(a charitable company limited by guarantee)

# TRUSTEES' REPORT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

Company Number 04044936

Charity Number 1087445

## TRUSTEE'S REPORT

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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2017.

## Introduction

The Trust is registered under the Charities Act 2011 and incorporation under the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements comply with the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the requirements of Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006 applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK (FRS102).

The Directors of the charitable company (the Charity) are its Trustees for the purposes of charity law. The Directors serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

## The board of directors

Chair: Lord Falconer of Thoroton Charles Leslie Falconer

A M Anderson J A Cuthbert OBE

F Cruickshank OBE (resigned 9/9/16) Subashis Das (appointed 8/12/16) L Douglas (resigned 8/12/16)

M Fay CBE

A Fearon (resigned 8/12/16)

Hilary Patricia Florek (appointed 8/12/16)
Councillor Martin Gannon (appointed 8/12/16)
Sir Nicholas R Kenyon CBE (resigned 8/12/16)

Young Herb Kim (appointed 8/12/16)

Roy James McEwan-Brown (appointed 8/12/16)

J A Miller (resigned 8/12/16)

A M Millman

Sir Martin James Narey (appointed 8/12/16)

S L Palmer OBE (resigned 8/12/16)

M D Robinson

Vidya Sarangapani (appointed 8/12/16) Jacinta Mary Scannell (appointed 8/12/16) Susan Lois Underwood (appointed 8/12/16)

The charity has made third party indemnity for the benefit of its directors during the year. The provisions remain in force at the reporting date.

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Secretary

E Squires ACA

Key management personnel

A Pogson – Managing Director L Tuck – Chief Operating Officer

W Smith – Director of Learning & Participation T Dittes – Director of RNS & Classical Music T Austin – Director of Performance Programme D Parker – Director of External Relations (left 10/16)

C Johnston - Finance Director

E Flounders – Director Marketing & Communications

(joined 3/17)

Registered Office and Principal place

of business

The Sage Gateshead St Mary's Square Gateshead Tyne and Wear NE8 2JR

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Accountants

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Charity name

North Music Trust

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## **CHAIR'S STATEMENT**

In 2015/16, we marked the start of a new era for Sage Gateshead; beginning the organisation's second decade with an ambition to make a step change in access to music across the north of England. If 2015/16 was the start of a new era, then 2016/17 was the year that change began to be seen and felt.

Following a year of critical review that encompassed all areas of the organisation's activity, this year our new processes, systems and staffing structure began to take effect. With a focus on efficiency, our goal was to create an operating environment in which creativity could thrive within a sustainable framework. Given the success of both our programme and commercial endeavours, in addition to a strong overall financial position, it would seem that our approach to balancing these factors has been successful.

Throughout the year we have been working hard as an organisation and with partners to cement our position as a regional resource. To this end, Royal Northern Sinfonia have continued to build their profile across the region with a host of excellent performances beyond the Sage footprint. Further afield our orchestra have enjoyed a successful and very well received tour in South America.

Folkworks have enjoyed renewed vigour thanks to a comprehensive touring programme, and towards the end of the year, we enjoyed the first Pass it On Festival, made possible by Heritage Lottery Funding. We will use the Pass it On legacy as a catalyst to further develop the presence of our folk programme.

Meanwhile, our Learning and Participation Programme continues to deliver a significant proportion of its work outside of our building in no less than 13 local authority areas across the north. A great deal of our work in this area involves engaging children and young people in music making; whether in response to a specific need or set of circumstances; or to support positive outcomes whilst encouraging a lifelong love of music. We are enormously proud of the impact of our work here, with a range of highly regarded projects including InHarmony and Co-Musica continuing to go from strength to strength.

Artistically, we have built on our critical framework for reviewing our artistic activity and have had the pleasure of welcoming a number of internationally renowned acts including The Divine Comedy, Bonobo and The St Petersburg Philharmonic to name but a few. Gateshead International Jazz Festival featured its most diverse programme yet, whilst our inaugural New Year New Artist Festival gave us the opportunity to introduce and support the development of a number of outstanding new artists. The diversity of our programme has allowed us to attract a range of audiences across the board; over 264,000 tickets were sold, more than 24,500 people came to an event for the first time and over 186,000 people took part in a course, class or workshop.

In amongst all of this activity, we remain committed to ensuring our financial sustainability, and in particular on maintaining our charitable mission at times when public income continues to be under such pressure. This year, our focus has been on raising £1.7 million for our ongoing programme of events and planning for Sage Gateshead's first capital project since we opened our doors in 2004.

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Sage Gateshead is for the North East and its communities. Our partners and the artists we work with are a vital part of our success. We are grateful to you for all that we do together and for the benefit it brings to the region. We owe thanks to Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council and Arts Council England for their commitment to Sage Gateshead. And to the many corporate partners, individual donors and trusts and foundations which support our work. Sage Gateshead is a charity which is committed to ensuring as wide a range of people have access to music as listeners, learners, participants and artists. This requires investment to support a wide range of our initiatives from low price tickets to bursaries, and our work with young people in challenging circumstances and artist development programmes. We are enormously grateful to all who support this work which is at the core of our mission.

As we move forward, we are now surer than ever that music can contribute to the North East's success and distinction. Moreover, Sage Gateshead is in a stronger position than ever before to deliver, and I look forward to working with colleagues in reaching this goal.

Lord Falconer of Thoroton Date

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## STRATEGIC REPORT

## Objectives & Activities 2016/17

The charity's objects are:

- To promote and develop the enjoyment, practice and understanding of music, and the education of the public in the understanding and appreciation of the arts;
- ii) The provision and maintenance of Sage Gateshead as a base for production, presentation, participation, enjoyment and understanding of music, as a fully accessible centre in which the public may explore, understand and enjoy them;
- iii) To foster awareness, knowledge, understanding, appreciation and participation in folk and traditional arts;
- iv) To bring together, maintain and promote musical ensembles including professional orchestras, paying particular regard to the repertoire for the chamber orchestra, and the traditional music of the North of England, the UK and beyond:
- v) To provide and promote educational courses, programmes and activities in a broad range of music for the benefit of the people of, but not exclusively, the Northern region;
- vi) To achieve excellence in its work locally, regionally, nationally and internationally with all forms of music.

## Strategic Aims

As part of our three year business plan from 2015/16 – 2017/18, our strategic aims for the year were:

- To increase and develop our audiences (by which we mean everyone who engages with Sage Gateshead's activity), so that more people benefit from Sage Gateshead and more people develop a life-long relationship with Sage Gateshead.
- To develop our programme to support the above audience objectives and to maintain international quality music and practice across musical genres.
- To establish a business model which brings financial sustainability and puts the organisation in a more independent financial position by 2020.
- To support and develop our wide-range of people to be resilient and innovative so that they can deliver change (senior volunteers, musicians, administrators, technicians, front of house, building services).
- To embed new systems and keep our operations fit for purpose.
- To tell our story in a new way which focuses on impact.

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Our Mission: For audiences, for artists, for the north, for the long term.

**Our Vision:** Our Vision is to play an active part in contemporary culture, community and place through music. We achieve this with people of all ages and walks of life, as an international music organisation with deep northern roots.

## Our Values:

- Magical we are passionate about our audiences and customers, learners and participants, regularly creating experiences that exceed their expectations;
- Understanding we respect each other, listening attentively to our partners and stakeholders, our audiences and learners, and our staff and musicians;
- Strategic we are building a resilient, responsible and sustainable company;
- Inclusive we seek to involve the broadest possible range of people in our work, encouraging people to engage in our work whatever their background, and working to overcome any barriers that could distance people from us or our work;
- Creative we constantly seek to inspire and encourage creativity, innovation and musical discovery in all the artists and audiences, learners and participants with whom we work.

## At a glance

## North Music Trust runs:

- A Learning and Participation Programme
- A Performance Programme of events and festivals
- · A conferences and events programme
- A chamber orchestra
- A folk development agency
- · An iconic visitor attraction on the banks of the Tyne

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## PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

We measure our success against financial performance, numbers of people we reach, quality of engagement and social impact. We measure these through a series of metrics as quantitative KPIs reviewed monthly; audience, artist and partner feedback gathered through a range of different channels; and longer term impacts through dedicated research projects.

## People and audiences

- We had ticket sales of 264,026 (volume)
- 24,509 attendees were new bookers (38%)

## Programme

- 451 performance events
- 10,609 classes and workshops
- 112 conferences and events
- 23 premieres and commissions
- 6 broadcasts

#### **Finance**

£3 raised or earned for every £1 of core statutory funding

## Ten year review

On December 17<sup>th</sup> 2014 our iconic Sage Gateshead building had been open for exactly 10 years. We commissioned a review of our impact in our first ten years.

- · 6 million visitors
- 1.5million participants
- 1000 conferences
- Hosted over 4000 performances
- Brought £283 million in economic value to the region

## Review of activity

This is a summary of our activity by areas of our programme, followed by an assessment of our delivery against our strategic objectives. In broad terms we have delivered our objectives for the year.

## Learning & Participation Programme

## In numbers

Workshops and classes: 10,609

Attendances at workshops or classes: 186,396

Performances: 681Participants: 14,758

• 74% CYP, 15% Adults, 11% Silvers

• Leaders & teachers: 214

Involved participants aged 0 to 89

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**Highlights** 

- Within the 2016/17 financial year, all of our courses classes and workshops came back in
  to our Music Education Centre after four years in Gateshead Old Town Hall. This
  contributed to an increase in footfall and a greater sense of animation during the daytime.
  To keep momentum in this respect, we appointed a Public Programme Producer to lead
  and develop this area of our activity, with a particular focus on activity in our public spaces
  and digital engagement content. Our work in this regard will continue to be a key focus,
  allowing us to add value to customer interactions whilst supporting ancillary trading
  revenue.
- 2016/17 was very successful for our Young Musicians Programme (YMP). In October we
  held a YMP activity day which saw Buxtehude Youth Orchestra visit Young Sinfonia and
  our Centre for Advanced Training students for workshops and a side by side rehearsal. As
  part of our Christmas festival, around 200 young people from the YMP performed over 2
  days in 9 concerts to an audience of 850 young people.
- ABRSM results in December saw a 100% pass rate for our theory exams, and all students
  passed their practical exams with 21% receiving distinction; another great success for this
  area of the organisation.
- Our intake of degree students was very high for our BMus (Hons) Jazz, Popular & Contemporary Music degree, but lower for our BA (Hons) Community Music degree. However, together they made a good sized year-group and there is overlap in curriculum and teaching, so this worked effectively. Our degree students presented work to the public on the concourse at the end of their first week of study and again during our Christmas Festival, both to high praise. Future recruitment for these courses looks unlikely to meet targets to make for a viable student experience and post year-end the NMT board have agreed not to recruit further years. The commitment to the two years of students who will remain in the system from September 17 will be honoured and a provision has been made in these accounts for the net loss that will be incurred while these courses are phased out.
- Youth Participation focused on the following projects: open access training, Open Up
  Orchestra, The Billy Saga project and the production of music on Bandcamp. Music Spark
  had a new intake, and Ferndene, Great North Children's Hospital and Bridges School
  began hospital choir pilots for young people. We also partnered with the North East Autism
  Society to support young people in early phases of diagnosis, an area of work we look
  forward to building on.
- Over 800 young performers took part in the Regional Music for Youth Festival in March
  performing in Sage One over 3 concerts and on the concourse. Our youth ensembles
  Folkestra and Jambone performed with a number of other regional and national bands,
  groups and ensembles, whilst our Young Musicians Programme had their busiest day yet,
  with over 150 students working with 12 international visiting artists, resulting in around 45
  different performances. It was a huge success, culminating in around 60 string players from
  across the programme all playing a specially composed work together on the Concourse.

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The day was jointly organised by Durham Music Services, MFY and Sage Gateshead's Young Musicians Programme.

- Integrating Children Celebration Event took place in NRFH on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February.
- We provided a day of carousel activities for 30 young people with SEND and disabilities
  from Integrating Children, followed by an evening performance featuring Integrating
  Children participants as well as participants from other Sage Gateshead SEND groups
  including Community Music Spark and Sounds Good to Me. Young people performed to an
  audience of 110 people.
- The Arches Academy End of Year Celebration took place on 25<sup>th</sup> March, around 40 young people attended and 15 performed.

## Royal Northern Sinfonia

The wholly owned subsidiary was incorporated on 1 April 2016 and began trading in the year. The management of orchestra performances which are mainly carried out at Sage Gateshead is now included within this company.

## In numbers:

- · Performances in Sage Gateshead: 53
- Performances beyond: 58
- Premieres and commissions: 6
- Live audience across Sage Gateshead & external audiences: 42,940
- Broadcasts: 2
- Learning & Participation projects: 8

## **Highlights**

- The opening of our second season with Lars Vogt as Music Director and the start of a recording project putting Beethoven's Piano Concertos to disc with classical recording label, Ondine was a particular success.
- We launched Classics4Kids, a new strand aimed at introducing 7-12 year olds to repertoire
  presented from the stage, with chances to meet the orchestra ahead of the event. We had
  a first audience of 800 in October and delivered two more successful concerts throughout
  the season as part of this pilot year.
- In the run up to Christmas, Royal Northern Sinfonia embarked upon a 10 venue baroque tour of churches in the region which reached 2700 customers of whom 47% were new audiences. This is an area we plan to build on in the future and forms an essential part of our audience development plans.
- Three of this seasons RNS At Home concerts were broadcast live on Radio 3: Julian Rachlin's Beethoven, Lark Ascending and the Beethoven Double.

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- The orchestra concluded its first Gateshead tour in which members of Royal Northern Sinfonia performed two concerts at Emma Hall, Crawcrook. This was followed by a very well received meet and greet, where the audience and musicians mingled over coffee and cake.
- Visiting international classical artists included Yuri Temirkanov conducting St Petersburg Philharmonic, Karina Canellakis conducting Royal Northern Sinfonia and Katrien Baerts.
- Visiting conductors, alongside Lars Vogt and Julian Rachlin, were Alexandre Bloch and Reinhard Goebel.

## Performance Programme

## In numbers:

Performances: 355Live audiences: 147.291

Festivals: 3Broadcasts: 4

Premieres and commissions: 17

## Highlights

- A particular highpoint was Martin Green's (Lau) 'Flit', a multi-media performance on the theme of migration, co-commissioned with Edinburgh International Festival, Barbican Centre and Perth International Arts Festival.
- Acclaimed Americana act, Lake Street Dive, made their UK debut outside London at Sage Gateshead; a real coup for the region and an excellent artist development opportunity.
- US pianist and singer Regina Spektor played an emotional and rare show the night after the US election results, perfectly capturing the feeling of the moment.
- Sunderland singer songwriter Martin Longstaff aka The Lake Poets collaborated with 12 members of our Youth Ensembles and Centre for Advanced Training.
- The Shires, a young band we have supported since their first twenty minute performance on the concourse free stage at SummerTyne in 2013, returned to play a sold out show in Sage One in December. Their commercial and artistic success continues to grow.
- Visiting international classical artists Christian & Tanya Tetzlaff playing Beethoven triple concerto with Lars Vogt and Vasily Petrenko with Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra.
- We premiered 10 new pieces. In addition to Martin Green's 'Flit' and new arrangements by The Lake Poets, we welcomed Henn Ogledd and Fovea Hex with a new work for TUSK. The Young Artists Platform at North East Guitar Festival featured new works by Andre

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Caballero Gonzales, Giacomo Susani, Renate Arlotti, and Kevin Loh. David Almond's 'Song of the Tyne' featured at the Magnetic North East launch event, and we also heard several new brass compositions at the Brass In Concert Championship weekend.

- In the culmination of her four month artist and professional development residency, Sarah Fisher performed 'Twitch', showcasing new material whilst telling her story of living and working as a musician with a disability.
- A performance by Rizwan Muazzam Qawalli in partnership with Gem Arts and the Asian Music Circuit.
- A rework of peter Bellamy's folk opera the Transports with a new cast of contemporary folk singers.
- We welcomed several big name Sage One concerts including Leanne Rimes and Bonobo.

## Festivals

## SummerTyne

Now firmly established in the summer calendar, SummerTyne Americana Festival is a three day celebration of American roots music that brings together some of the finest and most exciting performers from both sides of the Atlantic. 2016 highlights included Nashville's Striking Matches and Ward Thomas, regarded as rising stars of the country music scene.

## **TUSK Festival**

A weekend of live international experimental music which was also streamed online. TUSK festival was held in Sage Gateshead for the first time.

## **New Year New Artists**

The second New Year New Artists festival saw us build on its classical roots, resulting in a cross-genre weekend of new artists in Sage Two and NRFH. This shift saw a sales increase of 31% over the 2016 festival, welcoming an audience of 1349. The festival profiled 31 emerging artists in jazz, folk, classical, rap and electronica, had a media partnership with NARC, established a more confident brand and a considerable amount of new work in the programmes.

## Pass it On

In a weekend of folk activity celebrating local heritage through singing, music and dance, we saw storytelling passed down from one generation to the next. Featuring performances from a collection of top regional and national folk performers, the weekend included a return to the stage for legendary folk artist Shirley Collins, after 40 years of absence on the back of her widely acclaimed Lodestar album.

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## **BBC Radio 3 Free Thinking**

A partnership festival of ideas, this year on the theme of *The speed of Life*. The total audience for the festival was over 5000 and it generated over 60 hours of broadcast content which will be used through the remainder of the year on BBC Radio 3. This included a live broadcast of RNS Beethoven Double conducted by Lars Vogt. In the week in the lead up to the festival Radio 3 and Sage Gateshead collaborated over a project with local schools in which students made their own radio programme, a selection of which was edited into a programme for broadcast.

#### Conference & Events

## In numbers:

- 112 conferences and events
- · 26 weddings and private parties
- 20,710 attendees
- Attending delegates bringing £6.7million of economic impact to the region

The Conference and Events team delivered a varied programme of commercial activity in 2016/17, working with clients from the across the UK and around the world. We welcomed over 20,000 delegates and participants to the building and played host to some fantastic events. A particularly strong area for the Conference and Events continued in the medical association market. In April we welcomed the Society of British Neurologists, whilst in December we played host to The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. The commercial market remained strong, also, with Signature Estates hosting their Signature Ball with us in December, and Heineken taking over the whole building for their national sales conference in January.

## Performance against strategic aims

## Our strategic aims for 2016/17 were to:

 To increase and develop our audiences (by which we mean everyone who engages with Sage Gateshead's activity), so that more people benefit from Sage Gateshead and more people develop a life-long relationship with Sage Gateshead.

Footfall, audience numbers (proportionate the number of performances), first time attendees and participation sessions increased in the year. We still have major plans to develop our audience and deepen our relationship with them, and we will focus on this throughout the remaining year of our business plan with a new audience development strategy.

• To develop our programme to support the above audience objectives and to maintain international quality music and practice across musical genres.

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We delivered a high quality and diverse programme, which received good levels of critical, audience and peer appraisal. We maintained a strong element of international exchange and international quality, and enhanced our approach to artist development, as evidenced by an increase in premieres and commissions. The roll out of our critical framework for reviewing our artistic activity continued with good outcomes, allowing us to further build our approach in this respect.

 To establish a business model which brings financial sustainability and puts the organisation in a more independent financial position by 2020.

The Service Review that was undertaken in the previous financial year began to feed though, resulting in higher levels of efficiency and reduced overhead costs. Within this, we worked to embed a culture of ownership and personal responsibility, with a specific focus on value for money. This latter point, in addition to a range of other measures, has supported a strong financial position.

To support and develop our wide-range of people to be resilient and innovative so that they
can deliver change (senior volunteers, musicians, administrators, technicians, front of
house, building services)

We implemented the changes recommended by our Service and Governance reviews, which looked at how we operate as an organisation and the development needs of our people. This has already supported a step change in culture and working practices which will be further supported throughout 18/19 with the roll out of a cultural development programme.

To embed new systems and keep our operations fit for purpose

Following a root and branch review of our systems and operations through our Service Review in 2016/17, work continues to develop new and existing systems and processes to support efficiency and the needs of the organisation. Work will continue on a number of key systems including Tessitura, Artifax and e-procure wizard as part of planned approach for the life of the business plan.

· To tell our story in a new way which focuses on impact

Our approach to stakeholder relations improved greatly throughout 2016/17, with an increased focus on communicating the outcomes of our work. Following the appointment of a new Marketing and Communications Director late in the financial year, we have plans to communicate internally and outwardly in a new way in 2017/18.

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## **Audiences & Participants**

Our audiences are a very wide range of people, engaging with Sage Gateshead in a wide range of ways.

## **Participants**

- 95% from North East postcodes
- The ages of our participants range from 0 to 89 year olds
- 15% adults
- 74% young people
- 11% silvers

## Audiences for performances

- 40% first time attendees
- 14% from Gateshead postcodes
- 73% from other North East postcodes
- 13% from national and international postcodes

## Conference and events audiences

- 20,710 attendees
- 33% came from outside of the region

## **Partners**

- The Sage Group Plc
- Newcastle Airport
- · Greggs Plc
- Heineken UK
- Kilfrost
- Rathbone Investment Management
- · Green Energy Consulting
- Akzo Nobel
- Northumbrian Water
- Muckle LLP
- Nexus
- Isis Property Services
- · Reece Group Limited
- Axis Group
- Cintra
- RSM UK
- Solution Group
- O'Brien Waste Recycling Solutions
- Sanderson Weatherall
- · Switch Gas and Electric
- Northern Elevator
- ZeroLight

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#### Artists and leaders

In the year we worked with the following artists and leaders:

10cc, 4orte, 9Bach, Adam Ant, Adrian Partington, Alan Cumming, Alan Fearon, Albert Hammond, Alex Hawkins and John Surman, Alexander O'Neal, Alexandre Bloch, Alexis Taylor, ALIVE! -Masala Fest, Altan, Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham, Amber Arcades, Amelia White, Amythyst Kiah, Anastacia, Anderson East, Ange Hardy, Anna Meredith, Anton & Erin, Arun Ghosh Band, Ashley Hutchings - Psychedelia to Sonnets, Asya Fateveva, Bella Hardy, Ben Folds, Benjamin Appl. Benjamin Hulett, Beth Orton, Beverley Knight, Big Girls Don't Crv. Bill Laurance Quartet, Billy Saga, Birdy, Black Dyke Band, Blair Dunlop, Blazin Fiddles, Bonnie Raitt, Bonobo, Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band, Bossy Love, Brass in Concert, Brendan Cole, Brennan Leigh, Brian Wilson, Brit Floyd, Cafe Society Swing, Callaghan, Callum Thorpe, Caro Emerald, Celtic Fiddle Festival, Chalte-Chalte, Charles Bradley, Chris Barber, Chris Sharkey, Chris Wood, Christian Tetzlaff, Christopher George, Christopher Lowrey, Claire Martin OBE, Classic Rock, Claudio Cruz, Colin Holt Band, Concourse: tbc, Smalltown Jones, tbc, SummerTyne Choir, Danielle Howle, east pointers, Miss Mary, Courtney Pine+Zoe Rahman, Danae Dorken, Dancin in the Streets, Daniel O'Donnell, David Gray, Dean Owens, Dean Owens & Chester & Fog, Deborah York, Deepa Nair Rasiya, Elio Pace-Billy Joel Songbook, Ditte Elly, Eliza Carthy, Elliot Galvin, Eric Bibb, Evan Parker, Explosions in the Sky, Fairport Convention, Father John Misty, Fay Hield, Field Music, Fotheringay, Frances, Furrow Collective, Future Traditions, Gabriel Schwabe, Gary Griffiths, Gem, George Benson, George Egg, Giant Sand & Jason Lytle, Gill Landry, Gill Landry & Miss Mary & The Mr Rights, Gillian Keith, Glenn Miller Orchestra, Glenn Tilbrook, Gordie MacKeeman & His Rhythm Boys, Greg Foot, Gregory Porter, Gretchen Peters, Gretchen Peters, Handsome Family, Hannah James, Harriet, Hawkwind, Heaven 17, Hillbenders, Howe Gelb and Gemma Ray, Hugh Brunt, Hymn for Her, Ian Shaw, Ibrahim Maloouf, I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue, Imelda May, Jake Houlsby, James Burton, James Lancelot, James Vincent McMorrow, Janusz Piotrowicz, Jasdeep, Jennifer Johnston, Jess & Bandits, Jex Lowe's Snowed In, Joanne Shaw Taylor, Jodi Picoult Tour, John & Katie Howson, John Cooper Clarke, John Law's New Congregation, John Wilson, Jon Ronson, Judie Tzuke, Julia Fordham, Julia Holter, Julian Rachlin, Just a Vibration-Shri, Justin Haywood, Karen Matheson, Karina Canellakis, Kate Rusby at Christmas, KCT, Kelly Willis & Bruce Robison, Kenny G, Kentucky Headhunters, Kerem Hasan, King Creosote, King King, Kris Bowers, Lake Poets, Lars Vogt, Laura Mvula, Leann Rimes, Lera Lynn, Level 42, Liane Carroll, Lilliput, Lindisfarne, Lord Of The Dance, Loreena McKennet, Loudon Wainwright, Low, Lucky Peterson, Luke Daniels, Luther Dickinson, Madeleine Peyroux, Magic of Motown, Making Tracks Gig 2 - Double Bill: Derek Gripper and Paulo Angeli, Making Tracks Series 7 - Sklanberg and The Shepherds, Malcolm Middleton, Malin Christensson, Mark Lanegan, Martha Wainwright, Marti Pellow, Martin Green, Martin Harley & Daniel Kimbro, Martin Stephenson, Martin Yates, Martyn Brabbins, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Matt Roberts, Mbongwana Star, Megson, Michael England, Michel Reis, Mike + Ruthy Band, Mike And The Mechanics, Mnozil Brass, Monster Ceilidh Band, Monstersaurus, Mudibu, Nancy Kerr and the Sweet Visitor Band, Neal Davies, Nearly Dan, NEGF - Chris Woods Groove Orcheastra, NEGF -Manuel Valencia, NEGF - Maria Camahort and Laura Ruhl-Vidal, NEGF - Marissa Anderson, NEGF - YAP - Andrea Cabellero Gonzales & Giacomo Susani, NEGF - YAP - Renata Arlotti & Kevin Loh, Nerina Pallot, Nicholas Chalmers, Nicholas Mulroy, Noah Stewart, Northumbrian Minstrelsy Concert, Olli Mustonen, Paco Pena, Paul Carrack, Paul James Band, Peter Hook, Peter Seymour, Phil Meadows and Engines Orchestra, Pink Martini, RAF in Concert, Rakesh Chauasi, Ramin Karimloo, Rangda, Ray Mears, Rebecca Evans, Rebecca Miller, Red Hot Chili Pipers, Reinhard Goebel, Rev Peyton's Big Damn Band, Rizwan Muazzam Qawalli, RJ Thompson, Robb Johnson, Robert Glasper, Robert Levin, Roberto Fonseca Trio, Robin Trower, Ron Block, Roy

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Ayers, Ruby Hughes, Rumours of Fleetwood Mac, Ryan McGarvey Band, Sangam, Sarah Fisher – Twitch, Sarah Jarosz, Seth Lakeman, Shirley Collins, Shona Mooney, Shonen Knife, Shuhbendra Rao and Saskia Rao, Sierra Hull, Simon Callow, Simon Fidler, Simon Spillett, Sixties Gold, Smoove and Turrell, Solid Silver 60's, Sons of Pitches, Sophie Ellis Bexter, Stars of the Lid, Stephen Bell, Stornoway, Striking Matches, Sturgill Simpson, Talisk, Tanja Tetzlaff, Tashi Lhunpo Monks and Ngawang Lodup, Tcha Limberger, Teddy Thompson, Terence Blanchard e-collective, The Divine Comedy, The Four Tops and Temptations, The Hollies, The Lock In Xmas Carol, The Manfreds, The Monks of Majuli - Sattriya Dance, The Overtones, The Pitmen Poets, The Real Thing, The Shires, The Three Degrees, The Transports, The Tubes, The Undertones, The Wedding Present, The Wilson Family - Passing It On, Thomas Stronen, Tim Garland Quartet, Timothy Henty, Tindersticks, Tom Paxton, Tom Russell, Tommy Emmanuel, Tommy Fleming, Tony Joe White, Transatlantic sessions, Treacherous Orchestra, UOGB, Vintage Trouble, Walter Trout, Ward Thomas, Whitney Queen of the Night, Wildflowers, Windborne, World Service Project, Worry Dolls, Ya Fei Chuang, Yola Carter.

## **Fundraising**

Our income spreads across a broad range of sources, testimony to the range of partnerships which we have and the breadth of our programme.

For our ongoing programme, excluding the fundraising for the endowment, 7.7% of our income was raised from companies, trusts and individuals (2015-16: 8.4%), with 26.8% from public funding (2015-16: 27.7%) [45.5% from earned income (2015-16: 47.5%) and 20.0% from traded income (2015-16: 16.4%].

We recognise the strain on public funding and the subsequent effect on support from Trusts and Foundations. As such, we have been actively looking at ways to generate a greater awareness of our charitable status whilst diversifying the range of different philanthropic supporters we have. We will continue to build on this during 2017/18 with the input of our new Directors of Fundraising and Marketing and Communications. Alongside this, we are building streams of earned income, but consider philanthropy to be an important part of our model.

Our two statutory funders, Arts Council England and Gateshead Council maintained their grants to us despite strains on their own budgets.

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## Public benefit

North Music Trust is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity which operates under the name North Music Trust. It was founded in 2004 to expand musical horizons of audience, artists, students and staff through musical discovery; seeking to make connections between performance, education and participation. It has a particular objective of serving the North East in which it is based. This objective is set out in its memorandum and articles of association and forms the basis upon which the charity's vision, mission and aims are formulated (as noted on pages 6 and 7).

The directors have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission and are satisfied that the charity's activities are faithful to the charity's objectives and are to public benefit.

The charity's performance programme and Learning and Participation programme are planned to serve a broad cross-section of the North East communities. The programme embraces a wide range of artists and the locations of events and projects are varied to serve different age groups and sections of the community.

The performance programme brings world class artists into the region and nurtures local talent. The Learning and Participation programme offers a range of opportunities in music: from a first encounter to long-term and high level training.

Particular attention is paid to ticket pricing and to schemes which enable first time attenders to come to events or participate in projects for free. Pricing of all activities takes into account affordability and we aim to offer a range of different prices for ticketed events that is particularly a factor within Learning & Participation in which bursaries are offered for some projects. Additional ticket offers for performances are extended through our Learning & Participation programme to participants.

The charity has a strong commitment to physical access with almost all venues being accessible. Many of its events are recorded and broadcast on Classic FM and BBC Radio 3 bringing them to an audience beyond the Sage Gateshead building.

## **Environmental Impact**

Sage Gateshead is committed to being a leader in environmental sustainability and in 16/17 we have made progress in this area outlined below. In order to strengthen our commitment we are investing as a priority in capital expenditure and capital development planning.

## Gateshead Council District Energy Scheme

Sage Gateshead has now been online with the Gateshead District Energy Scheme since October (electricity supply from the energy centre) with hot water expected online in June. The organisation has already seen a small saving in the energy cost over the last six months and will look to make a greater saving as the domestic hot water system comes online later in the year.

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## Sage Gateshead Green Team

Sage Gateshead is focusing on smaller scale projects, in particular catering now operates as an 'in-house' function which allows positive action on local suppliers and produce. We are introducing a more seasonal based menu reducing the need for excessive produce delivery miles. Food waste and recycling remain a key focus for the organisation and will be expanded further with our waste management contractor and partner O'Brien Waste.

Sage Gateshead is working alongside Newcastle Gateshead Cultural Venue partners on developing a 'Green Week' which will consist of five themed days between venues focusing on sustainability and our green agenda. The themed days will allow venues to demonstrate the techniques and methods they use individually to engage with staff, public and clients – this presents an excellent platform on which to share best practice. This venture will strengthen the impact NGCV can make as a collective in the Arts sector and will hopefully lead to a model from which others can develop.

We only invest in equipment which is of a standard that meets our strict energy usage guidelines. We are undergoing a review of lighting across the venue to see where potential investment can be made in LED lighting as opposed to traditional fluorescent. We will be removing the old fluorescent light fittings in the car park stairwell and replacing those with more energy efficient and maintenance free LED alternative during July

## **Consumption Mapping**

Sage Gateshead continues to move forward in the events industry by identifying ways of reducing waste with either promoters/clients and their activity within the building. We have successfully reduced our waste to landfill and increased our recycled waste through excellent waste management skills and creating solutions which work for the clients.

## Plans for future periods

We continued to work on our capital development plans to reconfigure the Sage One seating and develop the way we are able to communicate with our audiences both existing and potential. These plans are key to the long-term resilience of Sage Gateshead, initial applications for the match funding of £800k have been warmly received.

Our priority for 2017/18 is to run the third year of our business plan with the following strategic priorities:

- To increase and develop our audiences (by which we mean everyone who engages with Sage Gateshead's activity), so that more people benefit from Sage Gateshead and more people develop a life-long relationship with Sage Gateshead.
- To develop our programme to support the above audience objectives and to maintain international quality music and practice across musical genres.
- To establish a business model which brings financial sustainability and puts the organisation in a more independent financial position by 2020.

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- To support and develop our wide-range of people to be resilient and innovative so that they
  can deliver change (senior volunteers, musicians, administrators, technicians, front of
  house, building services)
- To embed new systems and keep our operations fit for purpose
- · To tell our story in a new way which focuses on impact

The key strategic risks for this period are:

- As the final year of our 'change' business plan 15/16 17/18 we don't complete the programme of change properly.
- We lack the capacity to deliver the 17/18 budget and business plan.
- The changing national political and economic environment (Brexit, devolution, continued reductions in public funding) leads to decreasing levels of funding, reduced import/export capacity and/or slow down in sales.
- The changing leadership and continued reduction in funding to GMBC leads to culture being downgraded as a strategic priority for the borough and lack of engagement with Sage Gateshead over major projects such as Quays development.
- We are unable to deliver the changes to our artistic programme which we have planned.
- We don't secure the necessary funds for either ongoing repair or one-off capital projects needed for a building to support plans for audience development and business resilience.
- In building financial resilience, we reduce levels of inclusion and narrow the profile of our audiences.

The board and executive have put in place mitigation plans around each of these risks and will continue to monitor through the coming year.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Sage Gateshead is the trading name of North Music Trust. The trust has a wholly owned subsidiary company, Music North Limited, from which the trust benefits from an annual distribution of profits.

The results for the year are shown on pages 29-64.

The financial year 2016/17 resulted in an overall movement in funds of £1.3m (2015/16: £2.3m) on income of £14.5m (2015/16: £16.8m).

## **North Music Trust**

## Income

During the financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 the group generated income of £14.5m (2015/16: £16.8m) which comes from a range of different sources:

- · Earned income through ticket sales
- · Fundraised income, including endowment income
- · Contracts and commissions
- Public grants

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This spread of income is an important part of the trust's ongoing sustainability and public benefit. For every £1 of public subsidy a further £3 was traded, earned or fundraised.

Included within the total income generated in the prior year is an amount of £3,014,266 (£1,006,925 of which was matched funding from Arts Council England), which the trust raised towards a new £6m endowment.

## Expenditure

Total resources expended in the year amounted to £14.0m (2015/16: £14.4m), of which £4.6m (2015/16: £5.1m) was incurred on operating overheads and £9.4m (2015/16: £9.3m) was spent on the trust's programming, trading and fundraising activities across:

- · Learning and Participation
- · Artistic programmes
- Conferencing and Events
- · Other earned income

#### Out-turn

During the year a surplus of £1.3m (2015/16: £2.3m) was generated, including a positive movement of £506k (2015/16: negative movement of £491k) on unrestricted reserves.

## **Music North Limited**

During the financial year to 31st March 2017 the trading subsidiary earned income of £2.4m (2015/16: £2.0m excluding sponsorship income of £1.1m) which comes from a range of different sources:

- · Conferences and events
- Retail sales
- Room hires
- Catering commission
- Car parking

A profit before taxation of £957k (2015/16: £1.0m) was made in the year.

## Royal Northern Sinfonia Limited

During the financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 the trading subsidiary earned income of £3,502k from performances of the Orchestra.

A profit before taxation of £78k was made in the year.

## **Fixed Assets**

The group invested £214k (2015/16: £265k) in fixed assets and improvements to the building during the year.

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#### Funds

#### Unrestricted

Consolidated unrestricted reserves increased during the year up to a surplus of £17k (2015/16: deficit of £488k).

## Restricted

Consolidated restricted reserves reduced during the year to £662k (2015/16: £676k). The restricted reserves have arisen in relation to a variety of activities, mostly in regards to the organisations learning and participation activities and investment in the infrastructure of the building and its core systems.

## Endowment

The charity has two sources of endowment income:

A fund of £13.0m (2015/16: £11.5m) which is held off balance sheet on behalf of North Music Trust by the Community Foundation. An annual grant is drawn down from the Community Foundation proportional to the trust's interest in the fund and this income is included within the trust's voluntary income for the year.

North Music Trust also now has its own endowment fund held on its balance sheet at a value of £6.8m (2015/16: £6.0m). The fund is created from £4m in donations to Sage Gateshead and £2m in matched funding from Arts Council England via its Catalyst fund. An annual contribution from the investment income will be applied to each year's results in perpetuity.

## Investment management

North Music Trust's own endowment fund is managed by Rathbone Investment Management Limited. The investment objective is to find a balance between income and capital growth and the approach to risk is a medium risk profile that aims over time to achieve returns above the rate of inflation.

## Going concern

The charity is a going concern and reviews risk through a strategic risk register and operational risk register. It does not currently have any risks which are outside the terms of these registers, although the charity recognises that it is operating in an extremely challenging and fast changing external environment. Whilst the charity has net current liabilities of £0.6m as at the year end (2015-16: £1.89m) within this is an amount of deferred income of £2.5m (2015-16: £2.0m) which would only be repayable if events or activities were cancelled. In addition to this the charity has endowment reserves of £6.8m which can be accessible if required. On this basis, the Trustees believe that adequate reserves are held to ensure funds are available and that the charity is well placed to manage its risks successfully and thus have adopted the going concern basis of accounting.

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## Risk management

Directors monitor progress against the strategic objectives set out in the agreed business plan and a comprehensive review of the plan is carried out annually. As part of this process, the directors have developed a risk management strategy that comprises:

- An annual review of the risks the charity may face;
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks; and
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should any of those risks materialise.

The principal risks and uncertainties facing Sage Gateshead are outlined in the Plans for Future Periods section.

## Reserves policy

The Directors have agreed that the level of free reserves (that is funds not tied up in fixed assets or designated and restricted funds) required to sustain the Trust's operations will be in the region of £1,000,000, which represents staff salaries and other operating expenses for 3 months. After taking into account the group's unrestricted funds not tied up in fixed assets, free reserves as at 31 March 2017 are negative £1,485k.

Therefore, whilst free reserves and unrestricted reserves are not currently at the level agreed by trustees, consolidated unrestricted reserves increased during the year by £506k up to a surplus of £17k and the trustees have plans in hand to address this situation and increase the level of unrestricted reserves so that they are in line with our reserves policy by the end of the financial year ending 31st March 2021.

## Structure, governance and management

## Governance

North Music Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. The charity is governed by its memorandum and articles of association last amended on 21/01/2009.

The trustee's agree to contribute £1 in the event of the charity winding up.

During the year the trustees have continued a formal governance review with a brief delegated to a board working group. This group has established: a new board and committees structure, cycles of business, terms of reference, skills audit, trustee handbook, trustee induction process and board review procedure. The board now operates within a wider annual planning cycle for the organisation.

In September to December 2016 6 board members stepped down and we appointed 9 new board members, following a period of recruitment and selection undertaken by a board working group in the summer.

## Organisation

Three subcommittees of the Board, represented by Board members, have been established to facilitate more regular and detailed involvement of non-executives and independent

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representatives in three core areas of operation (Finance, People, Programme & Development) than would be feasible at meetings of the full Board. Two supporting committees advise the board (Audit & Risk and Remunerations & Nominations) meeting three times a year.

Since NMT was formally constituted in 2000 the Board and its subcommittees have been actively involved in the formulation, approval and implementation of aims, policies, strategies and procedures across the whole range of activities in which NMT is engaged. The Board is involved in any significant decision that falls outside that approved framework.

The Board selects and appoints the Managing Director as its Chief Executive and other key members of the Senior Management Team to carry out the business of the Trust within aims, policies, strategies and procedures approved by the Board. The performance of the General Managing Director is reviewed against agreed targets once a year by the Chair, in line with an organisation-wide performance review framework.

The Chair of the Board, Chairs of Committees and individual Board members are frequently consulted by members of the Senior Management Team on policy development or on specific problems or opportunities. The Chair of the Board, the Vice Chair, Board and sub-committee members and other members between them receive copies of agendas, papers and minutes of the regular meetings of the Senior Management Teams and Executive Directors and also meets the senior management periodically to discuss progress, plans and any significant items of current concern.

The Directors are confident that the governance and management structures that have been established are appropriate to the needs of a diverse, large, and growing organisation.

## Related parties

The Trust has a close relationship with The Arts Council England, North East and Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council, both of which provide funding to enable the charity to carry out its charitable objectives.

## Pay policy for senior staff

Pay levels for all staff including senior staff are set in a banding system and are benchmarked against peer organisations as part of the Newcastle Gateshead Cultural Venues group.

## **Disabled Persons**

Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully considered, bearing in mind the aptitudes of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled, every effort is made to ensure that their employment within the company continues and that the appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the company that the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons should, as far as possible, be identical to that of other employees.

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## Investment powers

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the charity has the power to make any investment that the Directors see fit.

## **Auditors**

In accordance with Companies Act 2006 a resolution proposing the appointment of RSM UK Audit LLP as auditor will be put to the members.

By order of the directors:

M Fay CBE Director

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

The Trustees (who are also the directors of North Music Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware;
   and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdications.

By order of the Board

M Fay CBE Director

Date:

Company Number 04044936

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NORTH MUSIC TRUST

## YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

## Opinion on financial statements

We have audited the financial statements of North Music Trust (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2017 which comprise the Group Statement of Financial Activities, the Group and Company Balance Sheets, the Group Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2017 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

## Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <a href="http://www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate">http://www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate</a>

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

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' Report and the incorporated Strategic Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit, the Trustees' Report and the incorporated Strategic Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Trustees' Report and the incorporated Strategic Report.

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

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

## Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' responsibilities set out on page 26 the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) 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 and express an opinion on 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.

Company Number 04044936

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NORTH MUSIC TRUST

## YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

This report is made solely to the charitable 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 charitable 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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

7. Robson

LUCY ROBSON, (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of RSM UK AUDIT LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
1 St James' Gate
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 4AD

Date 14/12/17

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Incorporating Income and Expenditure account)

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2017 £	Total Funds 2016
INCOME FROM:						
Donations and Legacies Charitable activities Investments Trading activities Other	3 4 5 6	4,540,054 5,805,680 5,794 2,361,663 523,420	351,748 677,759 - -	215,398	4,891,802 6,483,439 221,192 2,361,663 523,420	7,990,562 6,562,027 111,337 2,038,906 119,500
TOTAL INCOME		13,236,611	1,029,507	215,398	14,481,516	16,822,332
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds Charitable activities	7 8	3,311,615 9,634,663	14,070 1,029,737	37,641	3,363,326 10,664,400	3,159,825 11,235,989
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		12,946,278	1,043,807	37,641	14,027,726	14,395,814
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		290,333	(14,300)	177,757	453,790	2,426,518
Transfers Gains and losses on investment assets	22 13	215,398	-	(215,398) 799,100	799,100	(128,783)
Net movement in funds		505,731	(14,300)	761,459	1,252,890	2,297,735
Total funds brought forward		(488,702)	676,090	5,731,324	5,918,712	3,620,977
Total funds carried forward	22	17,029	661,790	6,492,783	7,171,602	5,918,712

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Registered number: 04044936

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

## **AS AT 31 MARCH 2017**

	Note	20		20	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	11		2,527		9,902
Tangible assets	12		1,882,481		2,010,449
Fixed asset investments	13	1	6,772,060		6,010,601
			8,657,068		8,030,952
Current assets					
Stock	14	101,604		54,093	
Debtors	15	1,576,580		1,126,802	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,361,303		950,594	
0 111		4,039,487		2,131,489	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(4,598,220)		(4,020,334)	
Net current liabilities			(558,733)		(1,888,845)
Total assets less current liabilities			8,098,335		6,142,107
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17		(655,952)		(223,395)
Provisions for liabilities	18		(270,781)		-
Net assets			7,171,602		5,918,712
The funds of the charity					
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds	22		17,029		(488,702
Restricted funds	22		661,790		676,090
Capital funds			,. ••		_, _,_
Endowment funds	23		6,492,783		5,731,324
Total charity funds			7,171,602		5,918,712

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 7.12 1.7 and signed on behalf of the Board of Directors by:

M Fay CBE Director

Registered number: 04044936

## **COMPANY BALANCE SHEET**

## **AS AT 31 MARCH 2017**

	Note	201		201	
Fixed assets		£	£	£	£
Intangible assets	11		2,527		9,902
Tangible assets	12		1,713,752		1,799,488
Fixed asset investments	13	_	6,772,062	_	6,010,602
			8,488,341		7,819,992
Current assets					
Debtors	15	1,322,760		1,001,465	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,103,155	-	898,153	
Creditors: amounts falling due		3,425,915		1,899,618	
within one year	16	(4,054,742)	-	(3,749,410)	
Net current liabilities		_	(628,827)	_	(1,849,792)
Total assets less current liabilities			7,859,514		5,970,200
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17		(605,424)		(162,226)
Provisions for liabilities	18	_	(270,781)	_	-
Total net assets		_	6,983,309	-	5,807,974
The funds of the charity					
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			(171,264)		(599,440
Restricted funds			661,790		676,090
Capital funds Endowment Fund			6,492,783		5,731,324
Endominate Falls		-	0,102,100	-	5,701,024
Total charity funds			6,983,309		5,807,974
		_		-	

As permitted by S408 of the Companies Act 2006, the company has not presented its own profit and loss account and related notes as it prepared group accounts. The company's net movement in funds was £1,175,328 (2016 - £2,297,735).

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 7/12/17 and signed on behalf of the Board of Directors by:

M Fay CBE Director

The notes on pages 33 to 64 form part of these accounts

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Cash flows from operating activities	25	1,485,569	2,824,803
Cash flows from investing activities Purchase of property, plant and equipment Purchase of Intangible assets Purchase of investments Proceeds from the sale of investments Interest received Dividends received		(213,678) - - - 5,794 215,398	(264,568) (129) (3,215,981) 108,374 3,528 107,809
Net cash from/ (used in) investing activities		7,514	(3,260,967)
Cash flow from financing activities Proceeds from finance leases Payment of obligations under finance leases Net cash generated (used in) financing activities		(82,374)	59,538 (70,007) (10,469)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		1,410,709 950,594 2,361,303	(446,633) 1,397,227 950,594
Relating to: Cash at bank and in hand		2,361,303	950,594
Total cash and cash equivalents		2,361,303	950,594

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

## 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## **Company Information**

North Music Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The Sage Gateshead, St Mary's Square, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE8 2JR.

## **Accounting Convention**

North Music Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the requirements of the 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the group. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

## **Basis of Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Trust and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Music North Limited and Royal Northern Sinfonia Limited, on a line by line basis.

## **Going Concern**

FRS102 requires that, if appropriate, the charity's financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, which means that the organisation is able to operate for the foreseeable future on the basis of known and projected resources. The charity is a going concern and reviews risk through a strategic risk register and operational risk register. It does not currently have any risks which are outside the terms of these registers, although the charity recognises that it is operating in an extremely challenging and fast changing external environment. Whilst the charity has net current liabilities as at the year end, within this is an amount of deferred income which would only be repayable if events or activities were cancelled. In addition to this the charity has endowment reserves and further endowment funds of £13m held off balance sheet. On this basis, the Trustees believe that adequate reserves are held to ensure funds are available and that the charity is well placed to manage its risks successfully and thus have adopted the going concern basis of accounting.

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## 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

## **Fund accounting**

#### Restricted funds

The Trust has a number of restricted income and capital funds to account for situations where a donor requires that a donation must be spent on a particular purpose or where funds have been raised for a specific purpose. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the accounts.

## Unrestricted funds

All other funds are unrestricted income funds, receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose.

## Endowment Fund

The permanent endowment fund is treated by the directors as a long term fund.

## Income

Incoming resources are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds; any conditions attached to the income have been met; it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

## Income from donations and legacies

Income from donations and legacies includes sponsorships and donations and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature. Income is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Such income is only deferred when the donor specifies that the grant or donation relates to future accounting periods.

## Income from trading activities

Income generated from commercial trading is recognised as earned as the related goods and services are provided.

## Income from charitable activities

Performance income includes box office sales, engagement income, hall hire and other performance related income.

It is recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided). Grant income included in this category provides funding to support performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Tickets are sold through the box office for three different event categories in terms of income recognition; Self-Promotions, Co-Promotions and Hall Hires. Where the event is a Self-Promotion, ticket sales are recognised gross in full within revenue. Where the event is a Co-Promotion, a portion of the ticket income is recognised as revenue. For Hall Hires, the fee receivable for the renting of the hall is recognised within revenue; any income from ticket sales belongs to the promoter and thus does not form part of the revenue figure.

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## 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Education income includes education fees from music lessons and school visits and other education related income. It is recognised as earned (as the related services are provided). Grant income included in this category provides funding to support education activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Charitable activity income is deferred when box office sales or bookings are received or invoiced in advance of the performances or event to which they relate or when the donor specifies that the grant or donation relates to future accounting periods.

## Income from investments

Interest receivable is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity. This is normally upon notification of the interest by the bank.

## Orchestra tax relief

Orchestra tax relief income is recognised based on a prudent estimate of the amount of qualifying expenditure and applying the repayment rates set out in current HMRC legislation.

## Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt, or capitalised as a fixed asset if the goods are to be retained for future benefits.

North Music Trust leases the premises from which it operates from Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council at a peppercorn rent. It is not considered possible to determine the market value of the donated facility and therefore neither income nor corresponding rental charge have been recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

## Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on raising funds are those costs incurred in attracting donations, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

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## **ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

Expenditure on charitable activities includes costs associated with the staging of concerts, musical performances and educational programmes and includes both the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.

Governance costs are those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs cover central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories and costs of generating funds in proportion to the attributable income. Irrecoverable VAT is identified and charged as a separate category of expenditure.

## Intangible assets

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation. Intangible assets are amortised at their expected useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Software and website development

3 years straight line

On disposal, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the intangible asset is recognised as income and expenditure.

## Tangible fixed assets

Individual tangible fixed assets costing £5,000 or more are capitalised. Fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, net of anticipated disposal proceeds, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Furniture, fixtures and fittings Music Instruments Computer equipment Technical equipment Leasehold property improvements Forestage lift

Kitchen and catering equipment

Car park equipment

10 years straight line 10 years straight line 3 years straight line 5 years straight line 10 years straight line 50 years straight line

3-10 years straight line

3 - 5 years straight line 5 years straight line

Depreciation is not charged on stringed instruments as under normal circumstances the residual values are considered to be greater than cost. However, the carrying values of stringed instruments are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Subsequent costs, including replacement parts, are capitalised only when it is probable that such costs will generate future economic benefits. Any replaced parts or remaining carrying amounts are then derecognised. All other costs of repairs and maintenance are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Stocks

Stocks are valued on a first in first out basis and stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stock to their present location and condition. Stock held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured at cost, adjusted where applicable for any loss of service potential.

#### **Fixed Asset Investments**

The group's endowment fund investments are classified as financial instruments and accounted for in accordance with the accounting policy at fair value through the Statement of Financial Activities.

In the separate accounts of the charity, interests in subsidiaries are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Interests in subsidiaries are assessed for impairment at each reporting date. Any impairment losses are recognised immediately in expenditure.

### **Foreign Currencies**

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency (foreign currency) are initially recorded at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the reporting date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction.

All translation differences are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities, except to the extent that they relate to gains or losses on non-monetary items recognised in other comprehensive income, when the related translation gain or loss is also recognised in other comprehensive income.

### **Financial Instruments**

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 "Basic Financial Instruments" and Section 12 "Other Financial Instruments Issues" of FRS102 in full to all of its financial instruments. All of the charities financial assets and financial liabilities qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

#### **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash held at the bank.

#### Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of all funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

#### Leases

An asset and corresponding liability are recognised for leasing agreements that transfer to the charity substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership ('Finance Leases'). All other leases are operating leases.

Operating leases - the group as a lessor

Rental income from assets leased under operating leases is recognised on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

Operating leases - the group as a lessee

The charity classifies the lease of properties and equipment as operating leases. Rental charges are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease. Rent free periods or other incentives received for entering into an operating lease are accounted for as a reduction to the expense and are recognised, on a straight line basis over the lease term.

### **Employee benefits**

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and as an expense unless these costs are required to be capitalised as an intangible or intangible fixed asset.

#### Retirement benefits

The Charity operates a defined contribution scheme for employees. The amount charged to income and expenditure is the contributions payable in the year. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either prepayments or accruals.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Provisions for liabilities

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event which is probable will result in the transfer of economic benefits and that obligation can be measured reliably. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation.

Provisions are made against onerous contracts where the unavoidable cost of meeting the contract obligations exceed the economic benefits received.

#### Reduced disclosures

In accordance with FRS 102, the Charity has taken advantage of the exemptions from the following disclosure requirements;

- Section 7 'Statement of Cash Flows' Presentation of an entity Statement of Cash Flow and related notes and disclosures.
- Section 33 'Related Party Disclosures' Compensation for key management personnel.

#### Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectation of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

Critical areas of judgement:

#### Leases

In categorising leases as finance leases or operating leases, management makes judgements as to whether significant risks and rewards of ownership have transferred to the charity as lessee, or the lessee, where the Charity or Group is a lessor.

#### Orchestra tax relief

The accrued income in respect of Orchestra Tax Relief depends on a number of factors that are determined by management. The main assumption in this area is the amount of 'qualifying expenditure'.

### **Provisions**

Provisions are made against onerous contracts. Judgement is required into whether the contract is onerous, and on calculating the unavoidable cost of meeting the contract.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 2 Net movement of funds in the parent company

As permitted by Section 230 of the Companies Act, the statement of financial activities of the parent company is not presented as part of these accounts. The parent company's total incoming resources for the financial year amounted to £12,657,181 (2016: £14,834,503) and the net movement in funds for the financial year amounted to £1,175,328 (2016: £2,297,735).

### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Arts Council England North East – core grant	3,512,122		-	3,512,122	3,512,122
GMBC – core grant Corporate	286,534	-	-	286,534	311,450
donations and	59,677	351,748	-	411,425	306,644
fundraising** Legacies TSG Endowment** Community	12,282		•	12,282	175,709 3,014,266
Foundation – Sage Gateshead Fund*	669,439			669,439	670,371
	4,540,054	351,748		4,891,802	7,990,562
Total 2016	4,817,263	159,033	3,014,266	7,990,562	

<sup>\*</sup>North Music Trust is the sole beneficiary of Sage Gateshead Fund, which is a restricted fund at the Community Foundation serving Tyne & Wear and Northumberland (registered Charity Number 700510). This fund was created from donations and sponsorship monies given to support the work of Sage Gateshead, some of which resulted in naming privileges to parts of Sage Gateshead building and related facilities. From this fund, North Music Trust derived income totalling £669,439 (2016: £670,371) in the year.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Supporters in the year are detailed in the Trustee's Report.

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2,956,621 529,601 434,535 180,193 31,633 4,132,583	Restricted £	Total 2017 £ 2,956,621 529,601 434,535	Total 2016 £ 3,095,561 372,218
529,601 434,535 180,193 31,633		529,601 434,535	372,218
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434,535 180,193 31,633	•	434,535	
180,193 31,633	-		244 240
31,633		400 400	244,646
	-	180,193	164,040
4.132.583		31,633	41,189
1	-	4,132,583	3,917,654
	-	333,467	314,748
	~	609,323	581,782
295,879	206,581	502,460	550,14
413,869	389,818	803,687	987,523
559	81 360	81 919	12,989
-	-	-	89,190
20,000		20,000	108,000
1,673,097	677,759	2,350,856	2,644,373
5,805,680	677,759	6,483,439	6,562,027
5,713,270	848,757	6,562,027	
Unrestricted £	Endowment £	Total 2017 £	To: 20
5,794	-	5,794	3,5
	215,398	215,398	107,8
5,794	215,398	221,192	111,3
3,528	107,809	111,337	
	413,869 559 20,000 1,673,097 5,805,680 5,713,270  Unrestricted £ 5,794	609,323 295,879 413,869 389,818  559 81,360 20,000 1,673,097 677,759  5,805,680 677,759  5,713,270 848,757  Unrestricted £  5,794 - 215,398  5,794 215,398	609,323       -       609,323         295,879       206,581       502,460         413,869       389,818       803,687         559       81,360       81,919         20,000       -       20,000         1,673,097       677,759       2,350,856         5,805,680       677,759       6,483,439         5,713,270       848,757       6,562,027         Total 2017         £       £         5,794       -       5,794         -       215,398       215,398         5,794       215,398       221,192

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### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

# 6 Income from trading activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Conference and events	1,018,065	-	1,018,065	1,059,019
Catering income	879,291	40	879,291	424,705
Car park income	226,825	-	226,825	219,802
Retail sales	237,482		237,482	284,303
Fundraising events	-	<u></u>	-	51,077
	2,361,663		2,361,663	2,038,906
Total 2016	2,038,906		2,038,906	

# 7 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Conference and					
events	503,508	-	-	503,508	403,436
Catering expenses	593,452	-	_	593,452	189,887
Car park expenses	25,396	-	-	25,396	11,793
Retail expenses	170,530	-	-	170,530	232,835
Allocation of support costs (note 8)	2,018,729	14,070	-	2,032,799	2,261,496
Investment management costs			37,641	37,641	60,378
	3,311,615	14,070	37,641	3,363,326	3,159,825
Total 2016	3,099,447		60,378	3,159,825	

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### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

8 Expenditure on charita	ble activities			
C Experience on orienta	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Performance Programming:				
Staff costs Artists costs Orchestra and soloist costs Technical costs Travel and subsistence Other costs	2,551,374 1,101,139 681,310 385,102 134,965 285,553	124,446 66,859 30,394 17,180 8,135 14,756	2,675,820 1,167,998 711,704 402,282 143,100 300,309	2,648,062 1,466,202 504,781 399,110 63,677 312,098
Allocation of support costs (see below)	1,152,025	5,000	1,157,025	1,284,942
	6,291,468	266,770	6,558,238	6,678,872
Learning and Participation				
Staff costs Self-employed fees Travel and subsistence Resources Training Hire costs Other costs Application of support costs (see below)  Total Total 2016	1,264,570 161,206 90,198 38,063 3,656 12,921 349,674 1,422,907 3,343,195 9,634,663	641,099 58,879 11,540 11,954 906 2,295 24,494 11,800 762,967 1,029,737 1,031,867	1,905,669 220,085 101,738 50,017 4,562 15,216 374,168  1,434,707 4,106,162  10,664,400  11,235,989	2,219,121 262,337 153,426 67,664 6,289 15,799 239,155 1,593,326 4,557,117
Governance costs are m	ade up as follows:		2017 £	2016 £
Audit Accountancy fee			18,250 1,890	15,750 4,852

20,140

20,602

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### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

### 8 Expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Support costs are made up as follows:

	Costs of Raising Funds £	Performance and Programming £	Learning and Participation £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Direction and policy	124,684	70,843	87,845	283,372	297,311
Human Resources	41,822	23,762	29,465	95,049	135,891
Building services	670,805	381,139	472,613	1,524,557	1,471,977
Finance	104,317	59,271	73,497	237,085	298,538
IT	211,999	120,454	149,363	481,816	511,971
Accountancy and Audit	8,862	5,035	6,243	20,140	20,602
Marketing and Customer					
Experience	663,843	377,184	467,707	1,508,734	1,727,041
Irrecoverable VAT	101,166	57,481	71,276	229,923	190,352
NGCV Project	0.000	4.005	0.045	0.500	44.040
expenditure	2,860	1,625	2,015	6,500	11,042
Other costs	55,403	31,476	39,027	125,906	115,225
Restructuring Costs Music North Limited	-	-	-	-	253,613
Admin costs	47,038	28,755	35,656	111,449	106,201
	2,032,799	1,157,025	1,434,707	4,624,531	5,139,764

Support costs have been allocated to activity cost categories and costs of generating funds in proportion to the attributable income (including income received in respect of endowment funds). Any support costs incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets has been allocated direct to governance costs.

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9	Staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and to personnel	the cost of key r	management
	personner	2017 No	2016 No
	The average number of staff employed during the period:		
	Performance Programming Learning and Participation Management and administration Customer services team	51 133 98 167 449	54 160 111 141 466
	Employee emoluments:		
		2017 £	2016 £
	Wages and salaries Social security costs Pension costs	6,451,594 450,222 256,638	6,963,344 604,020 227,954
		7,158,454	7,795,318
		2017 No	2016 No
	The number of employees whose emoluments for the period are above £60,000:		
	£60,000 - £69,999 £70,000 - £79,999 £90,000 - £99,999 £100,000 - £109,000	1 1 - 1	1 - 1 -

The above exclude employer pension contributions. Total employer pension contributions paid to the higher paid employees are £7,270 (2016: £601).

Redundancy costs of £29k (2016: £253k) were recognised in the year, in relation to the change programme.

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# 9 Staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel (continued)

#### **Trustee emoluments**

No Trustees received any remuneration during the financial year (2016: nil) and no Trustees accrued benefits under the company pension scheme during the financial year (2016: nil). During the year total expenses reimbursed to the Trustees of the charity amounted to £2,408 (2016: £3,068) in respect of travel expenses. The number of Trustees who claimed expenses in the year was 6 (2016: 6). The Charity has paid for a professional indemnity policy to protect it from loss arising from the neglect or defaults of its employees.

### Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the charitable group comprise the Trustees and executive directors as listed on page 3. The employee benefits total £482,298 (2016: £497,592) for the year.

### 10 Net incoming resources

	2017	2016
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	341,646	383,642
Amortisation	7,375	11,535
Auditors' remuneration		
Group audit fees	18,250	15,750
Other services	5,390	4,852
Exchange differences recognised	355	772
Operating lease costs	41,186	66,493

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Intangible assets		
Group and charity	Software & Website Development £	Total £
Cost: At 1 April 2016 Additions Disposals At 31 March 2017	34,626 - - - 34,626	34,626 - - 34,626
Amortisation: At 1 April 2016 Charge for the year At 31 March 2017	24,724 7,375 32,099	24,724 7,375 32,099
Carrying value At 31 March 2017	2,527	2,527
At 31 March 2016	9,902	9,902

The amortisation charge for the year is recognised within support costs.

There are no contractual commitments to acquire intangible assets at 31 March 2017 (2016: £nil).

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### 12 Tangible fixed assets

Group	Fixtures Fittings & Equip. £	Leasehold property improvements £	Instruments £	Total £
Cost: At 1 April 2016 Additions Disposals	2,941,614 210,678 (526,766)	1,540,659	498,283 3,000	4,980,556 213,678 (526,766)
At 31 March 2017	2,625,526	1,540,659	501,283	4,667,468
Depreciation: At 1 April 2016 Charge for the year Disposals	2,193,901 239,634 (526,766)	506,160 87,586 -	270,046 14,426	2,970,107 341,646 (526,766)
At 31 March 2017	1,906,769	593,746	284,472	2,784,987
Net Book Value At 31 March 2017 At 31 March 2016	718,757 747,713	946,913 - 1,034,499	216,811 228,237	<u>1,882,481</u> 2,010,499

Included within the net book value of £1,882,481 is £233,002 (2016: £310,736) relating to assets held under finance lease arrangements. The depreciation charged to the financial statements in the year in respect of such assets amounted to £77,734 (2016: £80,678).

All tangible fixed assets are held for charitable purposes.

Management have reviewed the fixed asset register and identified assets with a cost of £527k, and net book value of £nil which have been disposed of. This has been reflected within the note above.

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### 12 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Company	Fixtures Fittings & Equip. £	Leasehold property improvements £	Instruments £	Total £
Cost: At 1 April 2016 Additions Disposals	2,274,555 176,569 (526,766)	1,540,659	498,283 3,000	4,313,497 179,569 (526,766)
At 31 March 2017	1,924,358	1,540,659	501,283	3,966,300
Depreciation: At 1 April 2016 Charge for the year On disposals	1,737,803 163,293 (526,766)	506,160 87,586	270,046 14,426 -	2,514,009 265,305 (526,766)
At 31 March 2017	1,374,330	593,746	284,472	2,252,548
Net Book Value At 31 March 2017	550,028	946,913	216,811	1,713,752
At 31 March 2016	536,752	1,034,499	228,237	1,799,488

Included within the net book value of £1,713,752 is £184,240 (2016: £244,242) relating to assets held under finance lease arrangements. The depreciation charged to the financial statements in the year in respect of such assets amounted to £60,002 (2016: £58,514).

All tangible fixed assets are held for charitable purposes.

Management have reviewed the fixed asset register and identified assets with a cost of £527k, and net book value of £nil which have been disposed of. This has been reflected within the note above.

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#### 13 **Fixed Asset Investments**

Endowment fund investments – group and company					
At valuation	Listed Investment £	Cash and other deposits £	Total £		
At 1 April 2016 Additions in year Disposals in year Transfer out in the year Dividend income Investment manager fees Unrealised gains in year	5,642,951 459,251 (257,644) - - 799,100	367,650 (459,251) 257,644 (215,398) 215,398 (37,641)	6,010,601 - (215,398) 215,398 (37,641) 799,100		
At 31 March 2017	6,643,658	128,402	6,772,060		
Endowment funds are detailed as follow	s:	2017 £	2016 £		
UK fixed interest UK equities Property Overseas fixed interest Overseas equities Other		598,866 3,322,955 134,398 324,486 1,807,600 583,755	463,047 2,921,725 135,084 289,924 1,302,782 898,039		
		6,772,060	6,010,601		

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13	Fixed	Asset	Investments	(continued)

Investments held as fixed assets – Company Subsidiary undertakings

	2017	2016
	£	£
Cost of investment	2	1

The above relates to an investment of 100% of the ordinary share capital in the following unlisted companies, which are registered in England.

Company Name	Activity
Music North Limited (Company No. 04344453)	Commercial activities within Sage Gateshead

Royal Northern Sinfonia Limited (Company No. 10098218)

Performing arts

### Subsidiary details

The wholly owned subsidiary Music North Limited, pays all of its profits to the charity by gift aid. Music North Limited manages the café and operates the shop, car park, conferencing and all commercial trading operations carried out at Sage Gateshead. The charity owns the entire share capital of the subsidiary. A summary of the trading results is shown below.

	2017 £	2016 £
Turnover and other income Cost of sales and administration costs	2,361,663 (1,399,382)	3,087,829 (2,043,511)
Operating profit	962,281	1,044,318
The assets and liabilities of the subsidiary were:		
Total assets Total liabilities	1,083,003 (972,273)	731,440 (620,710)
Total net assets	110,730	110,730
Aggregate share capital and reserves	110,730	110,730

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### 13 Fixed Asset Investments (continued)

### Subsidiary details (continued)

The wholly owned subsidiary Royal Northern Sinfonia Limited was incorporated on 1 April 2016 and began trading during the year. Royal Northern Sinfonia Limited manages orchestra performances which are mainly carried out at Sage Gateshead. The charity owns the entire share capital of the subsidiary. A summary of the trading results is shown below.

	2017 £
Turnover and other income Cost of sales and administration costs	3,501,936 (3,424,373)
Operating loss	77,563
The assets and liabilities of the subsidiary were:	
Total assets Total liabilities	420,000 (342,436)
Total net assets	77,564
Aggregate share capital and reserves	77,564

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Group	Co	ompany
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		1,001,465

# 16 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Gre	oup	Com	npany
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors Amounts owed to group	734,343	664,583	549,159	634,363
undertakings	-		108,129	108,129
Taxation and social security	306,526	275,395	191,929	174,145
Other creditors	135,776	560,903	64,697	560,903
Accruals and deferred income	3,335,922	2,430,227	3,067,334	2,195,309
Finance leases	85,653	89,226	73,494	76,561
	4,598,220	4,020,334	4,054,742	3,749,410

Finance leases of £85,653 are secured against the assets to which they relate.

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### 17 Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	Grou	р	Com	pany
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£	£	3	£
Other loans	511,358	-	511,358	
Finance leases	144,594	223,395	94,066	162,226
	655,952	223,395	605,424	162,226

Other loans are repayable in annual instalments until 1 April 2024 and bear interest at a rate of 1.62%.

Finance leases of £144,594 are secured against the assets to which they relate.

#### **Finance Leases**

Obligations under finance lease contracts are secured by the related assets and bear finance charges at rates from 10% per annum.

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases is set out below:

	Grou	ıb	Comp	oany
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Within one year	85,653	89,226	73,494	76,561
Between 1 and 5 years	144,594	223,395	94,066	162,226
	230,247	312,621	167,560	238,787

Finance lease liabilities represent rentals payable for certain items of equipment.

#### Other loans

Amounts repayable after 5 years:

Amounts repayable after	Gro	oup	Comp	any
	2017 £	2016 £	2017 £	2016 £
By instalments	194,478		194,478	
	194,478	-	194,478	_

Other loans are repayable in annual instalments until 1 April 2024 and bear interest at a rate of 1.62%.

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18	Provisions for liabilities		
	Onerous contract:	Group £	Company £
	At 1 April 2016 Additional provision in year		270,781

The onerous contract provision relates to a contract in place with a learning provider.

270,781

270,781

#### 19 Deferred income

At 31 March 2017

	Group £	Company £
Balance as at 1 April Amount released to incoming resources Amount deferred in year	1,982,008 (1,953,817) 2,435,519	1,798,079 (1,788,978) 2,292,854
Balance as at 31 March	2,463,710	2,301,955

Deferred income comprises of:

- Advance box office sales;
- Education fee income and hall bookings invoiced in advance; and
- Grant income, core funding and endowment interest relating to future accounting periods.

### 20 Financial instruments

	2017	2016
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	1,404,563	956,927
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	2,483,936	1,986,326

#### 21 Pension scheme

The group operates a defined contribution scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The contributions payable by the group charged to income and expenditure amounted to £256,638 (2016: £227,954). Contributions totalling £25,100 (2016: £27,300) were payable to the fund at the year end and are included in creditors.

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# 22 Analysis of charitable funds

## For the year ended 31 March 2017

	As at 1 April 2016 £	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources £	Loss on investment /Transfers £	As At 31 March 2017 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	(488,702)	13,236,611	(12,946,278)	215,398	17,029
Restricted funds					
Catherine Cookson - Forestage Lift	85,635	-	(2,000)	-	83,635
ONE - Forestage Lift	590,225	-	(12,070)	=	578,155
Gateshead Old Town Hall	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
In Harmony	230	198,946	(199,176)	-	-
Centre for Advanced Training		177,887	(177,887)	-	-
David Goldman Awards		28,694	(28,694)	•	-
Community Music Sparks	-	19,421	(19,421)		
Ncl Children with Disabilities	-	16,831	(16,831)	A1	-
CoMusica - National Foundation for Youth Music	-	154,620	(154,620)		-
Sharing the Stage	~	81,360	(81,360)	-	-
Kavli Donation	-	40,978	(40,978)	_	-
W A Handley	-	1,750	(1,750)	-	-
Individual Donations (Friends / Principle Partners / Cornerstone)		38,911	(38,911)	• 1	٠
Heritage Lottery Fund		26,816	(26,816)	•	- 1
PRS Foundation		4,293	(4,293)	-	-
Sir James Knott Trust		7,000	(7,000)	-	-
Monument Trust	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
Hadrian Trust	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Vardy Foundation		25,000	(25,000)	-	-
The Marchus Trust	-	60,000	(60,000)	-	
Foyle Foundation	-	25,000	(25,000)	-	-
Mr H Bender	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
1989 Willan Charitable Trust		5,000	(5,000)	-	-
The Barbour Foundation	-	50,000	(50,000)	•	-
Michael Howard	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	*
Shears Foundation	-	10,000	(10,000)	•	-
	676,090	1,029,507	(1,043,807)	-	661,790
Capital funds					
Endowment funds	5,731,324	215,398	(37,641)	583,702	6,492,783
Total funds	5,918,712	14,481,516	(14,027,726)	799,100	7,171,602

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#### 22 Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

#### **Unrestricted Funds**

Funds receivable or generated by the charity without specific purpose.

#### Restricted funds

#### Capital funds:

Endowment funds are invested for the benefit of the charity. Funds are held for capital and income growth.

#### Income Funds:

#### Catherine Cookson

The Catherine Cookson fund monies are restricted to the purchase of fixed assets and were used to contribute to the purchase of the mechanical forestage lift in Hall One.

#### **ONE- forestage lift**

Funds received from One North East through the Tyne and Wear Partnership for the purchase and installation of the mechanical forestage lift in Hall One.

#### Gateshead Old Town Hall

Funding from Gateshead Council to support the costs of running Gateshead Old Town Hall.

#### In Harmony

Funding from Arts Council England to support the set up and delivery of a three-year programme of orchestral-based music education in Hawthorn Primary School, Newcastle.

### Centre for Advance Training (CAT)

Bursaries are available through the DFE Music and Dance Scheme for participation in high performance training programmes for young musicians aged 8-18 in classical, folk, popular and contemporary styles.

#### **David Goldman Awards**

Bursaries are available through the David Goldman Programme Awards for participation in several regional choirs (Quay voices, Quay lasses, Quay lads, and Quay Change) and for participation in Young Sinfonia, Sage Gateshead's Regional Youth Orchestra for ages 13-19 across the North of England and Scottish Borders.

#### **Community Music Sparks**

Youth Music funded programme for young people with special educational needs.

#### Ncl Children with Disabilities

Newcastle Council funded project signposting young people with disabilities to musical activities.

### CoMusica - National foundation for youth Music

Grand funding from the National Foundation for Youth Music to support the CoMusica Youth Music Programme.

#### Sharing the Stage

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation funded project focusing on how the lives of those in underserved communities could be improved through participation in music and sport.

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### 22 Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

#### **Kavli Donation**

Donation to support the Big Sing and Big Sing for Mini Singers.

#### W A Handley

Donation to support the Royal Northern Sinfonia core programme.

#### Individual Donations (Friends / Principle Partners / Cornerstone)

Donation in support of the Royal Northern Sinfonia.

#### Heritage Lottery Fund

Donation in support of the Folkworks Pass It On project.

#### **PRS Foundation**

Donation in support of Talent Development.

#### Sir James Knott Trust

Donation in support of the Young Sinfonia.

#### **Monument Trust**

Donation in support of the Royal Northern Sinfonia Orchestral Development.

#### The Marchus Trust

Donation in support of the Ring Cycle.

#### **Hadrian Trust**

Donation in Support of the Young Sinfonia.

### **Vardy Foundation**

Donation in support of the Royal Northern Sinfonia.

### Foyle Foundation

Donation in support of the Royal Northern Sinfonia.

### Mr H Bender

Donation in support of the Royal Northern Sinfonia.

#### 1989 Willan Charitable Trust

Donation in support of the Learning and Participation Programme.

### The Barbour Foundation

Donation in support of the Royal Northern Sinfonia.

### Michael Howard

Donation in support of the Gateshead International Jazz Festival.

### **Shears Foundation**

Donation in support of CoMusica.

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# 22 Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

# For the year ended 31 March 2016

	As at 1 April 2015	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Loss on investment /Transfers	As At 31 March 2016
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds General funds	2,513	12,692,467	(13,303,569)	119,887	(488,702)
Restricted funds GMBC Capital Funding Catherine Cookson - Forestage Lift ONE - Forestage Lift Development Diploma Gateshead Old Town Hall In Harmony Singing Cities Centre for Advanced Training Musical Inclusion David Goldman Awards Community Music Sparks Loud & Clear Early Years	8,163 87,635 602,295 12,115 - - - 2,037	108,000 191,377 89,190 184,658 - 35,909 21,631 24,484	(8,163) (2,000) (12,070) (108,000) (191,147) (89,190) (184,658) (2,037) (35,909) (21,668) (24,484)	- (12,115) - - - - - 37	85,635 590,225 - - 230 - -
Loud & Clear Cabinet Office Ncl Children with Disabilities CoMusica - National Foundation for Youth Music	-	32,342 13,866 147,300	(32,342) (13,866) (147,300)	5	-
Kavli Donation W A Handley D'Oyly Carte John S Cohen Foundation Sir James Knott Trust Monument Trust Hadrian Trust Garfield Weston Shears Foundation	712.245	34,283 1,750 5,000 3,000 7,000 20,000 3,000 75,000 10,000	(34,283) (1,750) (5,000) (3,000) (7,000) (20,000) (3,000) (75,000) (10,000)	(42.079)	
Capital funds Endowment funds Total funds	712,245 2,906,219 3,620,977	1,007,790 3,122,075 16,822,332	(1,031,867)	(12,078) (236,592) (128,783)	5,731,324 5,918,712

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#### 23 Endowment funds

The permanent endowment fund is treated by the directors as a long term fund. Endowment donations are received and are allocated between unrestricted and restricted funds in accordance with the policy for each income fund.

	Group and charity £
As at 1 April 2016	5,731,324
Transfer to unrestricted funds Net incoming resources before transfers Gains and losses on investment assets	(215,398) 177,757 799,100
At 31 March 2017	6,492,783
Permanently endowed funds included above: The Art's Council's Catalyst Fund The Barbour Foundation The Vardy Foundation Clore Duffield Foundation The Stuart Halbert Foundation SAGE Cunard Ann Reece Bowland Charitable Trust Sir John Hall Other permanent donations Cumulative gains and other movements	1,913,682 777,000 500,000 200,000 500,000 1,100,000 100,000 250,000 50,000 466,490 585,611
Total permanently endowed funds at 31 March 2017	6,492,783

Funds of £215,398 relating to dividends were received during the financial year in respect of permanently endowed funds.

In 2016 funds of £3,014,266 were received during the financial year in respect of permanently endowed funds. The funding cannot be spent as if it were income.

Investment management fees of £37,638 (2016: £60,378) were incurred during the financial year. Further endowment related costs of £nil (2016: £nil) were recognised resulting in net incoming resources of £177,757 (2016: £3,061,697) before unrealised gains and transfers.

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For the year ended 31 M Group	arch 2017	Other net	Long term	
Group	Fixed	assets/	Liabilities &	
	Assets	liabilities	provisions	Total
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:				
Income funds	661,790	-	~	661,790
Endowment fund	6,492,783	-	-	6,492,783
Unrestricted funds	1,502,495	(558,733)	(926,733)	17,029
	8,657,068	(558,733)	(926,733)	7,171,602
Company		Other net	Long term	
	Fixed	assets/	Liabilities &	<b>T</b>
	Assets £	liabilities £	provisions £	Tota
Restricted funds:	-	2	2	•
Income funds	661,790	_	_	661,790
Endowment fund	6,492,783			6,492,783
Unrestricted funds	1,333,768	(628,827)	(876,205)	(171,264
Onrestricted funds	1,333,766	(620,627)	(676,205)	(1/1,204)
	8,488,341	(628,827)	(876,205)	6,983,309
For the year ended 31 M	arch 2016			
Group	Fixed	Other net	Long term Liabilities &	
	Assets	assets/ liabilities	provisions	Tota
	£	£	£	1014
Restricted funds:				
Income funds	675,860	230	-	676,09
Endowment fund	5,731,324	-		5,731,32
Unrestricted funds	1,623,768	(2,112,470)	-	(488,702
	8,030,952	(2,112,240)	-	5,918,71
Company		Other net	Long term	
	Fixed	assets/	Liabilities &	T
	Assets £	liabilities £	provisions £	Tota
Restricted funds:	~	~	~	
Income funds	675 960	230		676.00
Endowment fund	675,860 5 731 324	230	-	676,09 5 731 33
	5,731,324	(2.012.247)	-	5,731,32
	1,412,807	(2,012,247)	-	(599,440
Unrestricted funds				

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

## 25 Reconciliation of movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2017 £	2016 £
Net movement in funds Interest received Dividends received Investment manager fees Net gains on investments Amortisation Depreciation (Increase) / Decrease in stock (Increase) / Decrease in debtors Increase / (Decrease) in creditors Increase in provisions	1,252,890 (5,794) (215,398) 37,641 (799,100) 7,375 341,646 (47,511) (449,778) 1,092,817 270,781	2,297,735 (3,528) (107,809) 50,798 11,535 377,306 6,132 1,249,750 (1,057,116)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	1,485,569	2,824,803

## 26 Related parties

During the year the following transactions took place with related parties.

Related party	Why related	Income £	Expenditure £	Year End creditor and provision £	Year End debtor £
Music North Limited	Subsidiary	(957, 329)	-	(108, 129)	270,139
Royal Northern Sinfonia Limited	Subsidiary	(3,424,373)	3,081,936	-	342,436
English Folk Dance and Song Society	A M Anderson is a director of both organisations	-	-	-	-
Sunderland University	M Fay is a Trustee of Sunderland University and J Cuthbert is Chair of their Development Committee	(275,262)	270,781	(348,281)	
Thinking Digital	K Herb	(12,955)	-	-	
Northumbrian Water Limited	M Fay	21,975	(59,585)	-	5,943

All transactions are made on an arm's length basis.

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### 26 Operating leases

#### As lessee:

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases is set out below:

Amounts due:	Other 2017 £	Other 2016 £
Amounts due.		
Within one year	41,186	56,641
Between 2 to 5 years	55,329	60,194
	96,515	116,835

The operating leases are in relation to various items of office equipment.

### As lessor:

The Group had contracts with tenants, under non-cancellable operating leases, for the following future minimum lease payments.

	Other 2017 £	Other 2016 £
Amounts due:		
Within one year		7,500
		7,500

The operating leases were in relation to Gateshead Old Town Hall.

### 27 Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

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### 28 Volunteer Time

The Charity places a great value on the contributions that volunteers made to the organisation. Over the course of the year, we benefited greatly not only from the considerable time, energy and expertise given by the Board of Trustees, but other volunteers as well.

Volunteers spend time on specific projects and newsletters. Volunteer time was donated by 23 individuals during 2016/2017, offering in the region of 1,043 hours.