## **OPUS ARTE UK LIMITED**

Directors' report and financial statements Registered number 4112266 For the 52 week period ended 29 August 2010

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#### Directors' report for the 52 week period ended 29 August 2010

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the 52 week period ended 29 August 2010

#### Principal activity

The principal activity of the company in the period under review is multimedia production and distribution

#### Business review

The results for the period and financial position of the company are as shown in the annexed financial statements. These record a net loss of £496,000 for the 52 week period ended 29 August 2010, compared to a profit of £227,000 for the 52 week period ended 30 August 2009.

Immediately following the period end, on 30 August 2010, the company purchased the trade and net assets of Royal Opera House Covent Garden Trading Limited for consideration of £3,000. The transaction transforms the profitability of the company by combining into it the Royal Opera House's broad portfolio of commercial activities, including catering, venue hire, advertising, corporate sponsorship, retail merchandising and licensing

Based on the projected forecast of the enlarged Opus Arte trading activities the Board of Directors believe the company's current cash will be sufficient to meet the expected cash requirements of the company for twelve months from the signing of the accounts. Accordingly, the directors consider that the forecasts enable the company to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future by meeting its liabilities as they fall due for payment and have accordingly prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis

#### Dividends

No dividends were paid in the period (52 week period ended 30 August 2009 nil) The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (52 week period ended 30 August 2009 nil)

#### Directors

The directors who held office during the period were as follows

Heather Rabbatts (appointed 26 May 2010)
Peter Alward
Tony Hall
Sir David Lees
Thomas Lynch (retired 31 July 2010)
Stephen Michael (appointed 26 November 2009)
Roland Ott (appointed 17 September 2009)
Johannes Petri (retired 01 September 2009)
Simon Robey

#### **Company Secretary**

John Mortlock

## Directors' report for the 52 week period ended 29 August 2010 (continued)

#### Disclosure of information to auditors

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information

#### Auditors

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditors will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office

By order of the board

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**Heather Rabbatts** 

Chairman

Covent Garden London WC2E 9DD

10 December 2010

## Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Directors' Report and the financial statements for the 52 week period ended 29 August 2010

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

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#### **KPMG LLP**

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## Independent auditors' report to the shareholder of Opus Arte UK Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Opus Arte UK Limited for the 52 week period ended 29 August 2010 set out on pages 6 to 17 The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 3, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's). Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the APB's web-site at <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/UKNP">www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/UKNP</a>.

#### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 29 August 2010 and of its result for the 52 week period then ended,
- · have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

#### Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the 52 week period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion

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- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- · certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- · we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

K Wightman (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

**Chartered Accountants** 

## Profit and loss account

for the 52 week period ended 29 August 2010

	52 week	52 week
	period	period
	Note ended	ended
	29-Aug	30-Aug
	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Turnover	3,171	3,899
Cost of sales	(2,574)	(2,583)
Gross profit	597	1,316
Administration expenses	(1,030)	(996)
Operating (loss)/profit before interest	(433)	320
Interest payable and similar charges	5 (63)	(93)
Net (loss)/profit before taxation	(496)	227
Taxation	6 -	-
Net (loss)/profit after taxation	2 (496)	227
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There is no difference between the result on an historical cost basis and that shown in the profit and loss account

The revenue and result for the period are derived from continuing operations. The company had no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the profit and loss account and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains or losses has been prepared.

## **Balance sheet**

As at 29 August 2010

	Note	29-Aug 2010 £'000	30-Aug 2009 £'000
Fixed assets Investment in programming Tangible fixed assets	7 8	2,558 6	2,699 9
Total fixed assets	_	2,564	2,708
Current assets Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	9 10	369 940 554	250 1,468 1
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	1,863 (1,974)	1,719 (3,828)
Net current habilities		(111)	(2,109)
Total assets less current habilities  Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year	12	2,453 (2,200)	599 (350)
Net assets		253	249
Shareholder's funds	_		
Share capital	14	1,276	776
Retained earnings	<sup>15</sup> —	(1,023)	(527)
Total shareholder's funds	15	253	249
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These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 10 Dec 20 Cand were signed on its behalf by

Sir David Lees Director Heather Rabbatts
Director

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#### **Notes**

(forming part of the financial statements)

#### 1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, and the directors believe that the company will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The profit and loss performance for the period was a loss of £496,000 (52 week period ended 30 August 2009 profit of £227,000), and at the balance sheet date there were net current liabilities of £111,000 (2009 £2,109,000). However, immediately following the period end, on 30 August 2010, the company purchased the trade and net assets of Royal Opera House Covent Garden Trading Limited for consideration of £3,000. The transaction transforms the profitability of the company by combining into it the Royal Opera House's broad portfolio of commercial activities, including catering, venue hire, advertising, corporate sponsorship, retail merchandising and licensing

Based on the projected forecast of the enlarged Opus Arte trading activities the Board of Directors believe the company's current cash will be sufficient to meet the expected cash requirements of the company for twelve months from the signing of the accounts Accordingly, the directors consider that the forecasts enable the company to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future by meeting its liabilities as they fall due for payment and have accordingly prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis

Under FRS 1 the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that its parent undertaking includes the company in its own published consolidated financial statements

As the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Royal Opera House Covent Garden Limited, the company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities that form part of the group The consolidated financial statements of Royal Opera House Covent Garden Limited, within which this company is included, can be obtained from the address given in note 16

#### Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of DVDs and other goods, TV, royalty and other income Turnover is recognised when earned Income is deferred only to the extent that contractual obligations have not been met at period end

Sale of goods revenue is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the buyer and can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at fair value after making provision in respect of future returns of goods and services supplied by the company prior to the balance sheet date.

Royalty income is included on a receivable basis calculated on sales of DVDs arising each accounting period as reported by licensees. Where licensees' sales reports are not available, royalty advances are either recognised as income in the period they are received if all obligations under the royalty agreement have been fulfilled, or deferred to the extent these obligation have not been fulfilled at period end

Royalties payable are expensed on an accruals basis. Royalty advances are capitalised only to the extent it is estimated that sufficient future royalties will be earned for recoupment of those advances.

The turnover and profit before tax is attributable to the principal activity of the company and arose in the United Kingdom

#### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction (or, if hedged forward, at the rate of exchange under the related forward currency contract) Monetary assets and habilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the contracted rate or the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and the gains or losses on translation are included in the profit and loss account

#### **Taxation**

Any charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes which have arisen but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except as otherwise required by FRS 19

Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounting basis

#### Investment in programming

Investment in programming is capitalised and amortised over its expected useful life, which is up to eight years depending on format and the terms of licenses acquired. These assets are reviewed for impairment where events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Any anticipated losses on individual projects are charged in the profit and loss account in the period where the event or change in circumstance occurred.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at annual rates on a straight-line basis to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The principal rates used are as follows.

Fixtures & fittings

- 15 - 33%

Computer Equipment

- 33%

#### Stocks

Stock comprises DVDs and is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items. Cost includes all direct expenditure and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

#### Pension

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. Contributions payable for the year are charged in the profit and loss account.

## 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### Leases

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and the outstanding future lease obligations are shown in creditors. Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

#### 2 Net (loss)/profit before taxation

The net (loss)/profit before taxation is stated after charging

	52 week period	52 week period
	ended	ended
	29-Aug	30-Aug
	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Depreciation - owned assets	6	7
Amortisation of investment in programming	1,119	1,295
Operating lease rentals - other operating leases	25	25

The auditors' remuneration for the 52 week period ended 29 August 2010 was £15,000 and has been borne by the parent company (for the 52 week period ended 30 August 2009 £15,000 borne by the parent company)

#### 3 Staff Costs

	52 week	•
	period	52 week
	ended	period ended
	29-Aug	30-Aug
	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Wages and salaries	364	346
Social security costs	56	51
Other pension costs	7	16
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	427	413

## 4 Directors' fees

Directors' emoluments and pension contributions during the period were

	52 week	
	period	52 week
	ended	period ended
	29-Aug	30-Aug
	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Directors' emoluments	157	111
Directors' pension contribution to money purchase schemes	10	6

Two directors had retirement benefits accruing in money purchase schemes (52 week period ended 30 August 2009 I)

#### 5 Interest payable and similar charges

	52 week period	52 week period
	ended	ended
	29-Aug	30-Aug
	2010	2009
	£' 000	£'000
Bank interest	20	78
Interest payable to Royal Opera House Covent Garden Limited	43	15
	63	93

Interest payable to Royal Opera House Covent Garden Limited represents interest on the loan (see Note 12), which is charged at a rate of 2% above the Bank of England base rate

#### 6 Taxation

No UK corporation tax has arisen in the period (52 week period ended 30 August 2009 nil) No deferred tax has arisen in the period (52 week period ended 30 August 2009 nil)

#### Factors affecting the tax charge

The difference between the tax assessed and the small profits rate of corporation tax in the UK is explained below

	52 week period ended	52 week period ended
	29-Aug	30-Aug
	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
(Loss)/profit before taxation	(496)	227
(Loss)/profit before taxation multiplied by the small profits rate of corporation tax in the UK of 21% (30 August 2009 19%)	(104)	43
Effects of		
Tax losses carried forward/(utilised)	104	(43)
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There is an unrecognised deferred tax asset of £287,000 (30 August 2009 £193,000) which has not been recognised due to uncertainty over the timing of its recoverability

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7	Investment in Programming			
				29-Aug
				2010
				£'000
	Cost			
	At beginning of period			8,394
	Capitalised costs			978
	At end of pen od			9,372
	Amortisation		•	
	At beginning of period			5,695
	Charge for pen od			1,119
	At end of pen od			6,814
	Net book value at end of period		•	
	At 29 August 2010			2,558
	At 30 August 2009			2,699
3	Tangible fixed assets			
		Fixtures & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
		£'000	£'000	£'000
	Cost		400	
	At beginning of period	43	128	171
	Additions	3		3
	At end of period	46	128	174
	Depreciation and diminution in value			
	At beginning of period	41	121	162
	Charge for period	3		6
	At end of period	44	124	168
	Net book value			
	At 29 August 2010	2	4	6
	At 30 August 2009	2	7	9

#### 9 Stocks

		29-A ug	30-Aug
		2010	2009
		£'000	£'000
	Stocks - finished goods	369	250
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10	Debtors: amounts falling due within one year		
		29-A ug	30-Aug
		2010	2009
		£'000	£'000
	Trade debtors	635	809
	Other debtors	-	30
	Prepayments and accrued income	305	629
		940	1,468
11	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
	creations amounts faming due within one year	20 4	20 4
		29-Aug 2010	30-Aug 2009
		£'000	£'000
	Bank overdraft		1,339
	Current portion of bank loan	•	200
	Trade creditors	515	877
	Royal Opera House Covent Garden Limited	1,116	1,060
	Social security and other taxes	27	18
	Accruals and deferred income	316	334
		1,974	3,828

## 12 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	29-Aug 2010 £'000	30-Aug 2009 £'000
Bank Loan Amount due to Royal Opera House Covent Garden Limited	2,200	350
	2,200	350
	29-Aug 2010 £'000	30-Aug 2009 £'000
Bank overdrafts and loan instalments are due Within one year (refer note 11) Between one and two years Between two and five years	- -	1,539 200 150
	-	1,889

Interest is charged on the loan from Royal Opera House Covent Garden Limited at a rate of 2% above the Bank of England base rate

## Obligations under leasing agreements

#### **Operating Leases**

The following operating lease payments are committed to be paid within one year

	29-A ug	30-Aug
	2010	2009
	Land and	Land and
	Buildings	Buildings
	£'000	£'000
Operating leases which expire		
Less than 1 year	15	14

#### 14 Called up share capital

	29-Aug 2010 £'000	30-Aug 2009 £'000
Authorised Share Capital		
1,500,000 Ordinary shares of £1 nominal value	1,500	1,500
	29-Aug	30-Aug
	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Allotted, issued and fully paid		
1,275,987 Ordinary shares of £1 each - fully paid up	1,276	776

On 30 July 2010 the issued share capital of the company was increased by £500,000 by issue of 500,000 ordinary shares of £1 each as consideration for capitalisation of an intergroup debt due to the Royal Opera House Covent Garden Limited

#### 15 Reconciliation of movement in shareholder's funds

	Share capital	Retained earnings	Total
	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s
At beginning of period	776	(527)	249
Share capital issued during the period	500	-	500
Net deficit for the period	-	(496)	(496)
At end of period	1,276	(1,023)	253

#### 16 Ultimate parent undertaking

The company is a subsidiary undertaking of Royal Opera House Covent Garden Limited, which is the ultimate parent company incorporated in the United Kingdom

The largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by Royal Opera House Covent Garden Limited, incorporated in the United Kingdom. The smallest group in which they are consolidated is that headed by Royal Opera House Covent Garden Limited incorporated in the United Kingdom. No other group financial statements include the results of the Company. The consolidated financial statements of these groups are available to the public and may be obtained from The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2E 9DD

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Notes (continued)

#### 17 Post Balance Sheet Events

Royal Opera House Covent Garden Trading Limited and Opus Arte UK Limited entered into an agreement to sell the trade and net assets of the former company to the latter for a consideration of £3,000. The effective date of the transaction was 30 August 2010. Following this, on 31 August 2010. Opus Arte UK Limited changed its name to Royal Opera House Enterprises Limited.