wide variety of genres and styles.

This season included the premières of the first four works in a new series of 16 'Voices of Today' commissions, from composers not previously commissioned by the Hall. The series began with Canadian pianist Stewart Goodyear's new work 'Mending Walls', which responded to a poem by Robert Frost. New works by Hilda Paredes, Francesco Antonioni and Jocelyn Campbell were also performed, and the remaining twelve commissions will be presented in subsequent seasons.

The season featured residencies from the 12 Ensemble, Jeremy Denk and Veronica Eberle amongst others. There were return visits for international stars such as violinists Joshua Bell, Renaud Capuçon, Hilary Hahn and Janine Jansen; pianists Richard Goode, Igor Levit, Elisabeth Leonskaja and Sir Andrés Schiff; vocalists Ian Bostridge, Dame Sarah Connolly, Lise Davidsen, Iestyn Davies, Matthias Goerne and Magdalena Kožená; ensembles the BBC Singers, Les Arts Florissant, Pavel Haas Quartet and Quatuor Ebène; and Associate Artists Kaleidoscope Chamber Collective, Nitin Sawhney and the Takács Quartet.

Our pioneering learning and participation work continued with highlights including a new multi-sensory concert alongside relaxed and low stimulus concerts as part of our series for neurodivergent audiences, and a programme with young people in Barking and Dagenham who are impacted by the criminal justice system. In response to the cost-of-living crisis and the urgent need for further music provision for children, we expanded our £1 ticket scheme for families who face financial barriers.

In 2023/24, Wigmore Hall Learning led 467 events, enabling 19,221 engagements with the programme. Working in partnership with a range of community, health, social care and education organisations, we engaged people who are socially isolated, marginalised and who face barriers to taking part in arts activity, through creative music making with families, schools, autistic young people, people who have experienced homelessness and domestic violence, and people living with dementia.

Fundraising

Annual giving towards this season was strong for both Artistic and Learning projects. Collectively, our major donors, Season Patrons, Season Benefactors, concert sponsors, members of our Circles, Trusts and Foundations, corporate and individual members and donors to the Annual Fund contributed £2.5 million.

The Trust has a professional fundraising department led by the Director of Development. The team is responsible for fundraising from individuals, events, trusts and foundations and businesses and works within the guidelines set out by the Fundraising Regulator and Code of Fundraising Practice.

The Trust does not engage any external partners or fundraising agencies to carry out fundraising on its behalf. Nor do we engage in fundraising activities that would place vulnerable people at risk. There were no fundraising complaints received during the year.

The Trust has voluntarily subscribed to the Fundraising Regulator.

Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 July 2024, Strategic Report - *Continued*

Principal risks and uncertainties

From the risk management strategy the Trustees have identified the following as the principal risks and uncertainties:

- Damage to artistic reputation
- Local and international competition
- Unexpected loss of key management personnel
- Damage to building(s)
- Loss of donor income
- Income forecasts not fulfilled
- Outside influences – e.g. global pandemic
- E-commerce platform breach
- CRM system/credit card data breach
- Critical IT systems failure or data loss

Risks are managed and mitigated by the following strategies:

Damage to reputation: *Avoid / Mitigate*

- Retain management of PR through in-house and external agencies
- Continue to ensure journalists and critics are kept informed about our activities
- Use social media channels wisely

Local and international competition: *Avoid / Mitigate*

- Forward planning and securing of exclusive artistic contracts
- Keep ticket prices affordable

Unexpected loss of a member of senior management team: *Mitigate*

- Artistic programme is planned over four years in advance
- Role(s) can be absorbed by other senior staff until interim replacements are found
- Good record keeping and documentation

Damage to building: *Avoid / Mitigate*

- Staff are fully trained in health and safety and building operating rules and regulations
- Maintenance records are kept up to date and recommendations to improve/repair are acted upon
- Fully insured for building damage and loss of income

Loss of donor income and/or donor fatigue: *Avoid*

- Continue to broaden repertoire
- Continue to engage with donors at all levels

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Income forecasts not fulfilled: *Avoid / Mitigate*

- Conservative budgeting, particularly for ticket sales
- Increased investment in marketing
- Careful monitoring of sales

Outside influences, e.g. global pandemic: *Mitigate*

- Follow government advice
- Stream concerts online and concentrate fundraising around said concerts
- Observe social distancing where appropriate

E-Commerce platform breach: *Mitigate / Transfer*

- Keep technology stack patched
- House web, CRM and services servers offsite in secure datacentre
- Use secure checkout for credit card entry, so no credit card data is excluded from web traffic
- Implement strong passwords for customer accounts

CRM system / credit card data breach: *Mitigate*

- Always up-to-date Firewall and endpoint security (anti-virus, email policy and USB port protection) in place
- Protect cardholder data when received on paper
- Manage passwords in encrypted databases
- Regular admin password change
- Install compliant PDQ machines that work on our wi-fi network
- Use 2-factor authentication for remote access

Critical IT Systems failure or data loss: *Transfer / Mitigate*

- Where appropriate, host/migrate critical workloads to Cloud / secure datacentre
- Develop and implement Incident Response plan
- Formalise infrastructure management and reporting

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The results for the year are set out on page 18

Key Performance Indicators

During 2023/24 we achieved:

- 184,278 attendances to our concert and learning programmes (2022/23 172,299).
- 612 events took place (2022/23 589 events).
- 51 concerts were live-streamed to an audience of over 212,000 across YouTube, Facebook and Wigmore-Hall.org.uk (2022/23, 89 concerts over 1,435,000 viewers).
- Fundraising for Unrestricted funds totalled £1,223,679 (2022/23 £1,091,352).
- We continued to promote wellbeing by having further mental health awareness training by representatives of MIND, an Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) was extended for another year and we offer training to all staff as Dementia Friends.
- Net assets increased by £2,596,170 (2022/23 increased £32,698).

Principal Funding Sources

The principal funding sources are income generated from the promotion of concerts and the hire of Wigmore Hall, the Arts Council of England, income generated from fundraising (individuals, trusts and foundations) and income generated from membership schemes.

Investment Policy

Surplus cash is invested in short-term deposit accounts and money markets. In February 2014 the Trust appointed Partners Capital to manage investment of the Catalyst Endowment Fund plus other funds as agreed by the Investment Committee. The Investment Committee comprises of Trustees and meets regularly with the investment managers to monitor progress. An investment policy has been set with a performance target of inflation plus 3%. The return for 2023/24 was 8.8%.

Reserves Policy

The Trust's policy is that it is committed to building free reserves to a level which will provide appropriate protection against the normal financial risks of business and which will also provide the necessary stable financial foundation for Wigmore Hall's future developments. The Trust is working towards free reserves of £3.7 million which is approximately six months income. Once this target has been met the Trust will review its reserves policy. As at 31 July 2024 the Trust's free reserves stood at £2,714,863, total reserves stood at £15,860,151.

Plans for Future Periods

Wigmore Hall has ambitious plans for the future and remains committed to fulfilling its charitable objectives.

Plans for the 24/25 season include world and UK premières by composers including Master of the King's Music Judith Weir, Peter Eötvös, Helen Grime, Mark-Anthony Turnage and Caroline Shaw. There is a major centenary celebration of Gabriel Fauré featuring violinist Joshua Bell, cellist Steven Isserlis, soprano Véronique Gens, jazz pianist Brad Mehldau and Le Concert Spirituel. Yunchan Lim returns to Wigmore Hall as do Martha Argerich, Leif Ove Andsnes, Richard Goode, Benjamin Grosvenor, Elisabeth Leonskaja, Víkingur Ólafsson and Sir András Schiff. There are also residencies from violinist Vilde Frang, cellist Gary Hoffman,

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guitarist Sean Shibe, tenor Nicky Spence and oboist Olivier Stankiewicz. Cutting edge new music will be performed by Ensemble Klang, Birmingham Contemporary Music Group, Ensemble intercontemporain, Ensemble Modern, JACK Quartet and Manchester Collective.

We remain very grateful to the wide array of donors, funders, sponsors, supporters, trusts and foundations which make the Hall's work possible through their ongoing generosity and encouragement.

Going Concern

Management have prepared an income and expenditure budget to 31 March 2026. Based on their review of these reports, the trustees expect the Trust will have adequate reserves and resources to continue its activities for the 12 months from the signing of this report and can meet its obligations as they fall due. Further details related to the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies on page 21.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of The Wigmore Hall Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

RSM UK Audit LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 July 2024, Strategic Report - *Continued*

Statement of disclosure to Auditor

So far as each person who was a Director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware. Additionally, each Director has taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 13 March 2025

and signed on its behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Adams', with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

Aubrey Adams

Chairman

Independent Auditor's Report To The Members Of The Wigmore Hall Trust (Limited By Guarantee)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Wigmore Hall Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 July 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 July 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Independent Auditor's Report To The Members Of The Wigmore Hall Trust (Limited By Guarantee) - *Continued*

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' Report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Trustees' Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report, which includes the Directors' Report and the Strategic Report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report and the Strategic Report included within the Trustees' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report or the Strategic Report included within the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' responsibilities set out on page 12, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Independent Auditor's Report To The Members Of The Wigmore Hall Trust (Limited By Guarantee) - *Continued*

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. The objectives of our audit are to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding compliance with laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, to perform audit procedures to help identify instances of non-compliance with other laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the financial statements, and to respond appropriately to identified or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations identified during the audit.

In relation to fraud, the objectives of our audit are to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud, to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud through designing and implementing appropriate responses and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit.

However, it is the primary responsibility of management, with the oversight of those charged with governance, to ensure that the entity's operations are conducted in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations and for the prevention and detection of fraud.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud, the audit engagement team:

- obtained an understanding of the nature of the sector, including the legal and regulatory frameworks that the charitable company operates in and how the charitable company is complying with the legal and regulatory frameworks;
- inquired of management, and those charged with governance, about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, including any known actual, suspected or alleged instances of fraud;
- discussed matters about non-compliance with laws and regulations and how fraud might occur including assessment of how and where the financial statements may be susceptible to fraud.

As a result of these procedures we consider the most significant laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements are FRS 102, Charities SORP (FRS 102), Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016, the charitable company's governing document, and tax legislation. We performed audit procedures to detect non-compliances which may have a material impact on the financial statements which included reviewing the financial statements including the Trustees' Report, and remaining alert to any new or unusual transactions which may not be in accordance with the governing documents.

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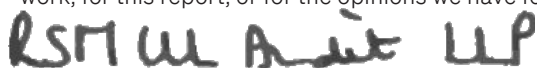
The most significant laws and regulations that have an indirect impact on the financial statements are those in relation to the GDPR and health and safety. We performed audit procedures to inquire of management whether the group is in compliance with these laws and regulations, inspected professional fee and legal expenditure transactions to identify possible non-compliance and internal handbooks, manuals and other documents updated to reflect legal advice or changes in legislation.

The audit engagement team identified the risk of management override of controls and the completeness and presentation of income generated from donations, grants, legacies and sponsorship income as the areas where the financial statements were most susceptible to material misstatement due to fraud. Audit procedures performed included but were not limited to testing manual journal entries and other adjustments, evaluating the business rationale in relation to significant, unusual transactions and transactions entered into outside the normal course of business, challenging judgments and estimates, performing specific audit procedures on legacies reflected within the legacy system but not the accounting records, reviewing the reconciliation between the donor system and accounting records, considering after-date receipts and minutes of meetings of those charged with governance to identify any instances of unrecognised income.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



ZOË LONGSTAFF-TYRRELL

(Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of RSM UK AUDIT LLP, Statutory Auditor
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Statement of Financial Activities

(Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account) For The Year Ended 31 July 2024

	Note	Unrestricted General Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Designated Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:						
Charitable activities		4,252,722	-	20,760	4,273,482	3,612,667
Grants receivable from:						
Government & other public bodies	2 (a)	305,875	-	-	305,875	305,876
Other grants, donations	2 (b)	1,223,679	281,419	3,225,351	4,730,449	2,276,976
Investments		36,430	-	-	36,430	18,778
Other trading activities		1,299,846	-	-	1,299,846	1,956,201
Other		263,624	-	-	263,624	237,585
TOTAL INCOME		7,382,176	281,419	3,246,111	10,909,706	8,408,083
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	3	8,086,489	-	486,667	8,573,156	7,945,074
Raising funds	3	269,583	-	87,500	357,083	488,114
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		8,356,072	-	574,167	8,930,239	8,433,188
Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds before gains on investments and transfers		(973,896)	281,419	2,671,944	1,979,467	(25,105)
Gain on investments		616,703	-	-	616,703	57,803
Net income for the year	4	(357,193)	281,419	2,671,944	2,596,170	32,698
Transfers between funds	10	477,133	(264,600)	(212,533)	-	-
Net income after transfers between funds		119,940	16,819	2,459,411	2,596,170	32,698
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		2,594,923	264,600	10,404,458	13,263,981	13,231,283
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		2,714,863	281,419	12,863,869	15,860,151	13,263,981

The notes on pages 21 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS:			
Tangible assets	6	5,446,653	5,450,779
Investments	7	7,619,241	6,002,538
		<u>13,065,894</u>	<u>11,453,317</u>
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Debtors	8	2,233,483	923,249
Short term deposits		2,268,890	2,276,419
Cash at bank and in hand		58,705	170,366
		<u>4,561,078</u>	<u>3,370,034</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(1,766,821)</u>	<u>(1,559,370)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>2,794,257</u>	<u>1,810,664</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		15,860,151	13,263,981
NET ASSETS		<u>15,860,151</u>	<u>13,263,981</u>
FUNDS			
General fund – unrestricted		2,714,863	2,594,923
Designated fund – unrestricted		281,419	264,600
Restricted funds	10	12,863,869	10,404,458
		<u>15,860,151</u>	<u>13,263,981</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 13 March 2025
and signed on its behalf by



Aubrey Adams
Chairman

The notes on pages 21 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

Statement Of Cash Flows

as at 31 July 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash generated by operating activities	1,319,842	931,375
Cash flows used in investing activities		
Interest received	36,430	18,778
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	(475,462)	(870,590)
Purchase of investments	(1,000,000)	(1,750,000)
Net (used in)/generated by investing activities	<u>(1,439,032)</u>	<u>(2,601,812)</u>
(Decrease) in cash	<u><u>(119,190)</u></u>	<u><u>(1,670,437)</u></u>
 RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH INFLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS		
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	(119,190)	(1,670,437)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	2,446,785	4,117,222
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	<u><u>2,327,595</u></u>	<u><u>2,446,785</u></u>
 RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Short term deposits	2,268,890	2,276,419
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>58,705</u>	<u>170,366</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	<u><u>2,327,595</u></u>	<u><u>2,446,785</u></u>
 RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per statement of financial activities)	1,979,467	(25,105)
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation charge	479,588	494,831
Investment income	(36,430)	(18,778)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(1,310,234)	510,579
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>207,451</u>	<u>(30,152)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u><u>1,319,842</u></u>	<u><u>931,375</u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of preparation

Wigmore Hall Trust is a registered charity limited by guarantee and a private company incorporated in England and Wales. The Trust's principal activities are disclosed in the Trustee's Report. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Wigmore Hall Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going Concern

The Trustees are not aware of any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt about the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern and have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Management have prepared an income and expenditure budget to 31 July 2025 and consider there to be adequate headroom in the potential cash requirements for the year to 31 July 2025 and to 12 months post the date of signing these financial statements. As at January 2025, the trust has fixed asset investments of £9.5m and cash held of £2.9m.

Based on their review of these reports, the trustees expect the Trust will have adequate reserves and resources to continue its activities for the 12 months from the signing of this report and can meet its obligations as they fall due. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

INCOME

Income is recognised when the Trust has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the items of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Concert Income

Income represents the total amount, excluding Value Added Tax, receivable by the Charity in the ordinary course of business in respect of the provision of concert facilities. All concert income arises from business within the United Kingdom. Concert income from ticket sales paid in advance is recognised on the date the concert is held and held on the balance sheet as deferred income if this is after the balance sheet date.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024 - *Continued*

Grants (including government grants) and donations

Grants and donations of a revenue nature are recognised where there is entitlement, probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Performance conditions attached to the grant must be met for Arts Council England grants. Amounts received are deferred until the recognition criteria are satisfied.

Friends Scheme and Rubinstein Circle

Income arising from members of the Friends of Wigmore Hall and members of the Rubinstein Circle is recognised as income when received.

Mailing list income

Mailing list subscriptions are renewed throughout the year and income is recognised over the period to which the subscription relates.

Investment income

Investment income is recognised on an accruals basis.

Legacy income

Legacies are recognised where there is entitlement, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Sponsorship income and other income

Sponsorship income and other income are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, receipt is probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

EXPENDITURE

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Certain expenditure is directly allocated to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories. Certain other costs, which are attributable to more than one activity, are apportioned across cost categories on the basis of head count in the various categories.

Charitable activities

Fees paid to artists, concert related costs, costs of running the building and other support costs.

Costs of raising funds

Fundraising salaries and administration costs for the fundraising department.

Governance costs

Costs associated with the meeting, constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity. These are apportioned to charitable activities.

Leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024 - *Continued***Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less a provision for depreciation. Items over £1,000 are capitalised.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of tangible assets over their estimated useful lives to the charity. The annual depreciation rates are:

Computers (including website)	25%
Fixtures and equipment	25%
Musical instruments	5-10%
Leasehold improvements	4-10%

Lease

The lease of the Wigmore Hall, acquired in December 2005, is held at cost and is subject to an impairment review each year by the trustees.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds comprise monies where a restriction has been placed on their use by a donor (for a purpose that falls within but is narrower than the general charitable objectives). Restricted funds are distributed in accordance with the terms of the applicable restriction. Designated funds have been allocated by Trustees from general funds towards certain future projects.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Pensions

The company operates a Group Pension Scheme administered by Scottish Widows. All employees are auto-enrolled to the scheme after a qualifying period. Contributions are charged to unrestricted funds in the Statement of Financial Activities. Unpaid balances at the year-end are included in Creditors.

Investments

Listed investments are stated at closing bid-market value at the balance sheet date. Any gains or losses on investments are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities. Gains or losses on investment assets acquired with the endowment fund are taken to unrestricted general fund.

Financial instruments

The trust only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024 - *Continued*

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Accrued legacy income

In recognising accrued income for legacies Trustees consider whether receipt is probable: there has been a grant of probate, there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy within the control of the charity have been met. Accrued income includes accrued legacies of £1,960,000 (2023: £635,000) as at 31 July 2024.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024 - *Continued*

2. INCOME

a) Grants receivable from government and other public bodies

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Arts Council England	305,875	-	305,875	305,876
	<u>305,875</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305,875</u>	<u>305,876</u>

Government grants consist of the Arts Council England who award their grant in their financial year to 31 March. The years included in the 12 months to 31 July 2025 are set out below:

	Year to 31 March	
	2025	2024
	£	£
Arts Council England	344,206	344,206

b) Other grants, donations and similar Income

	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations (inc trusts & foundations)	155,944	-	3,225,351	3,381,295	1,057,862
Concert sponsorship 2023/24	-	281,419	-	281,419	264,600
Membership Schemes	1,067,735	-	-	1,067,735	954,514
	<u>1,223,679</u>	<u>281,419</u>	<u>3,225,351</u>	<u>4,730,449</u>	<u>2,276,976</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024 - *Continued***3. TOTAL EXPENDITURE**

	Basis of allocation	Concerts £	Education £	Fundraising £	Lease/ Building £	Administration £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Charitable Activities								
Artist fees and related concert costs	Direct	3,745,954	202,084	-	-	-	3,948,038	3,781,218
Staff costs	Direct	1,034,836	329,363	-	-	735,149	2,099,348	1,994,994
Property costs	Direct	783,955	-	-	-	-	783,955	602,982
Support costs	Usage	1,016,707	120,463	-	-	-	1,137,170	1,080,992
Depreciation	Direct	224,339	-	-	231,270	-	455,609	470,089
Governance Costs								
Depreciation	Direct	-	-	-	-	23,979	23,979	24,742
Staff costs	Direct	-	-	-	-	53,427	53,427	51,356
Administration	Usage	-	-	-	-	52,090	52,090	53,340
Property costs	Direct	-	-	-	-	19,540	19,540	15,034
Cost of Raising Funds								
Administration	Usage	-	-	102,912	-	-	102,912	171,555
Staff costs	Direct	-	-	254,171	-	-	254,171	186,886
Total expenditure		6,805,791	651,910	357,083	231,270	884,185	8,930,239	8,433,188

4. NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME

	2024 £	2023 £
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	479,588	494,831
Operating lease rentals – land and buildings	137,271	130,545
Auditor's remuneration – audit	32,500	30,000

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024 - *Continued*

5. EMPLOYEES AND TRUSTEES

The average number of employees was:

	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
	Fund raising	Mgt & Admin	Support	Total	Total
Full time	6	8	29	43	39
Part time	-	1	68	69	67
	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>106</u>

The number of employees whose emoluments amounted to over £60,000 per annum were as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
£60,001 - £70,000	2	2
£70,001 - £80,000	-	1
£80,001 - £90,000	2	1
£90,001 - £100,000	1	1
£140,001 - £150,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The charity paid pension contributions of £69,457 (2023: £58,883) in respect of the above employees.

	No.	No.
Company pension contributions in respect of the higher paid staff noted above	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>

The key management personnel of the Trust comprise the Trustees, the Director, the Deputy Director, the Director of Development. One Trustee was reimbursed travel expenses of £761 and a fee of £2,500 for their participation in the Wigmore Hall French Song Exchange.(2023: £nil). The total employee benefits of the remaining key management personnel, including employer national insurance contributions, were £412,607 (2023: £397,210).

Total Staff and Related Costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Cost of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects:		
Ushers and commissionaires (included in Artists' fees and related costs)	295,206	244,918
Restricted staff costs	207,000	145,942
Unrestricted staff costs	1,979,849	1,838,876
Support costs	166,671	171,982
Costs of Management and Administration	53,426	51,436
	<u>2,702,152</u>	<u>2,453,154</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024 - *Continued*

Represented by:	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,204,186	1,980,539
Social security costs	188,858	174,605
Pension costs	236,468	215,360
Other staff related costs	72,640	82,650
	<u>2,702,152</u>	<u>2,453,154</u>

6. FIXED ASSETS

	Long Lease	Leasehold Improvement	Musical Instruments	Furniture & Equipment	Computers	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£	£	£
At 01/08/23	3,216,539	5,125,363	302,505	1,142,573	1,508,611	11,295,591
Additions	-	253,412	-	144,150	77,900	475,462
At 31/07/24	<u>3,216,539</u>	<u>5,378,775</u>	<u>302,505</u>	<u>1,286,723</u>	<u>1,586,511</u>	<u>11,771,053</u>
Depreciation						
At 01/08/23	-	3,670,633	163,622	890,601	1,119,956	5,844,812
Charge for year	-	231,270	11,997	8,506	227,815	479,588
At 31/07/24	<u>-</u>	<u>3,901,903</u>	<u>175,619</u>	<u>899,107</u>	<u>1,347,771</u>	<u>6,324,400</u>
Net Book Value						
At 31/07/24	<u>3,216,539</u>	<u>1,476,872</u>	<u>126,886</u>	<u>387,616</u>	<u>238,740</u>	<u>5,446,653</u>
At 31/07/23	<u>3,216,539</u>	<u>1,454,730</u>	<u>138,883</u>	<u>251,972</u>	<u>388,655</u>	<u>5,450,779</u>

Computers include software which is defined under FRS102 as an Intangible Asset. The Net Book Value of Computer Software held at 31 July 2024 is £209,005 (2023: £313,835).

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024 - *Continued***7. INVESTMENTS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Market value at start of year	6,002,538	4,194,735
Purchase of investments	1,000,000	1,750,000
Unrealised gains in the year	616,703	57,803
Market value at 31 July	<u>7,619,241</u>	<u>6,002,538</u>
Analysis of investments by class		
Credit	726,112	484,181
Absolute return	-	204,971
Global equities	1,245,476	218,813
Inflation linked bonds	-	338,766
Core property	326,534	328,567
Multi-asset class	4,921,100	3,881,251
Cash held for investment	58,780	275,516
Private equity	341,239	270,473
	<u>7,619,241</u>	<u>6,002,538</u>

In February 2014 the company appointed Partners Capital to manage investment of the Catalyst Endowment Fund plus other funds as agreed by the Investment Committee. The Investment Committee comprises of Trustees and meets regularly with the investment managers to monitor progress. An investment policy has been set with a performance target of inflation plus 3%.

8. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade debtors	36,210	84,465
Other debtors	54,179	63,469
VAT	-	9,433
Prepayments	42,373	32,671
Accrued income	2,100,721	733,211
	<u>2,233,483</u>	<u>923,249</u>

9. CREDITORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade creditors	199,831	187,034
Advance ticket sales	1,185,160	1,168,314
Social security and other taxation	160,470	51,789
Accruals	160,526	101,254
Deferred income	60,834	50,979
	<u>1,766,821</u>	<u>1,559,370</u>

Included in other taxation and social security are amounts totalling £21,136 (2023: £nil) in respect of outstanding pension contributions.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024 - *Continued*

Deferred income includes the grant received from Arts Council England which is paid in quarterly tranches.

	£
Deferred income opening balance	50,979
Received	354,062
Released	(344,207)
Closing balance	<u>60,834</u>

10. ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENT BETWEEN FUNDS

	Balance at 1 August				Balance at 31 July
	2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Lease Fund	3,216,539	-	-	-	3,216,539
Wigmore Hall Capital Appeal	72,533	-	-	(72,533)	-
Wigmore Hall Competitions	438,074	88,328	(84,459)	-	441,943
Music For Life	207,921	202,463	(188,302)	-	222,082
Catalyst Endowment Fund	1,200,000	-	-	(140,000)	1,060,000
Director's Fund	4,914,661	2,916,763	(173,943)	-	7,657,481
Cavatina Fund	104,730	38,557	(127,463)	-	15,824
Elton Fund	250,000	-	-	-	250,000
Total Restricted Funds	10,404,458	3,246,111	(574,167)	(212,533)	12,863,869
Designated Funds					
Concert Sponsorship	264,600	281,419	-	(264,600)	281,419
Total Designated Funds	264,600	281,419	-	(264,600)	281,419
Unrestricted Fund	2,594,923	7,998,879	(8,356,072)	477,133	2,714,863
Total Funds	13,263,981	11,526,409	(8,930,239)	-	15,860,151
	Balance at 1 August				Balance at 31 July
	2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Lease Fund	3,216,539	-	-	-	3,216,539
Wigmore Hall Capital Appeal	72,533	-	-	-	72,533
Wigmore Hall Competitions	492,150	59,732	(113,808)	-	438,074
Music For Life	278,157	108,165	(178,401)	-	207,921
Catalyst Endowment Fund	5,869,710	369,817	-	(5,039,527)	1,200,000
Director's Fund	-	250,251	(75,117)	4,739,527	4,914,661
Cavatina Fund	119,098	142,253	(156,621)	-	104,730
Elton Fund	250,000	-	-	-	250,000
Total Restricted Funds	10,298,187	930,218	(523,947)	(300,000)	10,404,458
Designated Funds					
Concert Sponsorship	360,747	264,600	-	(360,747)	264,600
Total Designated Funds	360,747	264,600	-	(360,747)	264,600
Unrestricted Fund	2,572,349	7,271,068	(7,909,241)	660,747	2,954,923
Total Funds	13,231,283	8,465,886	(8,433,188)	-	13,263,981

Transfers

The transfers in the year were as follows:

A transfer of £140,000 from the Catalyst Endowment fund to general funds to draw down the fund in line with its objectives over the period of 25 years.

A transfer from the Concert designated fund to general funds for amounts designated in prior years in respect of donations and sponsorship to support the concert programming in 2023/24.

A transfer of £72,530 from the Wigmore Hall Capital Appeal to support refurbishment works completed in the year from general funds where the assets held are for the general purposes of the charity.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024 - *Continued***RESTRICTED FUNDS**

The Trust recognises that the following funds are only held for specific purposes:

Lease Fund – This fund is to repay the loan taken out to purchase the leasehold at Wigmore Hall.

Wigmore Hall Capital Appeal – This fund is for support received towards securing the Trust's tenure at Wigmore Hall and major refurbishment works.

Wigmore Hall Competitions – These funds are to support the Wigmore Hall/Kohn Foundation International Song Competition and the Wigmore Hall International String Quartet Competition.

Music For Life – This is a creative music workshop programme for people with dementia.

Catalyst Endowment Fund – A fund created by matched funding from Arts Council England and donors to be drawn down over twenty five years to support the artistic programme.

Director's Fund - This is to create a fund that will utilise capital and interest over the long term to support the artistic programme.

Cavatina Fund – This fund is to support the CAVATINA Chamber Music Trust's nationwide activities with young people and musical education, which are now administered under Wigmore Hall's auspices.

Elton Fund – An endowment fund from the Elton Family to support concerts with a central and eastern European connection and the Hall's work with dementia sufferers.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Concert Sponsorship – This fund includes amounts received to support the concert programme in future years.

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS AT 31 JULY 2024

	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Fund	Designated Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	2,230,114	3,216,539	-	5,446,653
Investments	369,241	7,250,000	-	7,619,241
Short term deposits	2,268,890	-	-	2,268,890
Cash at bank and in hand	(222,714)	-	281,419	58,705
Other net current assets	(1,930,668)	2,397,330	-	466,662
	2,714,863	12,863,869	281,419	15,860,151

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS AT 31 JULY 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Fund	Designated Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	2,234,240	3,216,539	-	5,450,779
Investments	1,002,538	5,000,000	-	6,002,538
Short term deposits	2,276,419	-	-	2,276,419
Cash at bank and in hand	(94,234)	-	264,600	170,366
Other net current assets	(2,824,040)	2,187,919	-	(636,121)
	2,594,923	10,404,458	264,600	13,263,981

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As at 31 July 2024 the company had total minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

Land and buildings	2024	2023
	£	£
Less than one year	109,167	95,042
Two to five years	60,000	60,000
More than five years	<u>3,396,250</u>	<u>3,411,250</u>

The lease for the Wigmore Hall at 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 expires in December 2255.

13. LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

The company does not have a share capital and is limited by guarantee. In the event of the company being wound up the maximum amount which each member is liable to contribute is £1. There were six members at 31 July 2024 (2023 – seven members).

14. CONTROLLING PARTY

The Wigmore Hall is run by the Trustees, who are appointed by the Members.

No individual Member / Trustee has overall control.

15. RELATED PARTIES

A close family member of a Trustee was employed by the Trust throughout the year and paid £32,100 (2023: £30,570). No amounts were outstanding at the year end (2023: £nil). Donations without conditions of £245,824 were received in the year from Trustees of the charity (2023: £120,810). One Trustee was reimbursed travel expenses of £761 and a fee of £2,500 for their participation in the Wigmore Hall French Song Exchange (2023: £nil).