

**STRATFORD-ON-AVON MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

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## COMPANY INFORMATION

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### Directors

C Davis  
R J B Pringle  
T C Raistrick  
P L Holliday  
A M Deacon  
N J C Phillips  
R A Bowen  
S J Dodsworth  
A C Jones  
K J Martin  
J E Cromack  
C A Letchford

### Secretary

A M Deacon

### Company number

03164482

### Charity number

1096782

### Registered office

Wood Bank Chambers  
8 Wood Street  
Stratford-upon-Avon  
Warwickshire  
CV37 6JE

### Accountants

Leigh Graham Associates  
10 John Street  
Stratford-upon-Avon  
Warwickshire  
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# **STRATFORD-ON-AVON MUSIC FESTIVAL**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

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The trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in April 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

### **Objects of the charity**

The Charity's objects are to advance the education of the public in the understanding and appreciation of the arts through the promotion of arts events in the Stratford-on-Avon and surrounding districts.

There has been no change in the objects during the year.

### **Members and their interests**

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 26 February 1996 and obtained charitable status on 31 March 2003. It is governed by, its memorandum and articles of association. The liability of members is limited to £10 per member in the event of winding up. The trustees, as listed below, are members of the company and served throughout the year.

### **Trustees**

The present trustees/directors are shown below.

C A Letchford  
C Davis  
J Lamb (Resigned 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015)  
R J B Pringle  
T C Raistrick  
P L Holliday  
A M Deacon  
N J C Phillips  
R A Bowen  
S J Dodsworth  
A C Jones  
K J Martin  
J E Cromack

### **Results and business review**

The results for the year are as set out in the annexed accounts.

The trustees consider the financial position of the company to be satisfactory.

During the year the company has mounted the 2014 Music Festival providing world class concerts in and around Stratford-upon-Avon. There was an increased emphasis on the diversification of our audience with some concerts arranged in retirement homes and the education programme was maintained. The Festival has increasingly played a significant part in the cultural life of the area for the benefit of residents but also helping to attract audience from further afield and thus boosting the local economy more widely.

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### Management

The trustees manage the overall business of the charity, with the day-to-day activities being supplemented by outsourced resources as necessary.

The Board comprises people experienced in the arts as well as business and has operated by using the services of a freelance Artistic Director and a freelance Marketing/Administration person.

### Investment policy

Under the memorandum and articles of association the trustees have the power to invest monies not immediately required for the furtherance of its objects, as it thinks fit. The trustees' policy is to maximise income within a low risk environment.


### Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which includes the free reserves of the charity, at a level, which provides sufficient funds to meet the ongoing operating expenditure.

### Risk Management

The charity continues to examine the major strategic, business and operational risks, which it faces, and to develop and ultimately implement systems to mitigate any exposure.

On behalf of the Board



**T C Raistrick**  
Director

10<sup>th</sup> September 2015

# STRATFORD-ON-AVON MUSIC FESTIVAL

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF STRATFORD-ON-AVON MUSIC FESTIVAL

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I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2014, which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 Commission. 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 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 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave 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<sup>th</sup> September 2015

# STRATFORD-ON-AVON MUSIC FESTIVAL

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2014	Total 2013
		£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>				
Donations and gifts		4,511	4,511	3,888
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects:				
Box office sales		20,976	20,976	19,388
Grants/Trusts	2	31,550	31,550	34,050
Sponsorship		5,100	5,100	6,200
Activities for generating funds:				
Programme sales		549	549	371
Sundry/School Cluster		1,399	1,399	715
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<u>64,085</u>	<u>64,085</u>	<u>64,562</u>
<b>Resources expended</b>				
Direct charitable expenditure:				
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects		63,283	63,283	66,722
Management and administration		1,587	1,587	1,879
<b>Total resources expended</b>	3	<u>64,870</u>	<u>64,870</u>	<u>68,601</u>
<b>Net surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>		<u>(785)</u>	<u>(785)</u>	<u>(4,039)</u>

# STRATFORD-ON-AVON MUSIC FESTIVAL

## BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Note	2014	2013
		£	£
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	5	3,544	3,872
Cash at bank and in hand		12,687	8,427
		<u>16,232</u>	<u>12,299</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	(15,351)	(10,633)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>881</u>	<u>1,666</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>881</u>	<u>1,666</u>
<b>Income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds	7	881	1,666
		<u>881</u>	<u>1,666</u>

For the financial year ended 31 December 2014 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Approved by the Board for issue on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015.



**T C Raistrick**  
Director

10<sup>th</sup> September 2015



# STRATFORD-ON-AVON MUSIC FESTIVAL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

### 1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and reporting by Charities" (SORP) issued in April 2005.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year.

#### 1.1 Compliance with the Companies Act 2006

The Statement of Recommended Practice is at variance with the disclosure requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The directors consider that departing from the Companies Act 2006, and complying with the Statement of Recommended Practice, is more meaningful for the charity.

#### 1.2 Donations and similar resources

Donations are included when received at the business address.

Grants received are treated as income when the charity is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable accuracy.

#### 1.3 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

### 2. Grants

	2014 £	2013 £
Arts Council England	14,750	17,000
Stratford Town Trust	15,000	15,000
Other	1,800	2,050
	<u>31,550</u>	<u>34,050</u>

### 3. Analysis of total resources expended

	2014 £	2013 £
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	63,283	66,722
Management and administration	1,587	1,879
	<u>64,870</u>	<u>68,601</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

### 4. Taxation

The company is a registered charity and thus is exempt from corporation tax.

### 5. Debtors

	2014 £	2013 £
Trade debtors	2,566	3,193
Other debtors	617	679
Taxation and social security	361	-
	<u>3,544</u>	<u>3,872</u>
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### 6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2014 £	2013 £
Trade creditors	15,351	9,838
Taxation and social security	-	795
	<u>15,351</u>	<u>10,633</u>
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### 7. Statement of funds

	Balance 01/01/14 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance 31/12/14 £
General reserve	1,666	64,085	(64,870)	881
Total unrestricted funds	<u>1,666</u>	<u>64,085</u>	<u>(64,870)</u>	<u>881</u>
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### 8. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fund Balances at 31 December 2014 are Represented by:		
Current assets	16,232	16,232
Current liabilities	(15,351)	(15,351)
	<u>881</u>	<u>881</u>
	=====	=====

### 9. Trustees' remuneration

The trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments or expenses during the year (2013: £ - nil).