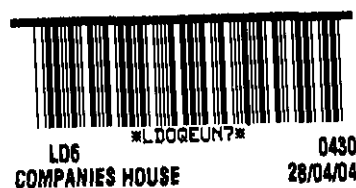


LONDON HANDEL SOCIETY LIMITED
DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003



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Directors and trustees

J F Chown
S G Cooke
P J Crawshaw - resigned 19 November 2002
M D C Johnson
A King - appointed 19 November 2002
R Moyse - appointed 19 November 2002
L E Porter
D N Vermont
J S H A Kane - appointed 19 November 2002

Secretary

C Hodgson

Registered office

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Auditors

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DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees, who also act as directors for the charitable activities of the company, present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2003.

Principal activity and review of the charity

The principal activity of the company is that of the promotion and advancing of musical education by providing and participating in musical, dramatic and artistic performances.

The company is a charitable company limited by guarantee.

Company registered number

1193919

Charity registered number

269184

Trustees and directors

The following trustees and directors have held office since 1 July 2002:

J F Chown
S G Cooke
P J Crawshaw - resigned 19 November 2002
M D C Johnson
A King - appointed 19 November 2002
R Moyse - appointed 19 November 2002
L E Porter
D N Vermont
J S H A Kane - appointed 19 November 2002

The trustees are eligible, in committee, to appoint additional trustees and directors under the terms of the Articles of Association of the company.

Development, activities and achievements

The year 2003 has produced another successful year for the London Handel Festival. Audiences have maintained numbers well. The charity has kept to its main purpose of presenting works not regularly available to the public.

Again the financial position has been sustained by many donors, trusts and Westminster City Council. Sponsorship from private companies has continued to decline.

Review of transactions and financial position

The charity currently has eight directors all of whom have wide public experience in managing public and company affairs. In achieving a successful Festival the directors have not received any fees in relation to the various tasks undertaken.

A surplus of approximately £25,000 arose in the current year. A fund raising concert was held on October 2002 which substantially cleared the accumulated deficit as at 30 June 2002 of nearly £19,000, to leave an accumulated surplus of £4,000 as at 30 June 2003. Two donations of shares were sold during the year for £6,000. The trustees are of the view that in terms of income reserves desirable to meet any outstanding liabilities that 10% of turnover would be a desirable sum to aim at. The trustees are always engaged in seeking out sponsorship and ways of extra fundraising.

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DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES' REPORT

Trustees' and directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements the directors are required to :-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 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 company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

The auditors, Winters, are willing to be reappointed in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

Small company disclosure

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

On behalf of the board



L E Porter
Director
20 March 2004

LONDON HANDEL SOCIETY LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LONDON HANDEL SOCIETY LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of London Handel Society Limited on pages 4 to 7 for the year ended 30 June 2003. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out herein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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 auditor's 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 the directors and auditors

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Fundamental uncertainty - going concern

In forming our opinion, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made in note 1.1 concerning the preparation of the financial statements on a going concern basis. The validity of this basis is dependent upon the continuing availability of adequate finance from sources available to the trustees and directors. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if this basis is inappropriate. Our opinion is not qualified in this respect.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 30 June 2003 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, in the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Winters 

**Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors
29 Ludgate Hill
London
EC4M 7JE**

24 March 2004

LONDON HANDEL SOCIETY LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

	Notes	2003 £	2002 £
Income and Expenditure Account			
Incoming resources			
Tickets, programme and record sales		72,743	86,757
Sponsorship, grants, donations and advertising		127,999	92,163
Interest receivable		36	21
Investment income		<u>85</u>	<u>24</u>
Total incoming resources		<u>200,863</u>	<u>178,965</u>
Resources expended			
Costs of generating funds	2	31,872	27,496
Charitable expenditure			
Costs of activities	3	113,397	139,284
Management and administration	4	<u>30,203</u>	<u>28,427</u>
Total resources expended		<u>175,472</u>	<u>195,207</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		25,391	(16,242)
Other recognised gains and loss			
Loss on investment		<u>(2,419)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movements in funds		22,972	(16,242)
Balance brought forward at 1 July 2002		<u>(18,972)</u>	<u>(2,730)</u>
Balance carried forward at 30 June 2003		<u>4,000</u>	<u>(18,972)</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2003

	Notes	£	2003 £	£	2002 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	5	915		915	
Investments	6	<u>-</u>		<u>8,742</u>	
			915		9,657
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>6,285</u>		<u>3,129</u>	
		6,285		3,129	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(3,200)</u>		<u>(31,758)</u>	
Net current liabilities			<u>3,085</u>		<u>(28,629)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>4,000</u>		<u>(18,972)</u>
Funds	8		<u>4,000</u>		<u>(18,972)</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002).

The financial statements were approved by the board on 20 March 2004 and signed on its behalf by



L E Porter
Director

LONDON HANDEL SOCIETY LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2000) and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002).

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which is dependent upon the continuing availability of adequate finance from sources available to the trustees and directors.

1.2 Income

Income represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of goods and services rendered during the year.

1.3 Allocation of costs

Costs are allocated between direct charitable and other expenditure according to the nature of the cost.

1.4 Depreciation

Depreciation is provided so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives by equal annual instalments at the following rates:

Computer and office equipment	10% Reducing balance
Organ	Nil

The directors are of the opinion that depreciation is not required to be provided for the organ as the amount would be immaterial.

2	Costs of generating funds	2003 £	2002 £
	Printing and publicity	18,462	27,496
	Fundraising cost	<u>13,410</u>	<u>-</u>
		31,872	27,496
		<u>31,872</u>	<u>27,496</u>
3	Costs of activities		
	Competition prizes	3,000	-
	Musicians' fees	74,822	111,387
	Instrument hire and opera production costs	35,104	25,969
	Music hire, programme notes and record production costs	<u>471</u>	<u>1,928</u>
		<u>113,397</u>	<u>139,284</u>
4	Management and administration		
	Administrator and office costs	25,807	23,762
	Bank charges	2,196	2,190
	Audit	350	350
	Accountancy	<u>1,850</u>	<u>2,125</u>
		<u>30,203</u>	<u>28,427</u>

No expenses were reimbursed to any trustees. Trustees received no remuneration during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

5 Tangible fixed assets

Office
Furniture
and
Equipment
£

Cost	
As at 1 July 2002 and 30 June 2003	<u>3,626</u>
Depreciation	
As at 1 July 2002 and as at 30 June 2003	<u>2,711</u>
Net Book Value	
As at 30 June 2003	<u>915</u>
As at 30 June 2002	<u>915</u>

6 Investments

2003
£

2002
£

Donations	-	8,742
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Investments represented quoted investments which were donated to the charity in 2002. These investments were sold during the year.

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:

Deferred income	1,000	4,000
Other creditors	-	22,225
Accruals	<u>2,200</u>	<u>5,533</u>
	<u>3,200</u>	<u>31,758</u>

Other creditors include a loan of £- (2002:£13,000) from L E Porter, a trustee and director of the charitable company.

8 Funds

The company's funds are unrestricted.

9 Company status

The company is a charitable company limited by guarantee.