

The Bentley Operatic Society

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

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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 2024, which are set out on pages 3 and 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.

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Johnny Cohen - Accountant
385 Woolton Road
Liverpool
L25 4SX

Signed

Dated

Approved by email

1st July 2024

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2024

The trustees submit their annual report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Registered Charity Number: 513983

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Trustees:

Mr J R Craig (chairman)	Mr N Allcock
Mrs H Galley (secretary)	Miss Y Baillie
Miss P Cottrell (treasurer)	Mr M Galley
Mr E Tutt (vice chairman)	Miss B O'Keeffe
Mr P Nathubhai (assistant treasurer)	

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, 28th May 2018, and 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


The financial year began with a successful production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor[®] Dreamcoat' at the Epstein Theatre between 14th and 17th June 2023. After our summer break, rehearsals began for our Autumn concerts, which took place in November. Two of which were for our own funds and one for the benefit of a Church we have a connection with. Between 9th and 11th February 2024, we put on a small-scale production of Ruddigore at local venues. The Company is now rehearsing 'Oklahoma!' which will be performed at the Capstone Theatre, 24th - 29th June 2024.

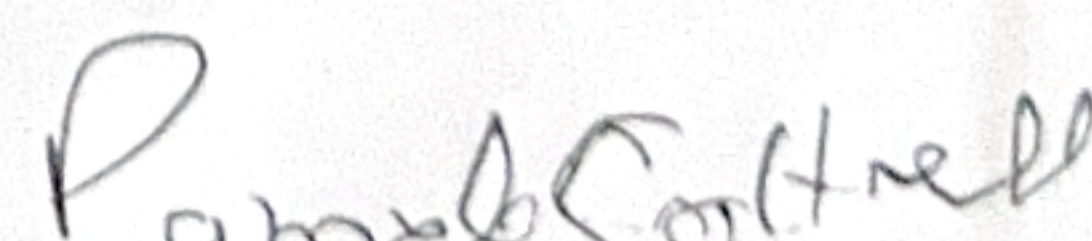
Financial Review

The trust has healthy reserves as at 31st March 2024, 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. Cottrell (treasurer)

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Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

	Unrestricted 31-03-24		Unrestricted 31-03-23	
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Subscriptions	1,849		160	
Donations	-		1,260	
Bank interest	207		25	
Gift Aid	944		814	
Murder Mystery net income	-		560	
Joseph & Dreamcoat / Made in Dagenham				
Ticket sales	25,105		11,600	
Other income – programme sales/adverts/raffle etc	1,998		2,240	
Donations	1,130		1,294	
Subscriptions	4,025		1,360	
Autumn Concerts				
Income – Tickets, Bar, Raffle	2,605		2,217	
Subscriptions	1,260		1,225	
Ruddigore / Pirates of Penzance				
Income -Tickets, Refreshments, Raffle	4,039		4,146	
Subscriptions	730		445	
Donations	50		-	
		43,945		27,346
Expenditure:				
Insurance	350		311	
Website	152		203	
General Expenses	391		382	
Donation Oakvale re Kitchen	-		750	
Athenaeum rehearsals			125	
Joseph & Dreamcoat / Made in Dagenham				
Theatre/Scenery/Costumes	16,789		8,895	
Stage and Music Director	4,950		4,350	
Orchestra	3,150		3,150	
Royalties/Music hire	5,083		3,052	
Rehearsal venues	1,483		1,295	
Sundries	624		685	
Autumn Concerts				
Bar licence, fliers, tickets	78		87	
Music Director	910		1,930	
Rehearsal rooms and concert venues	780		1,150	
Ruddigore / Pirates of Penzance				
Rehearsal rooms and concert venues	1,155		715	
Music Director	1,080		905	
Costumes	578		-	
Refreshment, fliers, programmes	228		326	
		37,780		28,311
EXCESS OF(EXPENDITURE) / INCOME		<u>£ 6,162</u>		<u>£ (965)</u>

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Balance Sheet 31st March 2024

	Unrestricted 31-03-24		Unrestricted 31-03-23	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS:				
Piano	-		-	
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Bank Deposit Account	22,145		11,938	
Bank Current Account	2,041		7,085	
Cash in Hand	120		359	
Debtors and Prepayments	2,695		5,634	
	27,002		25,016	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Creditors	1,799		5,975	
	1,799		5,975	
		25,203		19,041
		£25,203		£19,041
FINANCED BY:				
Accumulated Fund		18,041		19,006
CAPITAL ACCOUNT:				
Excess of (Expenditure)/Income		6,162		(965)
RESTRICTED FUNDS:				
		1,000		1,000
		£25,203		£19,041

Tangible Fixed Assets Schedule 31st March 2024

	Piano
COST:	
At 1 st April 2023	1,013
Written off	(1,013)
At 31 st March 2024	-
DEPRECIATION:	
At 1 st April 2023	1,013
Written off	(1,013)
At 31 st March 2024	-
NET BOOK VALUE:	
At 31 st March 2024	-
At 31 st March 2023	-