

The Bentley Operatic Society

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Bentley Operatic Society

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out on pages 3 & 4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 seeing explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Johnny Cohen - Accountant
385 Woolton Road
Liverpool
L25 4SX

Signed

Dated:

Approved by email

5th July 2023

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2023

The trustees submit their annual report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Registered Charity Number: 513983

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Independent Examiner: Johnny Cohen
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Trustees:	Mr N Allcock	Miss L Corner	Miss P Cottrell
	Mr J R Craig	Mrs H Galley	Mr M Galley
	Miss B O'Keeffe	Miss E Parker-Smith	Mr E Tutt

Structure, governance and management

The trust is an unincorporated trust and is governed by its constitution adopted 24th May 1983 as amended 2nd June 1998, 8th June 1999, 29th May 2002 and 28th May 2018, 21st June 2022, and is a registered charity, number 513983.

Objectives, Activities and Public Benefit

The objective of the trust is to educate the public in the operatic arts, to further the development of public appreciation in the said arts.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing aims and objectives and when reviewing plans for the future.

Main activities and achievements

This year the Society returned to normal activities. The musical 'Made in Dagenham' was produced at the Capstone Theatre between 20th and 23rd April 2022. In the Autumn, a series of five concerts were performed in November and December. Three of these were for our own funds and two to raise funds for charities. Between 10th and 12th February 2023, semi-staged productions of 'The Pirates of Penzance' were performed in local church halls. The Company is currently rehearsing a production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' which will be performed at the Epstein Theatre between 14th and 17th June 2023.

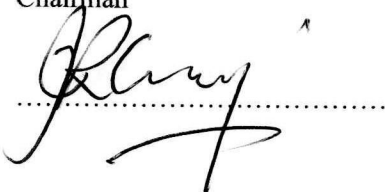
Financial Review

The trust has healthy reserves as at 31st March 2023, which are sufficient to meet the charity's objectives. We are confident therefore that we will continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

J. R. Craig
Chairman



P. J. Cottrell
Hon. Treasurer



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Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

	Unrestricted 31-03-23		Unrestricted 31-03-22	
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Subscriptions	160		670	
Donations	1,260		451	
Bank interest	25		2	
Gift Aid	814		574	
Murder Mystery net income	560		-	
Anything Goes				
Refund Licence fee	-		600	
Made in Dagenham				
Ticket sales	11,600		-	
Other income – programme sales/adverts/raffle etc	2,240		-	
Donations	1,294		-	
Subscriptions	1,360		-	
Autumn Concerts				
Income – Tickets, Bar, Raffle	2,217		2,275	
Subscriptions	1,225			
Pirates of Penzance				
Income -Tickets, Refreshments, Raffle	4,146		-	
Subscriptions	445		-	
		27,346		4,572
Expenditure:				
Arley Hall	-		490	
Insurance	311		352	
General Expenses	382		254	
Website	203		172	
Donation Oakvale re Kitchen	750		-	
Athenaeum rehearsals	125		-	
Made in Dagenham				
Theatre/Scenery/Costumes	8,895		-	
Stage and Music Director	4,350		-	
Orchestra	3,150		-	
Royalties/Music hire	3,052		-	
Rehearsal venues	1,295		-	
Sundries	685		-	
Autumn Concerts				
Bar licence, Flyers, Tickets	87		121	
Music Director	1,930		880	
Rehearsal rooms and concert venues	1,150		560	
Pirates of Penzance				
Rehearsal rooms and concert venues	715		-	
Music Director	905		-	
Refreshment, flyers, programmes	326		-	
		28,311		2,829
EXCESS OF(EXPENDITURE)/ INCOME		(965)		1,743

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Balance Sheet 31st March 2023

	Unrestricted 31-03-23		Unrestricted 31-03-22	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS:				
Piano	-	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Bank Deposit Account	11,938		13,912	
Bank Current Account	7,085		3,450	
Cash in Hand	359		251	
Debtors and Prepayments	5,634		6,055	
	25,016		23,668	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Creditors	5,975		3,661	
	5,975		3,661	
		19,041		20,007
		£19,041		£20,007
FINANCED BY:				
Accumulated Fund		19,006		17,263
CAPITAL ACCOUNT:				
Excess of (Expenditure)/Income		(965)		1,743
RESTRICTED FUNDS:				
		1,000		1,000
		£19,041		£20,007

Tangible Fixed Assets Schedule 31st March 2023

	Piano
COST:	
At 1 st April 2022	
At 31 st March 2023	1,013
DEPRECIATION:	
At 1 st April 2022	1,013
Charge for year	-
At 31 st March 2023	1,013
NET BOOK VALUE:	
At 31 st March 2023	-
At 31 st March 2022	-