

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03657599 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1076508

Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Period
1 July 2022 to 31 December 2023

for

Mastersingers (1998) Limited
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

The Rowleys Partnership Ltd
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Mastersingers (1998) Limited
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Reference and Administrative Details
for the Period 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2023

| | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| TRUSTEES | B Rivers (Trustee) M A Bousfield (Trustee) |
| REGISTERED OFFICE | 44 Merry Hill Mount Bushey Watford Hertfordshire WD23 1DJ |
| REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER | 03657599 (England and Wales) |
| REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER | 1076508 |
| INDEPENDENT EXAMINER | The Rowleys Partnership Ltd Chartered Accountants Charnwood House Harcourt Way Meridian Business Park Leicester Leicestershire LE19 1WP |
| BANKERS | Royal Bank of Scotland 1 Dale Street Liverpool L2 2PP |

Mastersingers (1998) Limited
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Report of the Trustees
for the Period 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 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) published in October 2019.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objects of the charity are as follows:

- To advance the musical education of young people in the appreciation of the works of Richard Wagner.
- To promote and organise public performances of the works of Richard Wagner.
- To promote and organise other cultural and educational activities relevant to the study and appreciation of the music of Richard Wagner.

Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance covering public benefit. As demonstrated in the principal objects the public benefit has been achieved by holding numerous events, which have allowed many young performers to work on repertoire with access to coaching from established performers.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

During this 18 months of activities with a change of focus on coaching getting our singers roles in major opera we have succeeded in helping their careers progress for further national and international roles. 2024 has started in similar positive way.

In spite of reservations previously expressed and the drastic cuts to the Arts recently we have produced a very full programme of coaching in roles for performances plus overall guidance and advice to a more than usual quota of young artists, as can be seen by the below:

August 2022. Grimeborn festival Ring Saga. Siegfried and Goetterdaemmerung at the Hackney Empire.

September 2022. Tannhauser. Saffron Opera . Saffron Hall .

November 2022. Regents Opera. Das Rheingold. The Grand temple. Freemasons Hall.

November 2022. The Valkyrie. English National Opera. The Coliseum.

November 2022. The Magic Flute. Royal College of Music. Britten Theatre.

February 2023. Das Rheingold. English National Opera. The Coliseum.

February 2023. Don Giovanni. Saffron Opera. Saffron Hall.

May 2023. Die Walkuere. Regent Opera. Grand temple . Freemasons Hall.

June/ July 2023. Goetterdaemmerung. Longborough Festival Opera.

September 2023. Der Rosenkavalier. Saffron Opera. Saffron Hall.

September 2023. Opera Unmasked . The Mastersingers, Aldeburgh.

September 2023. The Mastersingers Wagner Vocal competition. Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh.

November 2023. Jubilee Children's Opera. A celebration. Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh.

Of necessity this has needed a huge financial and artistic commitment from us that we are hoping to carry forward into our next phase of operations in creating support for young artists.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The statement of financial activities shows total income for the year of £57,051 (2022: £29,061), an increase of £27,990. The total expenditure for the period ended 31 December 2023 was £59,232.

This leaves a deficit for the year of £2,181.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The charity is dependent on income from donations, all of which are unrestricted funds; consequently, the trustees regularly review the level of reserves in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. They consider that unrestricted funds are necessary to cover the management and administration of the charity, as well as costs of activities in the furtherance of the charity's objects and the costs of generating funds.

At 31 December 2023 the level of reserves amounted to £23,559 (2022: £25,740) which is considered sufficient to meet the short term costs of the management and administration of the charity, as well as the costs of the planned activities. The trustees' objective is to increase the donations and ticket sales by organising desirable recitals and by managing and reducing costs where possible.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is therefore governed by a memorandum and articles of association dated 28 October 1998, as amended by a special resolution as amended on 24 January 2019. In the event of the company being wound up the directors' are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustees received no remuneration or benefits for their contribution to the charity. The Board of Trustees incurred no governance costs in the running of the charity.

The trustees are selected by the other members of the trustee board.

In selecting the new trustees, they seek to identify people who regularly attend events and functions organised by the charity and are willing to volunteer to help to raise funds on behalf of the charity. Potential trustees are invited to attend trustees' meeting as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities, and if all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at a subsequent trustees' meeting. This process allows due consideration of the persons eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills.

Induction and training of trustees

The new trustees are introduced to their new roles and given copies of the memorandum and articles of association and guide to the policies and procedures adopted by the charity. Publications from the Charity Commission are also provided including the guidance on charities and public benefit, thus ensuring that the new trustees are aware of the scope of their responsibilities under the Charities Act. The process adopted by the charity is that the new trustees work with the existing trustees assisting on particular activities and projects run by the charity. Once the new trustees has gained enough experience then they are given the task of leading a particular activity and project and accordingly reporting progress at the trustees' meeting.

Risk management

The trustees have reviewed the major risks which the charity faces and are satisfied that there are adequate systems in place to mitigate those risks. These procedures will be periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Period 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2023

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 18 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

B Rivers - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Mastersingers (1998) Limited
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Mastersingers (1998) Limited (A Company Limited by Guarantee) ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

C E Shevas FCCA FCA

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18 September 2024

Mastersingers (1998) Limited
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Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Period 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2023

| | | Period 1.7.22 to 31.12.23 Unrestricted fund £ | Year Ended 30.6.22 Total funds £ |
|------------------------------------|-------|---|--|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | Notes | | |
| Donations and legacies | 2 | 55,827 | 23,355 |
| Charitable activities | | | |
| Ticket sales | | <u>1,224</u> | <u>5,706</u> |
| Total | | <u>57,051</u> | <u>29,061</u> |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | |
| Charitable activities | 3 | | |
| Production Costs | | 56,487 | 34,030 |
| Other | | <u>2,745</u> | <u>1,880</u> |
| Total | | <u>59,232</u> | <u>35,910</u> |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | | (2,181) | (6,849) |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | <u>25,740</u> | <u>32,589</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | | <u>23,559</u> | <u>25,740</u> |

The notes form part of these financial statements

Mastersingers (1998) Limited
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Balance Sheet
31 December 2023

| | Notes | 31.12.2023 Unrestricted fund £ | 30.06.2022 Total funds £ |
|--|-------|---|-----------------------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Debtors | 10 | 4,372 | 772 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | <u>21,627</u> | <u>27,132</u> |
| | | 25,999 | 27,904 |
| CREDITORS | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 11 | (2,440) | (2,164) |
| | | ————— | ————— |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>23,559</u> | <u>25,740</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 23,559 | 25,740 |
| | | ————— | ————— |
| NET ASSETS | | <u>23,559</u> | <u>25,740</u> |
| FUNDS | 12 | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | <u>23,559</u> | <u>25,740</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | <u>23,559</u> | <u>25,740</u> |

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 31 December 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

Mastersingers (1998) Limited
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Balance Sheet - continued
31 December 2023

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 18 September 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

B Rivers - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Mastersingers (1998) Limited is a private company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 25% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities. Expenses are inclusive of VAT where applicable.

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and cash on deposit.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

| | Period 1.7.22 to 31.12.23 £ | Year Ended 30.6.22 £ |
|-----------|---|----------------------------|
| Donations | 46,607 | 18,500 |
| Gift aid | <u>9,220</u> | <u>4,855</u> |
| | <u>55,827</u> | <u>23,355</u> |

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

| | Direct Costs (see note 4) £ |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Production Costs | <u>56,487</u> |

4. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | Period 1.7.22 to 31.12.23 £ | Year Ended 30.6.22 £ |
|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Telephone | 792 | 1,536 |
| Postage and stationery | 2,270 | 1,319 |
| Advertising | 293 | 1,056 |
| Sundries | 527 | 49 |
| Artistes' costs & Expenses | 32,540 | 22,495 |
| Travelling & Accommodation | 17,176 | 6,906 |
| Sponsors expenses | 1,118 | 432 |
| Hire of halls | 1,748 | - |
| Dues & subscriptions | <u>23</u> | <u>237</u> |
| | <u>56,487</u> | <u>34,030</u> |

5. SUPPORT COSTS

| | Governance costs £ |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Other resources expended | <u>2,745</u> |

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

| | Period 1.7.22 to 31.12.23 Other resources expended £ | Year Ended 30.6.22 Total activities £ |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Insurance | 328 | 382 |
| Accountancy & bookkeeping | 2,342 | 1,427 |
| Bank charges | <u>75</u> | <u>71</u> |
| | <u>2,745</u> | <u>1,880</u> |

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 30 June 2022.

7. STAFF COSTS

There are no employees.

8. AMOUNTS PAYABLE TO INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The amount paid to the independent examiner for the independent examination was £1,254 (2022: £1,140).

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

| | Fixtures and fittings £ |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| COST | |
| At 1 July 2022 and 31 December 2023 | <u>3,358</u> |
| DEPRECIATION | |
| At 1 July 2022 and 31 December 2023 | <u>3,358</u> |
| NET BOOK VALUE | |
| At 31 December 2023 | <u><u>-</u></u> |
| At 30 June 2022 | <u><u>-</u></u> |

| | | |
|---|--------------|------------|
| 10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR | 2023 | 2022 |
| | £ | £ |
| Other debtors | <u>4,372</u> | <u>772</u> |

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| 11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR | 2023 | 2022 |
| | £ | £ |
| Trade creditors | - | 1,018 |
| Accruals and deferred income | <u>2,440</u> | <u>1,146</u> |
| | <u>2,440</u> | <u>2,164</u> |

| | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS | | Net | |
| | At 1.7.22 | movement | At |
| | £ | in funds | 31.12.23 |
| | | £ | £ |
| Unrestricted funds | | | |
| General fund | 25,740 | (2,181) | 23,559 |
| | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>25,740</u> | <u>(2,181)</u> | <u>23,559</u> |

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | Incoming | Resources | Movement |
| | resources | expended | in funds |
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Unrestricted funds | | | |
| General fund | 57,051 | (59,232) | (2,181) |
| | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>57,051</u> | <u>(59,232)</u> | <u>(2,181)</u> |

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

| | At 1.7.21 £ | Net movement in funds £ | At 30.6.22 £ |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | |
| General fund | 32,589 | (6,849) | 25,740 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>32,589</u> | <u>(6,849)</u> | <u>25,740</u> |

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | |
| General fund | 29,061 | (35,910) | (6,849) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>29,061</u> | <u>(35,910)</u> | <u>(6,849)</u> |

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the period, one trustee made personal donations to the Charity amounting to £2,000 (2022: £1,750). No benefits were received as a result of these donations.

During the period, M Rivers was paid £18,500 (2022: £12,000) for providing artist musician coaching services. M Rivers is a brother of B Rivers who is a trustee of the charity.

At the period end B Rivers a trustee of the charity had an outstanding loan due to him from the charity of £105 (2022: £Nil).

Mastersingers (1998) Limited
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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Period 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2023

| | Period 1.7.22 31.12.23 £ | Year Ended 30.6.22 £ |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS | | |
| Donations and legacies | | |
| Donations | 46,607 | 18,500 |
| Gift aid | <u>9,220</u> | <u>4,855</u> |
| | 55,827 | 23,355 |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Ticket sales | <u>1,224</u> | <u>5,706</u> |
| Total incoming resources | 57,051 | 29,061 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Telephone | 792 | 1,536 |
| Postage and stationery | 2,270 | 1,319 |
| Advertising | 293 | 1,056 |
| Sundries | 527 | 49 |
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| Travelling & Accommodation | 17,176 | 6,906 |
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| Support costs | | |
| Governance costs | | |
| Insurance | 328 | 382 |
| Accountancy & bookkeeping | 2,342 | 1,427 |
| Bank charges | <u>75</u> | <u>71</u> |
| | <u>2,745</u> | <u>1,880</u> |
| Total resources expended | <u>59,232</u> | <u>35,910</u> |
| Net expenditure | <u>(2,181)</u> | <u>(6,849)</u> |

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements