

## Welsh Singers Showcase

### Trustees' Annual Report for the Financial Year to 31 July 2019

Welsh Singers Showcase is a charity (no. 1179521) governed by a board of Trustees. Its principal purpose is to promote young Welsh classical singers and stage a showcase event at which the Welsh representative in the BBC Cardiff Singer of the World, the leading operatic competition for young singers, is selected by a distinguished jury. Its operations are relatively modest and its showcase takes place every alternate year.

The Showcase of 2018 took place in June of that year, and a number of bills arising from the event were settled in August, including hire charges for St. David's Hall (£1,753), and the cost of the BBC National Orchestra of Wales (£5,498). Expenditure also included £560 for Jury fees and expenses and £1,000 to the Showcase winner selected by the Jury, Angharad Lyddon, to assist in her preparation for BBC Singer of the World in 2019. Administration costs (including insurance) totalled £3,088 and there were other miscellaneous charges totalling £632.

Donations amounting to £10,750 were received from members of the Circle of Friends, and a further gift of £2,100 was provided by an individual private sponsor. The Charity is registered for Gift Aid and gift aid claims have been made to HMRC where appropriate, the receipts from which will be recorded in the next financial year.

In April 2019 Angharad Lyddon gave a lunchtime recital in St. David's Hall, accompanied by piano, which gave her an opportunity to try some of the repertoire she was preparing for BBC Cardiff Singer of the World.

Angharad went on to distinguish herself by being chosen to sing in the final of the Song Prize part of BBC Singer of the World in June 2019. The Trustees hosted a reception at St. David's Hall on the evening when Angharad sang her orchestral programme (for which costs of £ 194 were charged by St.David's Hall). No further activity was scheduled for the Showcase until auditions for the 2020 event, which were held in January 2020.

The activities described above were reported, discussed and approved at meetings of the Trustees.

### Policies

#### Safeguarding Vulnerable Beneficiaries

The beneficiaries of the Charity are young classical singers. The Trustees take all possible care to ensure the wellbeing of the participants in the showcase, both at the auditions and the main event itself. Special measures have been put in place for the postponed 2020 showcase, which is likely place in early 2021 without the presence of an audience.

#### Conflicts of Interest

The Trustees are experienced individuals who are aware that any potential conflicts of interest should be disclosed. Inevitably, such conflicts arise from time to time and the Trustees ensure that the conflicted Trustee does not participate in the relevant decision.

#### Paying of Staff

The Charity does not have any staff. Mrs Sue Welch is paid for administering the Charity, which is disclosed under Administration in our financial accounts.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees



**Dr Carol Bell, Chair**

**29 October 2020**

## Welsh Singers Showcase

### Statement of Income and Expenditure

Year ended 31 July 2019

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#### Income

Grants	-
Donations	12,850
Other Income	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>12,850</b>

#### Expenditure

Administration	3,088
Performances/Outreach	8,318
Publicity	125
Awards/Grants	1,000
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>12,531</b>

**Net Income/(Expenditure)** **319**

**Funds Brought Forward 1 Aug 2018** **6,153**

**Funds Carried Forward 31 July 2019** **6,472**