

THE BOLD BALLADIERS TRUST
Trustees' Annual Report
Year ending March 31st 2024



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Justin Bissell, Armen Boldy and Hollie Anne Clark

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There are five Trustees, Sue Osman, Robert Ascott, Patricia Mitchel, Prudence Raper, Michael Goldthorpe and a Special Adviser, Wendy Pratley. The group consists of around thirty singers, instrumentalists and actors but performances require only three or four artists at any given time. Founded in 1995 The Bold Balladiers became a registered charity in March 1996.

Their charitable aim is *The advancement of public education in the arts of music and drama by the provision of concerts and educational workshops particularly but not exclusively in Victorian and Edwardian popular repertoire*. They perform in hospitals, hospices, care homes, schools and for the general public. For the latter they have appeared in theatres, halls, churches, in marquees and the open air throughout the British Isles from Penzance to Shetland.

The new season got off to a good start with ten venues in the summer tour starting from London and ending in Coventry. These concentrated tour venues were in the West Midlands, City of York, North Yorkshire, Tyne and Wear, Co.

Durham and West Yorkshire starting on Tuesday the 30th of May and ending on Saturday 3rd June. Regrettably on the last day there was a National rail strike making the artists' homeward journey more difficult than planned.



The artists were Hollie Anne Clark, soprano, Armen Boldy, tenor and Justin Bissell, piano. The programme was entitled *Summer Melodies* and included popular ballads, operatic arias and choruses for the audience to join in. Judging by reports from the artists all the venues gave The Bold Balladiers a warm welcome. In addition to venues visited many times in the past there were three new ones including a luxury home in Leeds.





Justin Bissell, Silva McQueen, Buffy Rowe

Three Hampshire dates ended the first half of the season in June and July. They were in Andover, Southampton, and Sway, near Lymington. Then September 2023 saw the Balladiers back in Surrey.

The December Christmas tours comprised ten venues. Two venues, one in Kingston-upon-Thames and the other in Sutton have proved to be most loyal and have always provided large and enthusiastic audiences. The others were in Derbyshire, North and West Yorkshire, Birmingham and the West Midlands. One home, Ebor Court in York, hosted two representatives from The Bold Balladiers' funders, *York Common Good Trust*. Most of the venues were return visits but there was a new venue in North Yorkshire at Leeming Bar Grange.

The artists were Silva McQueen, soprano, Buffy Rowe, violin and Justin Bissell, piano, all long-term members of the group.

There was then a lull until March 2024 with venues in Winchester, Southampton, and Surrey.

The Bold Balladiers had visited twenty-seven venues over the year, benefitting more than five hundred elderly and infirm people.

Forward bookings included a spring programme in London and a summer tour to the north in June.



Justin Bissell, Marion Wilmann, George Hlawiczka in Surrey

The Bold Balladiers
Profit And Loss Account
For the year ended 31 March 2024

		2024	2023
		£	£
Income	Fees	4,785	4,025
	Grants - restricted	600	900
	Grants - unrestricted	2,000	2,000
	Malt Concert	-	562
	Paypal Giving Receipts	-	3
		<u>7,385</u>	<u>7,489</u>
		7,385	7,489
Expenses	Accommodation	(1,206)	(313)
	Advertising and PR	(107)	(343)
	Bank charges	(64)	(74)
	Costumes	(75)	(122)
	Insurance	(118)	(118)
	Malt Expenses	-	(519)
	Malt Musicians	-	(1,200)
	Motor expenses	(1,108)	(575)
	Musicians fees	(8,300)	(6,284)
	Stationery & printing & postage	(20)	(37)
	Sundry	(14)	(50)
	Website hosting cost	(115)	(176)
		<u>(11,128)</u>	<u>(9,810)</u>
		(11,128)	(9,810)
Net loss		<u>(3,743)</u>	<u>(2,321)</u>
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The Bold Balladiers
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2024

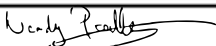
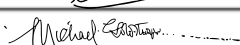
		2024		2023	
		£		£	
Debtors		-		-	
Bank	Current account	2,816		6,579	
		<u>2,816</u>		<u>6,579</u>	
		2,816		6,579	
Suppliers		-		-	
Creditors	Accruals	(79)		-	
	Deferred income	<u>-</u>		<u>(100)</u>	
		(79)		(100)	
Net assets		<u>2,736</u>		<u>6,479</u>	
		£		£	
Profit and loss account	Brought forward	6,479		8,800	
	Net loss	<u>(3,743)</u>		<u>(2,321)</u>	
		2,736		6,479	
Total funds		<u>2,736</u>		<u>6,479</u>	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name		No (if any)		CC16a	
Bold Balladiers		1053925			
Receipts and payments accounts					
For the period from		Period start date	To		Period end date
		1/4/23		31/3/24	
payments					
Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
to the nearest £		to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
2,000		600	0	2,600	2,900
0		0	0	0	0
0		0	0	0	0
4,785		0	0	4,785	4,587
0		0	0	0	3
0		0	0	0	0
0		0	0	0	0
0		0	0	0	0
6,785		600	0	7,385	7,490
0		0	0	0	
0		0	0	0	0
0		0	0	0	0
6,785		600	0	7,385	7,490
2,314			0	2,314	888
107			0	107	343
				0	519
8,300			0	8,300	7,484
20			0	20	37
64			0	64	74
118			0	118	118
89			0	89	172
115			0	115	176
11,127		0	0	11,127	9,811
0		0	0	0	
0		0	0	0	
0		0	0	0	0
11,127		0	0	11,127	9,811
-4,342		600	0	-3,742	-2,321
0		0	0	0	0
6,479		0	0	6,479	8,800
2,137		600	0	2,737	6,479

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	2,816	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
	Total cash funds	2,816	0	0
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Short-term Debtors		0	0
	Prepayments		0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
		0	0	0
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
			0	0
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Payment in advance for expenses	Unrestricted funds	79	
			0	
			0	
			0	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Patricia Mitchell	29/7/24	
		Micheal Goldthorpe	29/7/24	