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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: SC010753

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019
FOR
THE SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

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The Directors of the Scottish Fiddle Orchestra (SFO) are its charity trustees for the purposes of charity law, and throughout this report are referred to as the trustees or collectively as the "Board".

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the Scottish Fiddle Orchestra for the year ended 31st December 2019.

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.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

SC310900 (Scotland)

Registered Charity number

SC010753

Registered office

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Trustees

Ms S H Anderson BEd
Mrs F J Brodlie (appointed 24.3.19)
Mr W L Cook (deceased 5.10.19)
Mr A A Davidson B Mus (Hons) (appointed 24.3.19)
Mr R H Diament MB ChB, FRCS
Mrs S C Docherty B.Ed Music (RSAMD) (appointed 24.3.19)
Mrs S E Donlevy BA (Hons)
Ms K L Egerton
Mr J H Kerr BAcc CA CTA (resigned 11.8.19)
Mr J M A Mason (appointed 24.3.19)
Mr A A Mclean
Mr B Parham BSc (Hons) PGDip, PGCE
Mr J Wallace BA (Hons)
Miss C J Winn BSc (Hons), MBA
Mr R Langlands BA (Hons), ACA. (appointed 11.8.19)
Mrs L M Norman (appointed 10.11.19)
Miss Y L Steven (appointed 17.11.19)

Company Secretary

Mr P M Brash LL.B., Dip.L.P, N.P.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Status and governing document

The Scottish Fiddle Orchestra (SFO) has operated as a company limited by guarantee from 1st December 2006, following the winding up of the voluntary association of the same name and charity registration. The SFO is a registered Scottish Charity, and is governed according to its Memorandum and Articles of Association dating from its establishment in 2006.

This report covers the activities and accounts of the company for the year end 31st December 2019.

Appointment of trustees

As set out in the articles, the trustees are elected by the members of the SFO, and they also have powers to co-opt additional trustees within specified constraints. The leader and conductor of the orchestra are also trustees on an ex officio basis.

Trustee induction and training

Trustees are made aware of their responsibilities. All have been briefed in the requirements of the Scottish charities legislation. Advantage is taken of available external training sessions to educate new trustees.

Organisation

The Board of Management, consisting of all the trustees, administers the SFO. It meets about 6 times per year, to meet the requirements of the concert schedule and administrative business. The chairman of the Board is elected by the trustees from among themselves.

Related parties

The SFO has a wholly owned subsidiary, SFO Productions Limited. Until 31 December 2017 that company handled sales of merchandise although since then these sales have been dealt with within the SFO itself and SFO Productions Limited is now dormant.

Risk management

The Board has a policy of continually assessing the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and financing of the orchestra.

The expected financial outcome of each event is considered prior to commitment. Reserves are held to cover foreseeable potential contingencies.

The Board is satisfied that adequate systems are in place to mitigate the Orchestra's exposure to major risk.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Aims

The general aims of the charity are to promote the Orchestral playing of Scottish fiddle music, while donating surplus funds to charitable purposes.

The charity's formal objectives are:

1 the advancement of the education of the public in the art and science of music by:-

1.1. establishing and running an orchestra;

1.2. the promotion, improvement, development and encouragement of the public education in the performance of music with particular emphasis on Scottish music, through the presentation of public concerts, recitals and recorded works and by such other ways as the Board shall determine;

1.3 to promote, encourage and preserve the heritage and culture of traditional Scottish music, particularly Scottish fiddle playing; and

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1.4 to make such general donations and provide the services of the Orchestra for fundraising purposes and for such charitable purposes as fall within the provisions of Clause 7 (2) (a) to (p) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 as the Board of the SFO shall determine in their absolute discretion.

The main activities of the charity are the concerts performed during the year, with the associated administration and publicity required to maximise the audience numbers, and also the production of recordings which take our music to a very wide audience around the world.

Review of activities and achievements

Concerts:

The SFO performed to about 6,260 people in 7 major mainland UK concerts.

Normal Concert Series

Venues played during the year are listed below. While the Orchestra performed in Elgin, Orkney and Shetland in 2018, it was decided for 2019 that a concert in York was appropriate and this took place in October.

The main concerts were as follows:

February - Perth Concert Hall

March - The Music Hall, Aberdeen

June - Usher Hall, Edinburgh

September - Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow

September - The Town Hall, Inverurie

October - Barbican, York

December - Usher Hall Edinburgh

Members of the orchestra also performed at the Skiffleworlds event in Stranraer in July.

Support

Our thanks go to Pipe Bands and groups which have supported the Orchestra during the year, namely Perth & District Pipe Band, Granite City Pipes & Drums, Royal High Pipe Band, Highland Granite Pipes & Drums, City of York Pipe Band, Kilmarnock Schools Pipe Band and Haddington Pipe Band. In most cases these are school or youth bands and concerts provide a memorable experience for the young people who take part, as well as enabling the Orchestra to present a wider range of pieces.

Donations were received from Perth and Kinross Council and from the Tayport Charity Shop in connection with the concert in Perth. A donation was received from the W A Cargill Fund in connection with the Concert in Glasgow. A further donation was received from the Shell Benevity Fund. The orchestra also acknowledges the continuing support of McCallum Bagpipes.

Musical content

The musical content of the concert programmes continued to be varied.

Recordings and programmes

New CDs and DVDs of concerts had been released in 2016, 2017 and 2019 and these continue to sell. Sales were down in the year compared to previous years. The current range of DVDs and CDs have been produced internally and this has improved the profits from these compared to past items where these were published by a third party resulting in a much lower profit per item.

Royalties on sales of such older CDs from other outlets, and on line downloads, was down from the previous year. New recordings are being made available to download and it is hoped that this will increase income in this area. Although the income from royalties on downloaded tracks is small, sales of our music in this way reach a very large number of people, estimated at some 50,000 in 2019.

Much effort goes into producing and selling informative programmes at the concerts. These provide extensive notes and comments on our music for the benefit of the audience.

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Publicity and marketing

A new role of Marketing Administrator was created within the board a few years ago and the increased focus on this area has succeeded in increasing the exposure of the Orchestra through internal and external channels and in obtaining sponsorship.

The Orchestra's activities continue to be promoted to a professional standard in a wide range of ways including use of the internet sites, flyers and posters, listings, mail-shots, television and press advertising, and social media.

Marketing is a key activity to enable the SFO to achieve its promotional aims, and requires continuous efforts in view of the general economic situation. The level of audience attendance at the events during the period continued to be high, and was achieved through the considerable efforts of the marketing team and all orchestra members.

Plans for Future Periods

The Orchestra confined its activities to the UK in 2019 and continued its regular series of concerts in Scotland. 2020 is an important year for the orchestra as it marks 40 years since the first concert in Aberdeen in March 1980. The year started with a Civic reception attended by the Provost of Perth & Kinross Council before the concert in The Horsecross Concert Hall. We had hoped to celebrate this anniversary with our audiences with a series of concerts throughout the year. The orchestra's plans for a tour in North America in early 2020 were hit by the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19). The closure of concert venues across the UK has meant that the bulk of the 2020 concert season has been cancelled. The concert in Perth did go ahead as planned before the restrictions came into force, this concert was also live streamed on YouTube.

The SFO has a significant overseas following, from previous tours and from sales of its recordings worldwide. Subject to availability of funds, the Orchestra will continue to respond to opportunities to undertake tours worldwide to reach new audiences, with a view to touring every 3 to 4 years.

Support will continue to be given to the training of young people through participation in concerts and, where appropriate, through direct support of fiddle groups.

Financial Review

The Orchestra's income comes mainly from sales of tickets for concerts. The expenses involved in staging these events are considerable, and a balance has to be struck between achieving a break-even position in our major objective of promoting our music, and avoiding unsustainable losses on events. The outcome is very sensitive to ticket pricing, which aims to cover costs and also to be accessible, and the financial result can also be dependent on the success of marketing efforts.

The philosophy has been to aim for a small surplus over the year, on the normal UK concert series which, after covering administrative and rehearsal cost etc, plus setting aside funds required to maintain the reserves at the desired levels, allows the Orchestra to donate to other musical and charitable organisations, if funds are sufficient on a year to year basis.

The annual concert in Aberdeen and the concert in York incurred more costs than other events as these involve additional travelling and accommodation costs so these events made a loss and every possible action was taken to minimise the loss. Such losses are acceptable in the context of the orchestra's overall aim to promote Scottish fiddle music by concerts. The cost incurred of staging the concert beyond Scotland has resulted in a deficit in the year on concert activities of £3,141, as summarised below. This is before rehearsal costs, donations to other charities, and overheads, offset by income from sponsorship and other activities. The overall result was a net deficit of £4,183 for the year.

EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

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UK Concerts

The individual concert surpluses/(deficits), excluding administrative costs and sundry income, were as follows:

	£
Perth, Horsecross Concert Hall, February 2019	3,862
Aberdeen, The Music Hall, March 2019	(3,161)
Edinburgh, Usher Hall, June 2019	(2,371)
Glasgow, Royal Concert Hall, September 2019	(447)
Inverurie, The Town Hall, September 2019	888
York, Barbican, October 2019	(14,711)
Edinburgh, Usher Hall, December 2019	<u>12,799</u>
Total for year	<u>(3,141)</u>

Donations

Donations are made to support voluntary organisations or charities complementing the SFO's objectives in relation to Scottish music and also to other charities where funds are received at concerts.

Donations to charities in 2019 were to the Pipe Bands who supported the Orchestra during the year and the Stranraer Inshore Life Boat Crew at the Skiffleworlds event, as below.

The list of donations made in the year is as follows

	2019	2018
	£	£
Scots Fiddle Festival	-	1,000
Perth & District Pipe Band	250	-
Granite City Pipes & Drums	250	250
JGHS (James Gillespie's High School) Pipe Band	-	250
Royal High Pipe Band	250	-
Highland Granite Pipe Band	250	-
Vale of Atholl Pipe Band Association	-	350
City of York Pipe Band	300	-
Stockbridge Pipe Band	-	250
Kilmarnock Schools Pipe Band	250	-
Combined Pipe Band of McLaren & Balfron High Schools	-	250
Kirkwall Pipe Band	-	500
Elgin & City Pipe Band (redirected to The Oaks Palliative Care Unit, Elgin, at Pipe Band's request	-	250
Lerwick Royal Legion Pipe Band	-	100
Haddington Pipe Band	250	-
Stranraer Inshore Life Boat	203	-
Perth Symphony Orchestra	<u>-</u>	<u>200</u>
Total donations made in the year	<u>2,003</u>	<u>3,400</u>

In addition to the funds disbursed directly by the SFO as covered above, an amount of £5,611 was generated for other charities through their involvement with specific performances, particularly from retiring bucket collections. Collections were made at all of the concerts during the period and throughout the year - the following charities have reported to the SFO as having benefited from retiring bucket collections: Marie Curie, Walk the Walk (Moon Walk), St Andrews Special School, Alzheimer Scotland, CHAS, Special Needs Activities and Play Provision for York and Edinburgh Direct Aid.

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Merchandise

The SFO has an extensive range of recordings. Royalties are also received from sales of recordings.

The net proceeds of merchandise sales, and the income from royalties in the year were:

	2019	2018
	£	£
Merchandise/programmes	3,458	4,420
Royalties	899	1,077

Investment Policy

The SFO has powers to invest in a wide range of assets. Funds have been invested in the Vanguard LifeStrategy 40% Equity fund, this fund holds investments in a range of Vanguard funds with the objective of achieving income and/or capital returns through a portfolio comprising approximately 40% shares and 60% bonds and other fixed interest investments. Further funds were retained as cash in bank current or investment accounts.

Reserves Policy

Reserves are held for designated purposes and are reviewed annually. They include:

Designated reserves held for specific projects, i.e., replacement of instruments, the potential deficit of an overseas tour, a fund to cover liability in the event of cancellation of our largest event and a potential project under review for a recording project.

The general reserve represents the requirement for day to day working capital to fund concerts. The level of the general reserve is targeted to be equivalent to the costs of staging the annual concert series.

The total funds at 31st December 2019 were £194,224.

Board changes and analysis of donated services by the Board and members

The Board is sad to report that long-time leader and President Bill Cook passed away on 5th October 2019 and it was to the regard in which he was held that a large number of Board members and Orchestra members attended his funeral. The Board wish to record their sadness at this event and their acknowledgement of the considerable work that he had done for the Orchestra and the Board over many years and the fact that he would be greatly missed by all.

Following the death of Bill Cook, Yla Steven was appointed as leader of the Orchestra and a director on 17th November 2019. Other changes to the Board during the year were the appointment on 24th March 2019 of Fiona Brodlie, Alexander Davidson, Susan Docherty, Jamie Mason and on 10th November 2019 of Louise Norman as additional directors. James Kerr resigned from the Board when he retired from his position as treasurer and was replaced by Robert Langlands as treasurer and director on 11 August 2019. Jim had served as treasurer and a trustee for 4 years. The Board would like to acknowledge the contribution that Jim made over his time on the Board.

Orchestra members and trustees give freely of their time. On average the 107 members gave around 8 full days each for concerts, recordings and rehearsals during the year. The Board members, who are also trustees, are estimated to have contributed additional time ranging from 100 to 1,000 hours in performance of their duties during the period. They receive no remuneration other than re-imbursment of out-of-pocket expenses and some of their travelling and subsistence expenses on a strictly limited basis.

The trustees express their appreciation for the dedication and support of the members and front of house team, ensuring that the Orchestra, charitable in nature, continues to fulfil its main objective of the promotion, performance, and consequent preservation of Scottish music. Thanks are also due to the professional singers, dancers, pipers and compères, who are not members of the SFO, but who are hired for individual concerts.

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Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 8 November 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr R Langlands - Trustee

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Scottish Fiddle Orchestra for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019 set out on pages ten to twenty one.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeking 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's 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 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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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10 November 2020

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.19 Total funds £	31.12.18 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		1,931	1,050	2,981	866
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities	3	134,965	-	134,965	139,668
Investment income	2	1,061	-	1,061	2,013
Total		<u>137,957</u>	<u>1,050</u>	<u>139,007</u>	<u>142,547</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Direct cost	4	140,312	1,050	141,362	147,176
Support costs		4,974	-	4,974	4,985
Charitable activities		-	-	-	-
Total		<u>145,286</u>	<u>1,050</u>	<u>146,336</u>	<u>152,161</u>
Net gains on investments		3,146	-	3,146	-
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(4,183)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,183)</u>	<u>(9,614)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		198,407	-	198,407	208,021
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>194,224</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>194,224</u></u>	<u><u>198,407</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2019**

	Notes	31.12.19 £	31.12.18 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	2,739	3,043
Investments	11	1,000	1,000
		3,739	4,043
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	12	6,723	6,270
Debtors	13	93,516	24,845
Investments	14	69,146	-
Cash at bank and in hand		36,995	171,270
		206,380	202,385
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(15,895)	(8,021)
		190,485	194,364
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		194,224	198,407
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		194,224	198,407
NET ASSETS			
		194,224	198,407
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	17	194,224	198,407
		194,224	198,407
TOTAL FUNDS			

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2019.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 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.

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 DECEMBER 2019

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 8 November 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr R Langlands - Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

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, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charitable company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The financial statements contain information about The Scottish Fiddle Orchestra as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The charity is exempt under Section 399(2A) of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirements to prepare consolidated financial statements.

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.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the Charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the Charity before the Charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the Charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Investment income

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

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.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services. It included both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity costs categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the Charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including strategic management and Trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

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

Equipment - 10% on reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes 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.

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

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of the assets held by the charity.

Current asset investment

Current asset investments are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.19	31.12.18
	£	£
Interest on cash deposits	1,061	2,013
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		31.12.19	31.12.18
	Activity	£	£
Ticket sales	Charitable activities	120,402	123,163
Subscriptions	Charitable activities	1,500	1,370
Other income	Charitable activities	3,627	4,029
Merchandise	Charitable activities	5,041	5,848
Programmes	Charitable activities	4,395	5,258
		<u>134,965</u>	<u>139,668</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 5)	Support costs (see note 6)	Totals
	£	£	£
Direct cost	141,362	-	141,362
Support costs	-	4,974	4,974
	<u>141,362</u>	<u>4,974</u>	<u>146,336</u>

5. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31.12.19	31.12.18
	£	£
Rent	1,673	1,587
Venue hire	53,845	51,136
Artists and roadie fees	13,811	16,223
Postage and stationery	479	1,324
Charitable donations	2,003	3,400
Equipment hire	4,815	5,274
Sundry expenses	1,826	1,999
Travel	18,283	20,486
Hotels and subsistence	16,180	17,551
Advertising	22,175	22,353
Merchandise costs	3,201	2,791
Programmes costs	3,071	3,052
	<u>141,362</u>	<u>147,176</u>

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6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Other £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Support costs	471	977	3,526	4,974
	<u>471</u>	<u>977</u>	<u>3,526</u>	<u>4,974</u>

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

	31.12.19 Support costs £	31.12.18 Total activities £
Bank charges	471	166
Insurance	673	658
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	304	338
Travel	1,206	1,795
Independent examiner's fee	2,320	2,028
	<u>4,974</u>	<u>4,985</u>

7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.12.19 £	31.12.18 £
Depreciation - owned assets	304	338
	<u>304</u>	<u>338</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2019 nor for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Trustees' expenses

£2,284 was paid to 15 trustees in respect of out of pocket travel, postage, telephone and stationery expenses incurred.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	216	650	866
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	139,668	-	139,668
Investment income	2,013	-	2,013
Total	<u>141,897</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>142,547</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Direct cost	146,526	650	147,176
Support costs	4,985	-	4,985
Charitable activities	-	-	-

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Total	151,511	650	152,161
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(9,614)	-	(9,614)
Transfers between funds	2,500	(2,500)	-
Net movement in funds	(7,114)	(2,500)	(9,614)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	205,521	2,500	208,021
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	198,407	-	198,407

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Equipment £
COST	
At 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019	10,397
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2019	7,354
Charge for year	304
At 31 December 2019	7,658
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2019	2,739
At 31 December 2018	3,043

11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Subsidiary undertakings £
COST	
At 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019	1,000
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2019	1,000
At 31 December 2018	1,000

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

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11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

SFO Productions Limited

Registered office:

Nature of business: Dormant

Class of share:	%		
Ordinary	holding		
	100		

	31.12.19	31.12.18
	£	£
Aggregate capital and reserves	1,000	1,000

12. STOCKS

	31.12.19	31.12.18
	£	£
Goods for resale	6,723	6,270
	<u>6,723</u>	<u>6,270</u>

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.19	31.12.18
	£	£
Trade debtors	25,161	22,556
Prepayments	68,355	2,289
	<u>93,516</u>	<u>24,845</u>

14. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	31.12.19	31.12.18
	£	£
Listed investments	69,146	-
	<u>69,146</u>	<u>-</u>

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.19	31.12.18
	£	£
Trade creditors	5,374	5,021
Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,000	1,000
Accrued expenses	9,521	2,000
	<u>15,895</u>	<u>8,021</u>

16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted	Restricted	31.12.19	31.12.18
	funds	funds	Total	Total
	£	£	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	2,739	-	2,739	3,043
Investments	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Current assets	206,380	-	206,380	202,385
Current liabilities	(15,895)	-	(15,895)	(8,021)
	<u>194,224</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>194,224</u>	<u>198,407</u>

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	103,907	(4,183)	99,724
Designated fund	94,500	-	94,500
	<u>198,407</u>	<u>(4,183)</u>	<u>194,224</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>198,407</u>	<u>(4,183)</u>	<u>194,224</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	137,957	(145,286)	3,146	(4,183)
Restricted funds				
Perth concert fund	550	(550)	-	-
Glasgow concert fund	500	(500)	-	-
	<u>1,050</u>	<u>(1,050)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>139,007</u>	<u>(146,336)</u>	<u>3,146</u>	<u>(4,183)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.18 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.18 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	111,021	(9,614)	2,500	103,907
Designated fund	94,500	-	-	94,500
	<u>205,521</u>	<u>(9,614)</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>198,407</u>
Restricted funds				
Tour reserve	2,500	-	(2,500)	-
	<u>208,021</u>	<u>(9,614)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>198,407</u>

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	141,897	(151,511)	(9,614)
Restricted funds			
Perth concert fund	650	(650)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>142,547</u>	<u>(152,161)</u>	<u>(9,614)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.18 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	111,021	(13,797)	2,500	99,724
Designated fund	94,500	-	-	94,500
	<u>205,521</u>	<u>(13,797)</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>194,224</u>
Restricted funds				
Tour reserve	2,500	-	(2,500)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>208,021</u>	<u>(13,797)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>194,224</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	279,854	(296,797)	3,146	(13,797)
Restricted funds				
Perth concert fund	1,200	(1,200)	-	-
Glasgow concert fund	500	(500)	-	-
	<u>1,700</u>	<u>(1,700)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>281,554</u>	<u>(298,497)</u>	<u>3,146</u>	<u>(13,797)</u>

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18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

SFO Productions Limited
(Subsidiary)

At the balance sheet date the amount due to SFO Productions Limited was £1,000 (2018: £1,000).

19. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Following the year end, the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted on the charity's activities. The charity's revenues and activity levels are expected to be significantly reduced for year ended 31 December 2020. This represents a non-adjusting event, however it is not possible for any long term impact to be fully quantified at this stage.

20. CHARITY STATUS

The company is constituted as a company limited by guarantee. As at the balance sheet date there were 102 members. Each member undertakes, under the terms of the company's Memorandum of Association, to contribute a sum not exceeding £5 to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up. The accounts are prepared on the going concern basis and accordingly the contingent possibility of the company receiving those sums is considered by the trustees to be remote, and is not reflected or disclosed in the accounts.

In view of the above, the directors consider that the provisions of Financial Reporting Standard 102, which requires disclosures regarding the liabilities and shareholders' funds, are not applicable to the members' undertakings as recorded in the Memorandum of Association.