

Camerata Ireland

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Camerata Ireland
Charity registration number	NIC106890
Company registration number	NI035573
Principal office and registered office	The Courtyard Clandeboye Estate Bangor County Down BT19 1RN

The trustees

Mr M G D'Arcy
 Ms R M O'Mahony
 Ms N A Wright
 Mr Roger Alan Pollen
 Mr Simon Taylor
 Mr Kieran Tobin
 Ms J Hastings (Appointed 1 August 2022)

Company secretary Mr B Douglas

Independent examiner Elaine Mulholland on behalf of Johnston Graham Limited
 216/218 Holywood Road
 Belfast
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Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The charity was registered with the Charities Commission NI on 15 December 2017.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

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Objectives and activities

The company's objectives have been set out below.

Musicians

- Pro-actively research and seek out the best Irish musicians, from north and south, both emerging from conservatories and colleges in Ireland and overseas and those already established, to play in the orchestra.
- Ensure that the best of players are motivated and facilitated to perform with Camerata Ireland, without diminishing their other freelance opportunities.
- Ensure that all Irish players, at home or abroad, are aware of Camerata Ireland and the opportunities to play with it as a vehicle for professional development.
- Create opportunities for Irish and international soloists and conductors to perform with Camerata Ireland.

Education and outreach

- Discover and encourage the young musician at an advanced stage in their musical development or starting their professional music career, by offering performance and mentoring opportunities. This would be through masterclasses at the Clandeboye Festival in Co Down every August, but also by inviting young musicians on tour with Camerata Ireland where they can perform alongside our established musicians as members of the orchestra or as soloists.

Mission statement

- Camerata Ireland, a world-class chamber orchestra from the island, north and south, expresses the vitality and excellence of Irish musicianship by performing, at home and abroad, under the artistic leadership of international pianist Barry Douglas.

In setting objectives and planning activities for the year, the Trustees continue to give careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

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The impact of Covid-19 continued to be felt this season particularly with respect to the orchestra's international touring programme, which has not yet restarted fully. Nonetheless, a number of prestigious events and concerts took place in 2022-23, many of them postponed from previous years. The 2022-23 season opened with a 'mini tour' in May and June 2022, starting with a concert in the National Concert Hall, Dublin, where the orchestra is an associate ensemble. This collaboration provides an important opportunity to showcase the orchestra in the Republic of Ireland. This concert was followed by previously postponed concerts taking place in Teatro Principal, Vitoria, Spain and University Concert Hall, Limerick. The Limerick performance was later broadcast on Lyric FM.

The 2022 Clondeboye Festival took place in August as a fully live event for the first time since 2019, with 13 concerts taking place over 8 days, featuring international guest soloists as well as musicians from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The Festival was a great success but saw reduced audience numbers compared to 2019. Due to uncertainty in the preceding months, the decision was taken not to run the Camerata Ireland Academy as part of the Festival. However, a number of students who had taken part in the online masterclasses in 2021 were invited to perform. The Academy continues to be part of Camerata Ireland's core activity, with many participants going on to perform with the orchestra and as soloists during the Clondeboye Festival. For the first time, the orchestra concert was recorded by Classic FM and broadcast in September 2022 as part of the radio station's 30th anniversary celebrations.

The orchestra's planned US Tour, which was originally due to take place in 2022 and then postponed to 2023, will now take place in 2024. This tour will mark the beginning of the orchestra's 25th anniversary in 2024.

Financial review

Camerata Ireland showed a deficit for the year of £17,654, resulting in a net deficit position of £5,554.

The Directors acknowledge that the deficit was due to the sudden rising costs of accommodation in May 2022, and reduced sponsorship income due to the curtailment of the orchestra's international touring programme. The Directors are confident that this is a temporary situation, and that there is a strategy in place for deficit reduction in 2023-24.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 30 November 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr Kieran Tobin
Trustee