

Allegri

Registered Charity No: NIC107895

Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

For the year ended August 31, 2023

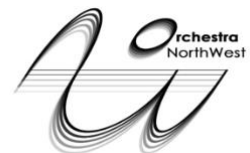


Table of Contents

Reference and Administrative Details	Page 3
Trustee's Annual Report	Page 4
Financial Review	Page 7
Accounts to the year ended 31st August 2023	Page 8
Structure, Governance and Management	Page 10

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name

Allegri

Charity Number

NIC107895

Principal Address

31-33 Bawnmore Place

Strathfoyle

Derry

BT47 6XP

Charity Trustees as of 31st August 2023

Rachel Tennis (Chairperson)

Julie McLaughlin (Vice-Chairperson)

Nuala Sheerin (Secretary)

Naiomh Ashford (Treasurer)

Michelle Reid

Aine Gallagher

Maggi Clifford

Banking

AIB (NI), previously known as First Trust Bank

Meadowbank House

143-145 Strand Rd

Derry

BT48 7TN

Insurance Broker and Underwriter

M Ladbrook Ltd

21B Napier Court

Gander Lane

Chesterfield

Derbyshire

S43 4PZ

Trustee's Annual Report

The trustees of Allegri are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the period September 1st 2022 to August 31st 2023.

Our Achievements and Performance - the Year in Numbers

9th	34	224	1197	26,789	£12,396
year of promoting arts in the Derry & the North West region	concerts & performances	rehearsals/ workshops	participants	in person and online audience	surplus for the year

Allegri is a cross-community arts group established in 2013 within DCSDC, and one of the few remaining legacy projects from the City of Culture year. We have ladies, junior and youth choirs, a community orchestra and manage the annual Every Voice Festival. We also run community

We work to eliminate all barriers to arts participation, harnessing the creativity and self-expression of individuals. We offer access to the expertise and guidance of professional facilitators using arts to promote cross-cultural understanding, empathy and as a means to build positivity and healing.

Our family of choirs meet weekly and Orchestra NorthWest meet monthly to enjoy the benefits of music-making and prepare for regular concerts and performances. 2022/23 was another successful year. Highlights are described below.

Allegrī Ladies Choir started their year with a wonderful collaboration with an acrobatic troupe from France Compagnie XY in St. Columb's Park on a beautifully sunny day in August. They took part in the Christmas event in the Guildhall, Derry in December. In February they were invited by Kiamsha Youth Empowerment Organization to record a rendition of 'Lift Every Voice and Sing' in collaboration with a group of local Nigerian students in Derry to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement. On 1st June they hosted and performed in concert with Baylor University Bella Voce Young Women's Choir from Texas, US.



Allegrī Ladies Choir perform in the First Derry Presbyterian Church in June 2023

During the year **Allegrī Junior and Youth Choirs** took part in two sold-out performances of 'Shirah of Bethlehem' in The Playhouse, Derry. They collaborated with St Louis' Children's Choir, Guildhall, Derry. In August they took part in two successful weeks of summer workshops with two showcases for 75 young people.



Allegrī Junior and Youth Choirs at their summer scheme, August 2023

Orchestra NorthWest had a busy and eclectic 12 month programme. This began with 'Songs from Stage and Screen' in a September concert in The Alley Theatre, Strabane. On 20 November they collaborated with the Irish Doctors Choir to present a concert

entitled 'Music and Poetry of Searching and Peace' in the Guildhall. Under the baton of Brian McKay, and in aid of Children in Crossfire, the performance included pieces by Arvo Pärt, Charles Ives and Ralph Vaughan-Williams. Together with the Allegri choirs, they performed two festive sell-out shows of 'The Snowman and Other Christmas Classics in the Guildhall, Derry and the Alley Theatre, Strabane. In April, they performed 'Ready, Set Works!' in the Waterside Theatre, a performance of a selection of GCSE, AS and A2 syllabus set works and listed composers. The programme featured Beethoven's Symphony No. 3 "Eroica" (4th Movement), Brahms' Academic Festival Overture, 'A Tribute to John Williams', 'Dambusters March' by Eric Coates and Mozart's Symphony No. 39 (1st Movement). As well as live performance, there was also commentary on the musical elements, compositional devices and structures of the works as well as engaging discussion of their social and historical contexts. A memorable event in August saw the orchestra perform to an audience of 3500 as they performed with ABBA Arrival from Sweden.



Orchestra NorthWest performing with Arrival from Sweden, Ebrington Square, August 2023

The annual **Every Voice Festival** took place from 11th to 18h June. It comprised 13 events including gala, youth & community concerts, pop-up performances and the delivery of 46 workshops. There were a total of 1197 participants and 18,147 audience members.



Every Voice Festival Gala Concert, June 2023

Financial Review

Financial Performance

Financial performance in the year to August 31st 2023 has been broadly consistent with the trustee's forecasts and expectations; a surplus of income over expenditure of £12,396.37 was achieved for the year.

The year ended with a general fund balance of £20,891.02.

We were recipients of funding from Derry City and Strabane District Council (Good Relations, Community Festivals Fund), Arts Council of Northern Ireland (National Lottery Project Fund, Health & Safety), Ulster People's College, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (Rural Micro Capital Grant Scheme).

Full income and expenditure listed on page 8.

Allegri

Statement of Receipts and Payments - Year Ended 31 August 2023

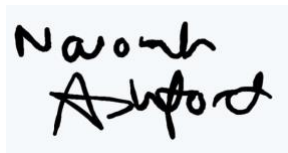
		2023		2022	
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Receipts	Notes	£	£	£	
Funding		0	35,773	35,773	59,146
Performance Fees		11,750	0	11,750	1,500
Sponsorship		300	0	300	0
Ticket Sales		6,300	0	6,300	806
Fundraising		3,805	0	3,805	0
Membership & Participant Fees		11,733	0	11,733	8,022
Total Receipts		33,888	35,773	69,661	69,474
Payments					
Room Hire - Rehearsal & Concerts		2,005	8,103	10,108	13,559
Facilitation & Artists Fees		12,270	16,460	28,730	31,120
Videography/Photography		1,185	4,593	5,778	15,828
Marketing/Print		198	474	672	840
Transportation		651	0	651	1,090
Equipment		780	4,925	5,705	7,460
Insurance		870	0	870	474
Bank Fees		168	0	168	241
Storage Unit		1,512	0	1,512	756
Music Hire		611	0	611	0
Uniforms		1,015	0	1,015	696
Hospitality		0	910	910	1,921
Miscellaneous		535	0	535	5,101
Total Payments		21,800	35,464	57,265	79,086
Net receipts / (payments)		12,088	309	12,396	(9,612)
Reconciliation 31.08.23					
Cash at bank & in hand 31.08.22		954	7,541	8,495	18,106
Surplus / (deficit) this year end		12,088	309	12,396	(9,611)
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		13,042	7,850	20,891	8,495

Allegri

Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation				
Cash at bank & in hand 31.08.22	954	7,541	8,495	18,106
Surplus / (deficit) this year end	0	0	12,396	(9,611)
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	954	7,541	20,891	8,495
Bank & Cash Balances				
Bank Current Account	13,042	7,850	20,892	8,495
Cash in Hand	0	0	0	0
	13,042	7,850	20,892	8,495
Other Assets				
Furniture (at cost)	0	3,788	3,788	0
Digital Piano (at cost)	0	1,021	1,021	1,021
Laptop (cost)	625	625	1,249	0
AV Equipment (cost)	0	2,200	2,200	0
Grant income due - DCSDC	0	3,187	3,187	1,700
Performance fee due	1,985	0	0	2,000
	2,610	10,821	8,258	4,721

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 20 January 2024, and signed on behalf of the board by:



Naomh Ashford
Treasurer



Rachel Tennis
Chairperson

Structure, Governance, and Management

Governing Document and Constitution

Allegri is an unincorporated association and is governed by a constitution which was last revised on 30th June 2022.

Allegri is run entirely by its members who pay an annual voluntary membership subscription. As of 31st August 2023, the Society had a membership of 174.

Trustee Selection and Management

The Society is managed by an Executive Committee which consists of all the appointed trustees. A number of the trustees also hold offices within the society. These officers are noted in the list of current trustees above. The Executive Committee meets typically bi-monthly. At each meeting the Treasurer presents the latest accounts and these are reviewed against budgets and forecasts; spending is discussed and approved. Officers may authorise some spending, between meetings, within set limits but must ensure such spending is reported at the next meeting. The meetings also offer a forum to review recent activities within our programme and to plan forthcoming events. Correspondence and applications for membership received are considered; in addition, officers report on their areas of responsibility - typically reports are made quarterly. Further ad hoc meetings are called if required, for example to plan and manage special events or projects. The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts are approved by the trustees and then presented to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

Report approved and adopted by the Allegri Board of Trustees at a meeting on 20th January 2024 and signed on their behalf.



Rachel Tennis
Allegri Chairperson